Get A Handle On Flies

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It is a challenge, because, Ressler said, "in the southeast here, there aren't many fields that aren't near a neighborhood."

Admission to the expo is free. On Wednesday's program, scheduled speakers include Tim Royer, who will address the topic, "Avoiding Building Failures": Dr. Gordon Jones, veterinarian, who will speak about "A Vet's Commonsense Perspective of Cow Comfort, With A Focus On

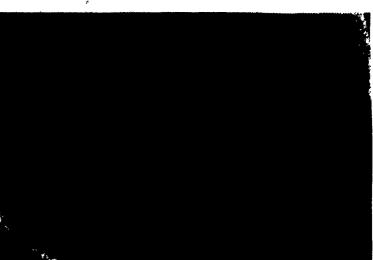
the Ticstall Barns"; "Your Business --- Will L Continue On Into the Future?" by Gary Heim, attorney, Mette, Evens and Woodside, in addition to Liz Brown, tax consultant and preparer.

Included on Thursday's program is Doug Wallick, Agway Insurance, "Do You Have Sufficient Coverage?"; "Paying Attention To Swine Production Details" by a veterinarian-producer panel; and Gordon Jones's topic, "A Vet's Commonsense Perspective

of Cow Comfort With A Focus On Freestall Barns."

Dr. Gordon Jones is a veterinarian from Oconto Falls, Wis. He said about 95 percent of his private practice involves dairy farms, situated about 35 miles north of Green Bay. Jones received his bachelor's in dairy science from Michigan State in 1974 and his DVM from Michigan State in 1977. He has been practicing since 1977.

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Roy Hetrick, dairy farmer in Bernville, is participating in a Penn State-eponsored study that is examining the use of 55-galion barrels and 5-galion plastic jugs to act as fly traps.



Using the black plastic to cover the manure to reduce the fly population was an experiment that worked well.

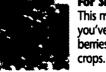
"This was a trial situation," said Ciyde Myers, Berks extension agent, right. "We wanted to find out if it would work."

"We found out that it did work," said Pat Shea, left.



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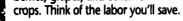
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