

Mervin Sauder, R6 Lititz, looks over site of new finishing operation as concrete is poured in excavated pit area.

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900-hog finishing operation planned

LITITZ - Construction began this week on a 900-hog finishing unit on the Mervin Sauder farm along Temperance Hill Road, R6 Lititz.

The Nebraska modified open front unit will measure 200 feet long and 28 feet wide and have a capacity for 800 to 900 hogs, according to Sauder.

"I decided against remodeling an older existing barn," Sauder said. He is presently finishing

about 350 head in various locations, some on contract. The finishing will be consolidated in the new facility

when it is completed in about will be erected by Craft-Bilt two months.

Feeder pigs will be supplied from the 480-sow total confinement farrowing operation of L. and L. Pig Producers, Lebanon County. Sauder is in partnership in the L. and L. Operation with three other farmers in the Lititz-Manheim area, including Ken Witmer, Jim Kettering and Marlin Cassel.

Feeder pigs are divided among the partners and replacement gilts are provided from the finishing operations.

The Sauder finishing unit

Construction, Inc., R2 Manheim.

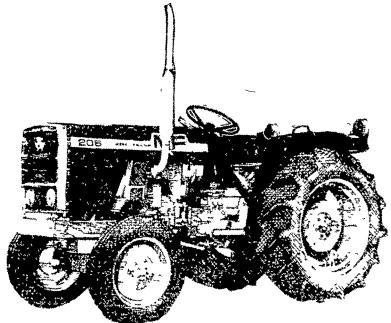
Plans call for the feeding of high moisture corn and a new storage silo will be erected, too. A large 60 by 90foot machinery shed was built on the Sauder farm last summer.

Sauder farms about 200 acres in three locations in the Temperance Hill and Sumac Road area, east of Lititz. Growing largely corn and alfalfa, he milks 40 head of Holsteins and also feeds steers.-da



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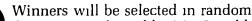
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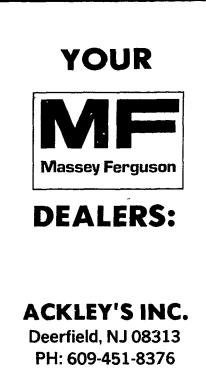
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