# MAINTENANCE OF WEAN-TO-FINISH AND FINISH SITES

Brian Strobel

Midwest Pork Conference

December 4, 2018



#### **KEY POINTS**

Outline.

- Concrete slats—maintain I" gap. Want dry floors
- Rust—power washing...feed motors/swinging waterers/air--fans
- Mechanical/moving parts—flex auger
- Technology/electrical-REAP, IR sensors/halos

## **CONCRETE SLATS**

What is going on here?

How can we lessen/minimize it?



Courtesy: Andy at Altenburg Construction

# LINTEL DAMAGE

What do we do next?

How can we prevent this?



Courtesy: Andy at Altenburg Construction

# **DEEP PIT BUILDING**

Post and lintel collapse

How can we prevent this?



Courtesy: Andy at Altenburg Construction

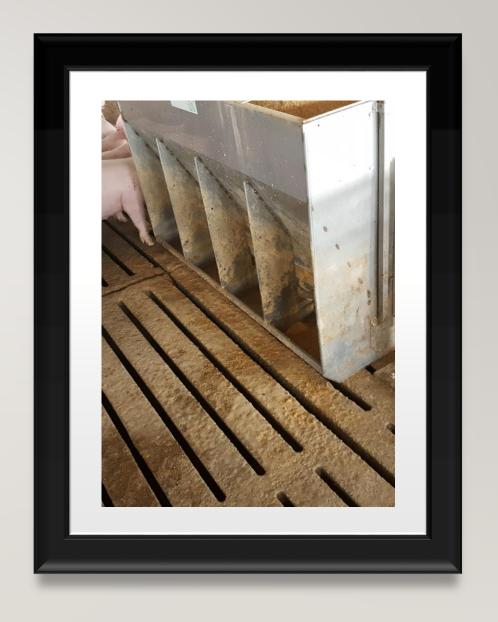
# FEEDERS AND SLATS

What do you see here?

How can we prevent this?

Is this a wet/dry or dry feeder?

Should every feeder have a slat mat under it?

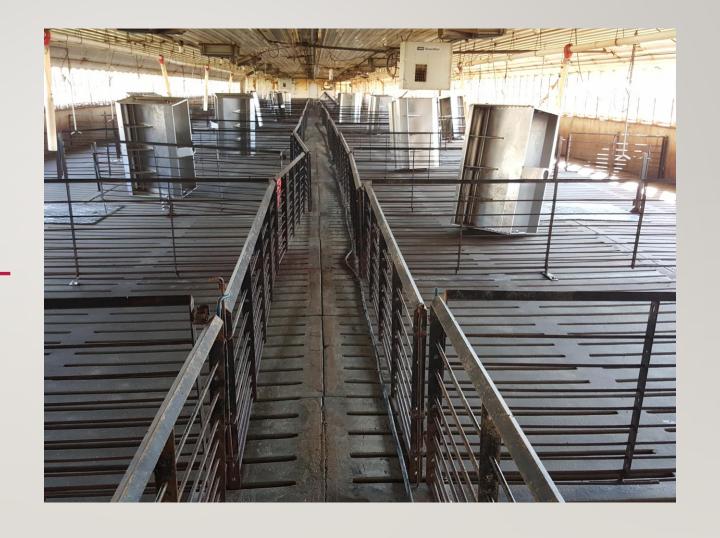


### PRESSURE WASHING

Are these dry feeders?

What steps do you take to stage the barn to pressure-wash?

- I. Pre-soak
- 2. Empty feeders
- 3. Prep gates and feeders



## PRESSURE WASHER

What pressure do you want?

What capacity?

How much time do you have to wash each barn?

How many feet of hose do you have?



# HIGH/LOW THERMOMETER

Why do we need this, especially for wean pigs?

What is usually the coldest time of the day?



# ROOM/BARN CONTROLLERS

Manage the feed delivery and air environment.

Do you know how to change settings on your controller?



# GASOLEC M8 BROODERS FOR WEAN-TO-FINISH

Keep heat near the floor where the pigs are.

