

Green Valley Farm

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and Dale is glad that his father is on hand to manage the steer operation. During evenings and weekends, Dale's nephews, Ken and Dave Nolt lend a hand with a variety of chores such as loading market hogs, processing the small pigs, and helping in the chickenhouse.

In light of the current problems with pseudorabies, an important part of hog management is safeguarding the herd against disease, and Dale reports that common sense has been his best guide in protecting his operation.

Nolt tries to keep stray animals away from his barns, and minimizes human traffic in and around his facilities. One way the celebrated hog farmer accomplishes this is to have all inside photography—including the interior shots pictured here—done by his nephew, Ken.

Hogs bound for market are taken

from the finishing building to a separate load-out area in an effort to keep livestock trucks away from his other animals. Entering the farrowing unit is strictly a shower-in proposition, and all tools and equipment are disinfected before being taken inside buildings.

Once active in a number of agricultural organizations, such as the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association, Dale has cut back on his outside activities in an effort to spend more time with his wife, Sandy, and children Michelle, Sharon and Jeffrey.

Nevertheless, Dale still finds time to teach Sunday school and

play an occasional softball game with the church league.

An outdoorsman at heart, Dale enjoys skiing, hunting, and manages to schedule half-a-dozen pig roasts each summer, to the delight of family and friends.

But with all he has achieved, Nolt feels there is still plenty of room for improvement within his own operation, as well as on an industry-wide basis. And it's the challenge to increase production and efficiency that makes him eager to face each new day.

"This was always what I wanted to do," Dale smiles. "There was just never any question."

And a visit to Green Valley Farms provides proof that this Pork All-American is doing it very well, indeed.



Replacement gilts are fed automatically three times a day. The liquid system pictured, (upper left) was one of the first of its kind to be used in the East.

Sorghum data

NEWARK, Del. — Need for a cash crop which can be rotated with soybeans on the drought-prone soils of lower Delaware has stimulated grower interest in grain sorghum.

"Delaware seems particularly adapted to this crop," says University of Delaware extension agronomist Frank Webb. "Sorghum can be used for hog feed, cattle feed and bird seed. And it has special appeal to Sussex County farmers, who would like to use it as a rotational crop to break the continuous soybean cycle on sandy soils."

Webb has prepared a fact sheet, "Grain Sorghum Production Recommendations for Delaware," which offers guidelines for farmers who would like to try growing this crop. The fact sheet discusses variety selection, crop fertility needs, planting methods, weed control and harvesting. Copies of the publication are available from county extension offices in Newark (451-2506), Dover (736-1448) and Georgetown (856-5250).

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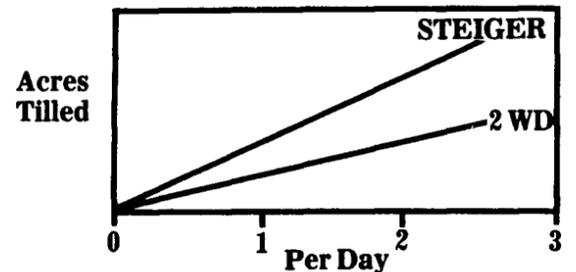


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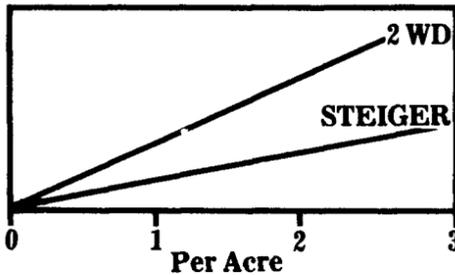
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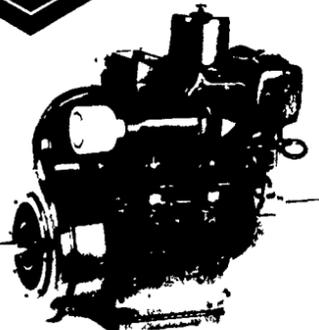
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