## FALL PIG CROP

When litters are a week or so old sows can be encouraged to group together to simplify feeding and inspection. Notice how open this house becomes with both sides chained up. If hog shelter sides do not open, put a concrete block under the runner on the closed side to let in air.


Modern baby pig feeds now get pigs started on dry feed within a few days of farrowing. With litters becoming larger it is hard for most sows to provide enough milk for a rapidly growing litter. Weaning is less of a shock to these larger pigs who are used to dry feed. With pigs on their own faster, sows can be dried up and bred back sooner.


Top photo. Farrowing either in the pasture or at the farmstead can be centralized with large portable houses. This half section house is located facing the northeast to provide the maximum amount of shade. The house is divided in the middle with pens in the back as well as the front.

Bottom photo. Feeding fall pigs out on pasture can be practical if you are equipped for the job. The ear corn cribs, supplement feeders, watering platforms, shelters and shades can be easily moved to clean areas in this legume pasture. Shelters and shades are firmly anchored with screw type earth anchors to prevent overturning by the wind.


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