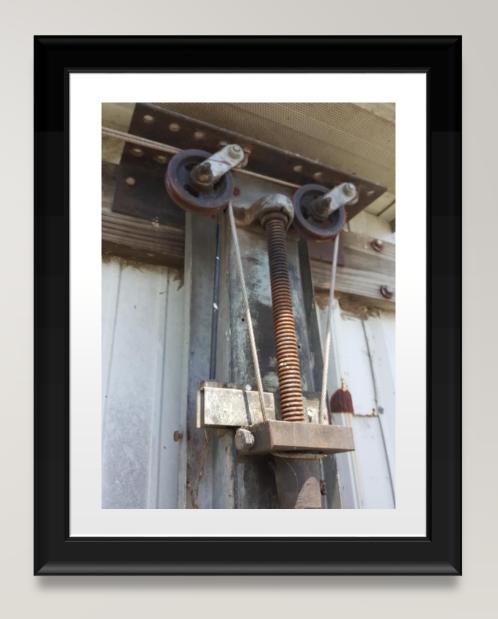
I don't want to heat the entire vertical space in the barn.



# **CURTAIN MACHINE**

What is right or wrong in this photo?

How often are you greasing your curtain machines?

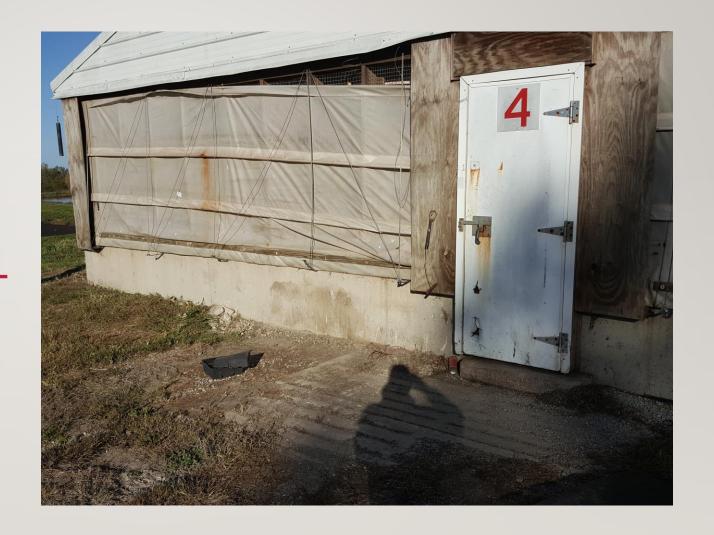


# **TUNNEL CURTAIN**

What happened here?

How do we fix it? Pulley, rope, cable slippage

What priority is it?



### **FEED BINS**

Safety first before climbing the ladder. Is it dry, windy, are you in a hurry?

Are the bin pads clean?

Which slides are open?

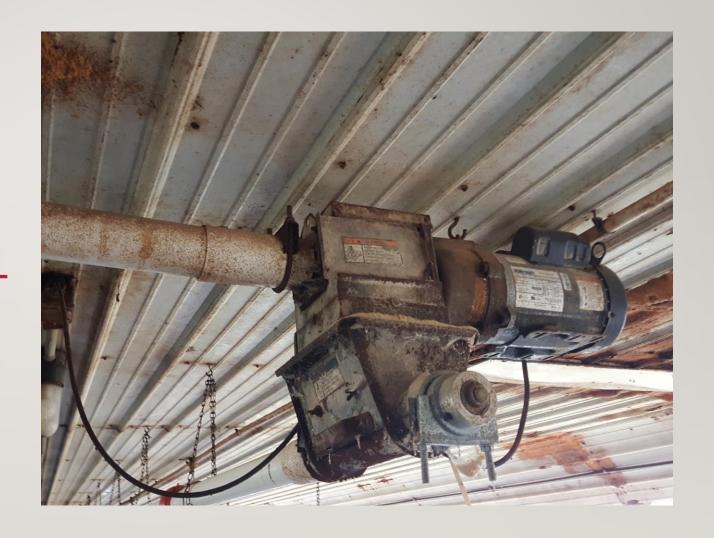
How much feed do you have in each bin?



# **FEED MOTORS**

Common replacement item.

Do you run-to-failure, or do you have a replacement schedule?



## DAILY PEN CHECKING

Do I have swing gates?

Do I check each feeder and nipple?

Am I getting deads removed daily?

Do I lock doors?



### PIG BEHAVIOR

Why are they laying in this pattern?

What does it mean?

What type of waterers are we using?

Do we have bubble-wrap?

Do we have a wean-to-finish mat?



### SITE AESTHETICS

How can I make the outside more attractive? Our neighbors are seeing our operation.

How often do I mow/trim?

Am I baiting outside?

Do I have equipment left outside?



# THANKYOU

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

BRIAN.STROBEL16@GMAIL.COM

MOBILE: 515-509-5443