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Introduction

- 700 sow herd producing 15,000 pigs/yr
- Gilt multiplier for Premier Swine Breeding

Systems

• SEW system (maximum weaning age 18 days)

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- Manure from the sow herd stored in a 2-stage anaerobic lagoon system
- Irrigate the second stage onto growing crops with a center pivot
- Manure from grow-finish pigs into a deep pit system; inject manure
- Operate 600 acres of row crops in a no-till production system

Introduction

- To keep pace with population growth, world food supplies must double from 1995 to 2025 (CAST, 1999).
- Over 1 million acres of US farmland is lost to urban development each year (1997-American Farmland Trust)
- During the 90s, Indiana is losing 100,000 acres of farmland per year to development

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Urban-Rural Conflict in IN



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Indiana Confined Feeding Control Law

- First adopted in 1971 as an approval program with zero discharge requirements
 Effects producers with 300 hd. cattle, 600 hd swine and sheep, 30,000 hd poultry
- Since 1993, stricter requirements (MMP)This year, added greater restrictions and adopted rule as a 5 yr. permit program

Challenges in Managing the Environment

- Separating environmental issues from social issues
- Predicting profitability
- Developing better application equipmentUnderstanding global competitive advantages

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Issues Confronting Producers

- Air quality and odor regulations
- Defining the phosphorus standard
- Implementing new rules and regulations
- Rules will adversely affect the small operations and drive the industry to more consolidation

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What a Producer Can Not Do in Managing the Environment

- Make pigs not stink
- Control the weather
- Replace all existing facilities
- Control the location of new neighbors

What a Producer Can Do to Manage the Environment

- Be a good manager
- Properly select the farm site
- Treat manure as a resource
- Be a good neighbor Producers will need to be proactive

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