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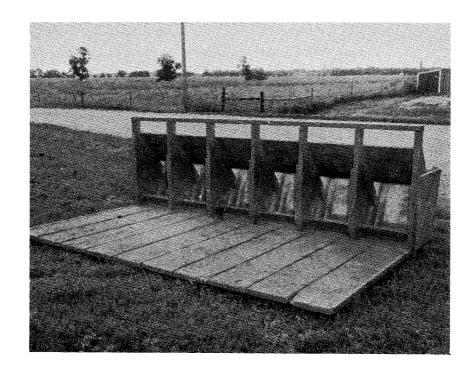
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How to assure that each sow gets her fair share of feed and how to control the "boss" sows are management problems facing the producer who is limit feeding groups of sows in order to get maximum litter size and minimum gestation feed costs. Feeding stalls have proven very effective in achieving both of these objectives. There are several types of commercial stalls on the market as well as several good designs for homemade feeding stalls. The type used at South Dakota State University has drawn considerable interest by producers and many have asked for material lists and costs. These stalls are probably no better than many others but have been effective in minimizing limit feeding problems.

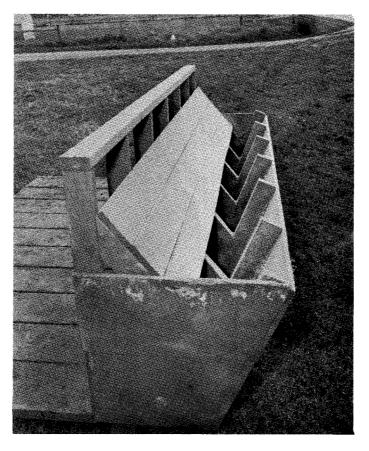
Pictures A and B show two views of this feeding stall. A variation which gives further control of feeding is this basic stall with platform dividers shown in picture C. Materials for the basic stall A and B are listed below. Lumber costs change with location and availability so they have not been included.

Materials for Feeding Stall A and B

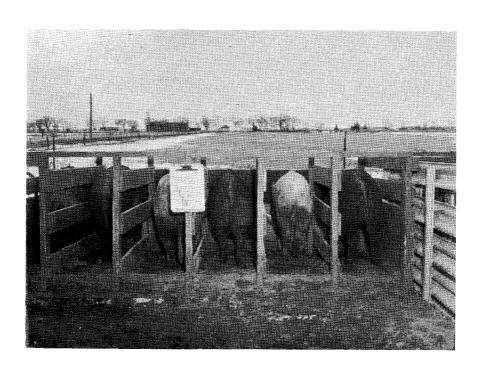
Quantity	Length	Туре
5 2 1 3 5	12' 12' 10' 10' 10'	2" x 12" 4" x 4" 2" x 6" 1" x 6" 1" x 12" 2" x 4"
2 2	12' 16'	2" x 4" 2" x 4"
plus		
1	10'	l" x 1" angle iron
2	5'	1" x 1" angle iron



Picture A



Picture B



Picture C