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IN 1974 I STARTED RAISING HOGS. WE USED STRAW BASED SYSTEM IN OLD BARN ON THE PROPERTY WE HAD PURCHASED

OUR FIRST GRAIN CROP IN THE FALL OF 1974 WAS POOR COMPARED TO THE CROP ON LAND PREVIOUSLY IN THE FAMILY SOIL TEST SHOWED LOW NUTRIENT LEVELS, ORGANIC MATTER WAS ALSO LOW. I URGENTLY  $\frac{1}{2}$  SUMMER FALLOW AND NO USE OF FERTILIZER HAD MENED THE SOIL TO A POINT WHERE CROP PRODUCTION WITH OUT LARGE AMOUNTS OF added NUTRITION WAS NOT PRACTICAL.

IN 1977 WE HAD THE SENNACAL RESOURCES TO BUILD A SMALL FEEDING BARN USING USING LEANED MANURE UNDER NORMAL PRACTICES OF THE TIMES

DURING THE NEXT 5 YEARS WE BUILT A SARROWING BARN AND ANOTHER FEEDER BARN. THESE BARN ALSO SMALL BY TODAY'S STANDARDS ALSO USED LEANED MANURE AND TOTAL CONFINEMENT

WE WERE UNWARE OF THE FACT THAT ALTHOUGH PEOPLE SPEND MANURE WAS THE SAME AS MONEY IT WAS NOT THEIR MONEY

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TO BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS WE ALWAYS TRIED OUR BEST TO NOT SPREAD MANURE WHEN IT COULD BE UNPLEASANT FOR THEIRS SANSKY FUNCTIONS OR COMMUNITY EVENT SUCH AS CANOE OR SNOWMOBILE RIDEYS WE ALSO PURCHASED LOCAL GREEN FOOD FIELD WHICH REQUIRED, SOME BARRIERS ALWAYS WANTED TO SELL LOW QUALITY UNFORTUNATELY WE COULD ONLY USE HIGH QUALITY GREEN, TO PURCHASE THESE WE USUALLY HAD TO PAY A PREMIUM OVER LOCAL ELEVATED PRICES.

THIS MANURE WE APPLIED TO OUR LAND WAS PRESIDENTIALLY HELPING CROP PRODUCTION BUT SOIL TESTS SHOWED NO LARGE INCREASE IN AVAILABLE NUTRIENTS. AFTER 12 YEARS OF HOG PRODUCTION SOIL TESTS STILL SHOWED THE NEED FOR APPLICATION OF MORE NITROGEN AND PHOSPHORUS ON ALL THE LAND EXCEPT FOR AREAS WHERE THE PAST YEARS MANURE HAD BEEN APPLIED. USUALLY EVEN THESE SPOTS WERE SLIGHTLY NUTRIENT LACKING.

BY THE MID TO LATE 1990S THE NEED FOR A LARGER UNIT WAS EVIDENT. EARLY INDICATIONS SHOWED MUCH RESISTANCE WOULD BE SORTING COMING FROM RM RATEPAYERS AND THE COUNCIL. RATHER THAN LEARN ABOUT THE MODERN LIVESTOCK METHODS AND SAVE GAUROS THEY WOULD OPPOSE NEW IDEAS AND METHODS.

INSTEAD OF USING SOME OF OUR RETIREMENT SAVING TO PURSUE A LARGER MORE ~~EFFICIENT~~

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ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SYSTEM WE CHOSE  
TO RENT MORE LAND AND CONTINUE RAISING  
HOG FROM OUR 50 SOW BARRON TO FINISH  
FACILITY.

EVEN THAS A SMALL PRODUCER OUR  
OPERATION WAS REQUIRED TO MEET THE  
REQUIREMENT SOCIETY WANTED FOR FOOD  
SAFETY ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND WORKER  
SAFETY. ALL ARE REASONABLE REQUESTS BUT  
ALL COSTS WENT BACK TO PRODUCERS.

I REALLY REGRET NOT BEING IN A  
POSITION IN THE 90S TO EXPAND AND HAVE  
A EARTH MANURE STORAGE WITH 400 DAYS  
PLUS CAPACITY. A FACILITY USING THIS  
PRACTISE WOULD HAVE ALLOWED FOR BETTER  
USE OF MANURE, ALSO A LARGER MORE SAFE  
SPECIALIST OPERATION WOULD HAVE  
ALLOWED FOR MORE EFFICIENT USE OF LABOUR  
WEEKENDS AWAY FROM WORK ARE NOW  
THE NORMAL PRACTISE. MY SON IS NOW EMPLOYED  
IN THIS CITY AND WOULD TELL YOU HE  
JUDLY REMEMBERS THE RESTRICTIONS OF  
DOING SUN THINGS BECAUSE OF TODAY A WIFE  
COMMITMENT OLD STYLE FAMILY FARMS HAD.

BECAUSE OUR OPERATION WAS WELL  
UNDER 300 ANIMAL UNITS WE STILL WINTER  
SPREAD MANURE.

MY PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS HAVE BEEN  
THE SNOW MELTS FASTER ON THIS LAND AND  
THE NUTRIENTS WOULD APPEAR TO MOVE VERY  
LITTLE IF AT ALL. WE FELT THAT WINTER  
APPLIED MANURE GAVE US THE SAME CROP.

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RESPONS AS GALL APPLIED AND INCORPORATED MY RECOMENDATIONS TO THIS COMMISSION ARIE

1) RESEARCH WHERE THE P COME FROM. IS IT TALL GRASS NOT USED BUT DECAYING, FASTER BREAKDOWN OF PLANT RESIDUAL BECAUSE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIE OR JUST NATURAL CAUSIS.

2) DONT CONSIDER STOPPING WINTER SPREADING FOR UNDER 300 Acre THESE SMALLER UNITS WILL EITHER EYDAND AND LOSE THE EXEMPTION OR THE OPERATOR WILL RETIRE AND HOC PRODUCTION THERE WILL CEASE, THE PRODUCERS WILL BE USING MANURE AS FERTILIZER TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY THESE SMALL OPERATIONS ARE A VERY SMALL PART OF AGRICULTURE TODAY. REGS ON THESE OPERATION. TO PREVENT WINTER SPREADING IS LIKE SWATING A SUE WITH A SUEBIS HAMMER.

3) REMEMBER THAT FAMILY FARMS WRIE NOW 2 OR MORE FAMILY JOINING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE EFFICIENT USE OF CAPITAL AND LABOUR.

AGRICULTURE MUST SUPPLY GOOD WORKING CONDITIONS. TIME FOR FAMILY AND FUN AND EXPECTATIONS FOR AT LEAST AN AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME. WITH OUT THESE CHANGE OUR FARM COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO AGE UNTILL DEATH DO US PART.

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4) LAND USE PLANNING SHOULD BE A PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION. THIS WOULD MEAN EXPANSION OR NEW OPERATIONS WOULD BE BASED ON SCIENCE. MANY R.M. COUNCILLORS HAVE NO EXPERIENCE AND DEFAULT TO REJECTION JUST TO BE SAFE. OR POSSIBLY APPROVE WHEN THEY SHOULD NOT BECAUSE OF PRESSURE OR NOT ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE.

5) THE PAWS SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN PUT ON. MANY PRODUCERS OF OTHER COMMODITY SUCH AS GRAIN OR CATTLE, NOW FEEL VULNERABLE TO POLITICAL INTERFERENCE. COULD SOME POLITICAL WHIMP FORCE THE SLOW DOWN OF AGRICULTURE TO THE DETRIMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE COMING IN TO BUSINESS OR PEOPLE HOPING TO RETIRE.

THANK YOU