

Packer buys privately at former Thomasville Auction

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THOMASVILLE — Gwaltney-Smithfield's pork processing firm is the newest marketing option for York area hog producers.

The packing company is now operating a private buying business every Tuesday morning at the Weikert Buying Station, formerly Thomasville Livestock Auction, located on Route 30 west

of York.

Buyer Ed Herrmann will be at the Weikert location every Tuesday from 7 a.m. through noon, purchasing hogs for immediate shipment to the firm's processing facilities in Virginia.

Gwaltney-Smithfield is part of the Smithfield packers and processors, well-known for their ham products. The Virginia plant handles over eight thousand hogs daily, while the overall Smithfield corporation is one of the nation's

largest, processes over 25,000 hogs each day.

Herrmann continues to operate a similar hog buying station on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7 a.m. through noon, at the Vintage Livestock Market, Paradise. He can be contacted Tuesdays at the Weikert Buying

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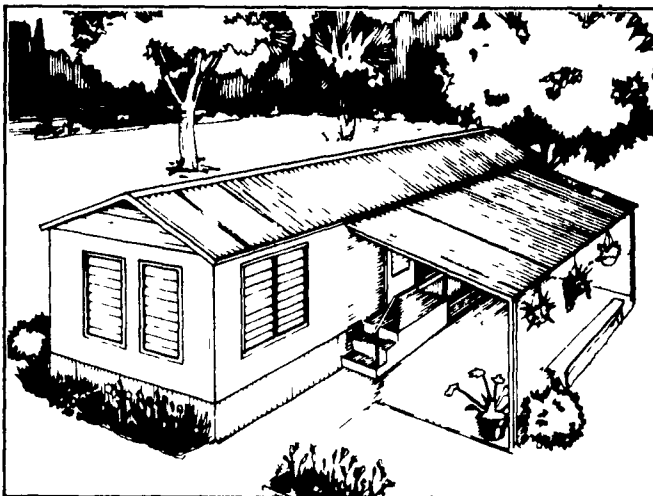
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