

YOU CAN MOVE IT BUT HOGS CAN'T

"Free Standing" Concrete Fence

You can assemble hog pens of all sizes, shapes and configurations with new free-standing concrete fence introduced by Wieser Concrete Products, headquartered at Maiden Rock, Wis.

Individual sections have a wide "foot" and stand by themselves on any kind of hog house floor, whether slats, wood, concrete, steel, dirt or whatever. You can move the free-standing fence but hogs can't.

Individual pre-fabricated sections are available 36 in. high (higher on special order) and anywhere from 5 to 10 ft. long in 1 ft. increments. Both ends of each section are tongued to slip into the grooves of line or corner posts. A heavy strap iron ties individual sections together at the junction of each line and corner post.

To move the fence, you simply unbolt the strap iron ties, slide the fence

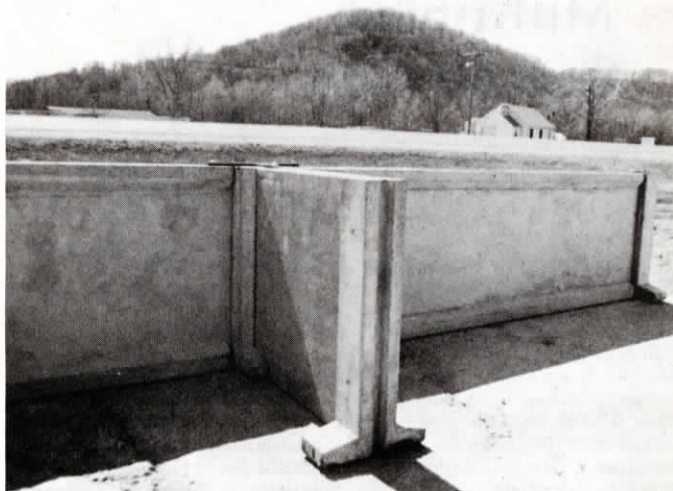
to where you want it relocated, then reassemble it.

"The main feature is that it's free standing," says Joe Wieser, manufacturer. "It also takes up less space than a poured-in-place concrete fence, plus it's portable. You can use it inside for hogs raised in confinement, or outside for hogs on pasture. It's also rust proof, pigs won't chew it and easy to maintain."

Cost for 36 in. high sections is \$5 per running foot, FOB the factory. Line posts are \$6 and corner posts are \$8 each.

"With shipping costs figured in, we figure it'll be competitive in price with poured concrete and other fencing alternatives within a 1,000 mile radius of our factory," says Wieser.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Wieser Concrete Products, Maiden Rock, Wis. 54750 (ph. 715 647-2311).



Individual sections of prefabricated concrete fence weigh right at 80 lbs. per running ft. They have a wide "foot", making them free standing on top of slatted or regular floors, or on level ground if used outside.

NOTHING TO WEAR OUT OR REPLACE

Livestock Prod Has No Moving Parts



Latest new livestock prod on the market is Shock Stock, introduced by the Magrath Co.

It features a special clog-free tip (the two electrodes are an inch apart — far enough so manure can't build up between them) and a solid state electronic system with no moving parts. Equipped with high energy alkaline batteries, it stays energized for about two hours of operation. "It transmits a very low current to the animal with a strong, instantaneous jolt," according to the manufacturer.

Standard model, 38 in. long overall, retails for \$45 with batteries. Also available in a 24 in. model for use in tight quarters, and long 59 in. model.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Magrath Co., Box 148, McCook, Neb. 69001.

UPDATE ON A "HOT" PRODUCT

Confetti Stops Grain Thieves

It used to be next to impossible to prevent theft of grain stored in remote areas. But that was before grain confetti arrived on the scene.

Grain confetti is a silent sentinel watching over your grain and discouraging would-be thieves. The confetti — small bits of paper, each containing an identification number — is mixed with stored grain. Any quantity of grain taken out of the bin contains the tiny slips of paper which identify the owner.

A thief would be caught "red-handed" if he tried to sell stolen grain branded with this identification material.

Grain confetti is not new, but there is renewed interest as higher prices have made grain more valuable to owners, and more vulnerable to thievery. Manufacturer and distributor of the product in the United States is Grain Identification Company, Cooperstown, N. Dak., who started the idea about 20 years ago.

Jim Cussons, general manager of the company, tells how the grain identification system works:

"When a farmer takes an order of confetti, we give his farm an identification number. That number is printed on the small slips of paper confetti, and the number is registered in our office. We send out a list of farmer-customers and their identification numbers at least once a year to sheriffs and county agents in all areas where we have customers. It's well-known who has grain identified."

The confetti is made up in 5 lb. lots. A package sells for \$23 postpaid and is enough material to treat

30,000-40,000 bu. of grain. The price includes the registration of the owner and his number, plus five signs that can be posted on bins to warn that the grain is identified. Confetti, can be mixed with grain when filling the bin, or it can be scattered on the top of stored grain to filter down as the grain is removed from storage.

"The identification system is being used in wheat, corn, soybeans and just about every other kind of grain," says Cussons. "It's a completely harmless ingredient that does not affect the market value of the grain in any way. In the cleaning process, it is blown out with chaff and other foreign material."

Grain confetti has been declared by the Food and Drug Administration to contain no harmful materials in either the paper or the ink. Any grain fed to cattle without removal of the paper would cause no problem, explains Cussons.

The identification number includes seven digits. The first two identify the state, the next two the county, and the last three the farmer. For example, 46-20-123 identifies North Dakota, Griggs County, and farmer number 123 in that county.

Confetti has been sold in 28 states, says Cussons, and used in every kind of grain imaginable. "Last year we got an order from a man who was going to try it in baled hay," he notes "but we haven't heard how that worked out."

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Grain Identification Co. Cooperstown, ND 58425 (ph. 701 797-3124).