Penn State potato day July 27

LANDISVILLE — Potato research and updated potato production techniques will be featured during a field day to be held July 27 here at the Souteastern Field Research Laboratory of Penn State. The program will begin at 9 a.m.

The potato field day is open to the public and will be held rain or shine, according to Richard H. Cole. Opening tours will center around potato pest managment research. Special emphasis will be given to control of the Colorado potato beetle.

Morning activities will also include new potato clones displayed from Penn State's potato breeding program. Plant breeding methods will likewise be described by the research staff the morning of July 27.

Crop rotations of interest to potato growers will be shown in the forenoon. At all events, Penn State staff members will be on hand to answer questions, Cole said.

Afternoon activities will include a demonstration of the potato bruise test kit to show how harvest operations can be evaluated to Auction Road leads directly to the identity the source of harvest bruising.

Methods of pesticides spray applications will be evaluated using a special black-light technique. In the afternoon, sprays of a black-light dye will be put on potatoes with a variety of spray equipment. An evening (after dark) visit to the fields should be revealing by demonstrating the effectiveness of spray cover by different spray machinery.

An all-day display of home computer systems suitable for farm business operations will be available for inspection and discussion with the staff. Use of computers will be demonstrated in the afternoon.

To reach the Landisville research farm from the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the north, get off the Turnpike at the Lebanon-Lancaster interchange and go south on Route 72 toward Lancaster. One-half mile south of Manheim turn right onto Auction-Road immediately after passing the Manheim Auto Auction.

Penn State field lab.

Coming to the farm from the direction of Harrisburg or Lancaster, take Route 283. Get off at . one-half mile. Turn left onto Shenk Field Research Laboratory.

the Salunga-Landisville interchange (make sure it is the Salunga-Landisville interchange).

Road and proceed to a red covered bridge. Turn left and go through the bridge. At this point, signs Go northeast on Spooky Nook Road direct visitors to the Southeastern

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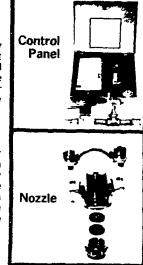
When the temperature is above 72° F even ventilation can't cure the stress that results. But a sprinkler cooling system can help your hogs where nature fell short, giving them a chance to cool off It sprays them with coarse water droplets to reduce their body temperature. The idea is simple, but extremely effective

THE SOLUTION:

THE SYSTEM:

The sprinkle cycle is turned on automatically whenever the barn temperature rises above a preset level 72° F Throughout this "on" period the control functions to permit sprinkling to occur for a preset time period each hour (2 minutes/hour is recommended for best results) When the barn temperature drops below 72° F the cycle is automatically interrupted

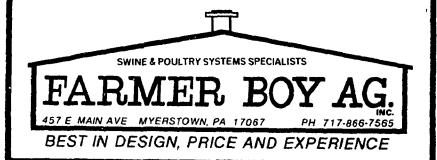
The nozzles are clamped to a plastic pipe strung over the gutter of slatted area at the rear of the pen Each nozzel covers a 5-6 foot diameter area which usually means one nozzle per pen. The nozzle assures a coarse droplet spray pattern which is important for maximum cooling. A fine mist of fog is not desirable in geographical areas of generally high summer relative



THE PROOF:

| | Control Hogs not sprayed | Hogs Sprayed 1 min per hr above 85°F | Hogs Sprayed 1 min per hr above 70°F | Hogs Sprayed 1 min per hr above 70°F |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Average daily gain per hog | 1 37 | 1 62 | 1 62 | 1 72 |
| Average daily feed consumption per hog | 5 84 | 6 77 | 6 72 | 6 67 |
| Lbs feed per lb grain per day | 4 38 | 4 18 | 4 16 | 3 89 |
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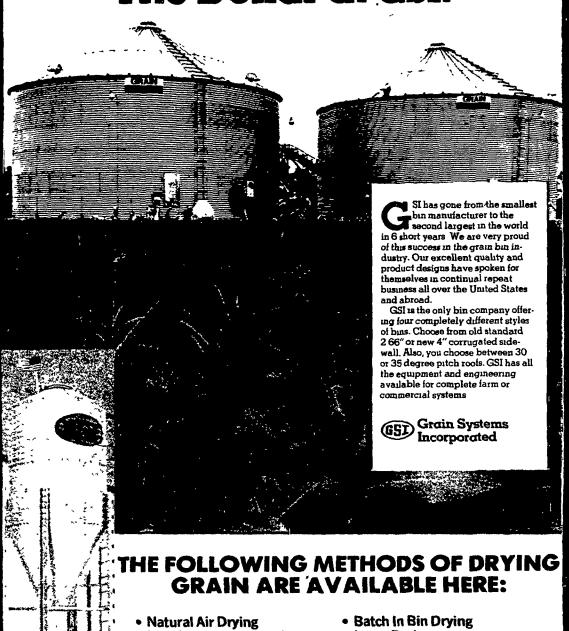
Research done at Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology in Ontario and at the University of California have shown these results These figures are calculated on hogs from 100 lbs up to 200 lbs



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