

# MWPS-72696

## Swine Gestation Building

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Ridge vents and sidewall vent doors or curtains provide natural ventilation.

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**SWINE GESTATION BUILDING**  
**Group Pens, 48 Sows**

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**Insulation**

An "R" value measures the insulating quality of a material—larger R is mean better insulation. The R values shown on the plan are for the insulation only—plywood, air spaces, etc., also add some insulation.  
 Full insulation: R = 13 or more in the walls and roof. Is recommended for animal comfort.

The minimum insulation for this building is R = 5 under the roofing. This small amount will reduce condensation in cold weather and improve comfort somewhat in summer, compared with an uninsulated metal roof.

**Building space and production cycles**

Although many variations are successful, the following are typical meat hog production systems. Plan building capacity for some extra animals to allow for large litter size or slow growth rate.

Either:  
 a) Move sows and litters to sow-pig nursing pens at 1-3 weeks, depending on how soon the farrowing stalls are needed for the next sows. Wean pigs at 3-6 weeks, putting 2-3 litters per pen. Return sows to breeding and gestation facilities.

Or:  
 b) Wean pigs at 4-6 weeks (20-25 lb). Move pigs to nursery, putting 2-3 litters per pen. Return sows to breeding and gestation facilities.

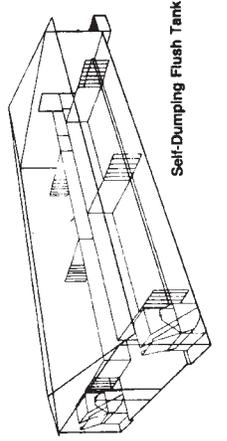
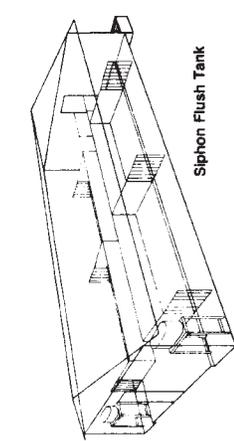
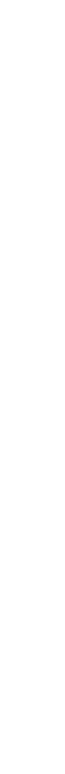
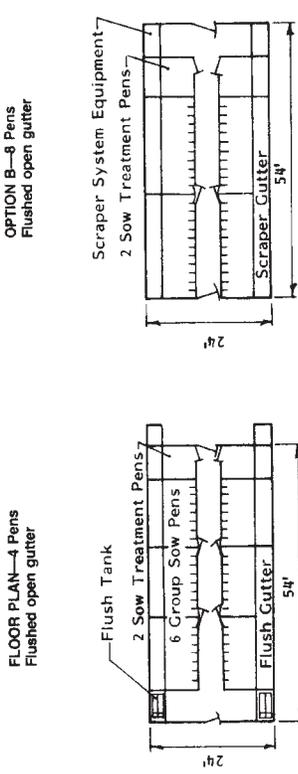
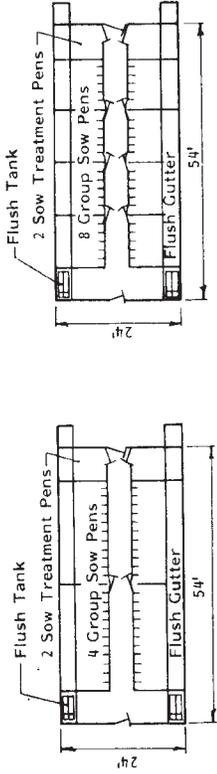
c) Wean pigs at 3-4 weeks (12-15 lb) to a nursery, putting 1-2 litters per pen. At 6-8 weeks move pigs to a nursery, putting 2-3 litters per pen. Return sows to breeding and gestation facilities. Move pigs to finishing unit at 10-12 weeks (50-75 lb). Move pigs to larger pens or reduce number of pigs per pen, at about 20 weeks (150 lb).

As they approach market weight, and if the finishing unit is crowded, larger hogs may have to be marketed early.  
 Sows are rebred during the first or second heat period after weaning. They farrow about 16 weeks later.

**Size of gestation unit**

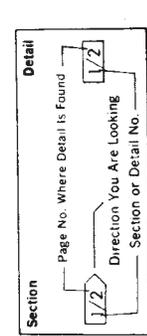
The building shown for 48 sows is adequate for farrowing 6 or 7 litters/year in a 20-sow farrowing house (three 20-sow groups).  
 For 8 farrowings/year (four 20-sow groups), increase to 72 sows and/or provide space to hold one group of sows in breeding building. For 10 or 12 farrowings/year (five 20-sow groups), increase to 96 sows. One group of sows could be housed in breeding building.

For weekly farrowing in four 10-sow rooms (five 48-sow herds, each handled in four 12-sow groups), a 192 sow capacity is needed.



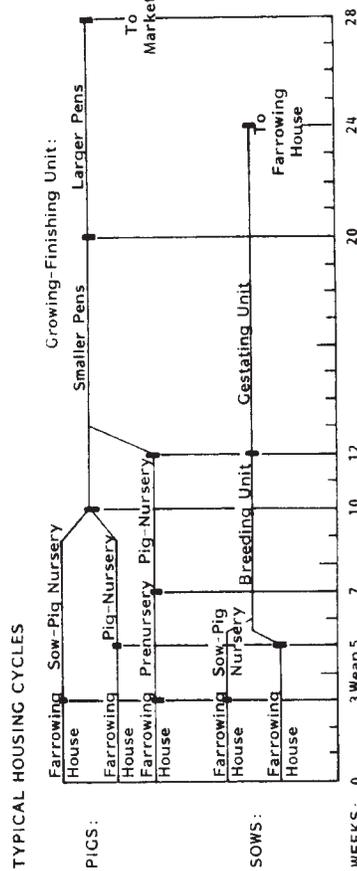
**LUMBER SPECIFICATIONS**

Roof Purlins and Wall Cirts  
 2x4 Construction Grade (Doug Fir or Southern Pine)  
 Trusses  
 2x6 No. 2 (Doug Fir or Southern Pine)  
 Headers  
 See Truss Page  
 No. 1 or 1500F machine rated (Doug Fir or Southern Pine)  
 Posts and Spasiboards  
 Pressure Preservative Treated Southern Pine  
 5x6, equivalent to 6x6  
 (Type A or B)—0.50 pcf, ACA or CCA  
 (Type C)—0.40 pcf  
 P. T. means lumber pressure preservative treated against insect and fungus attack.



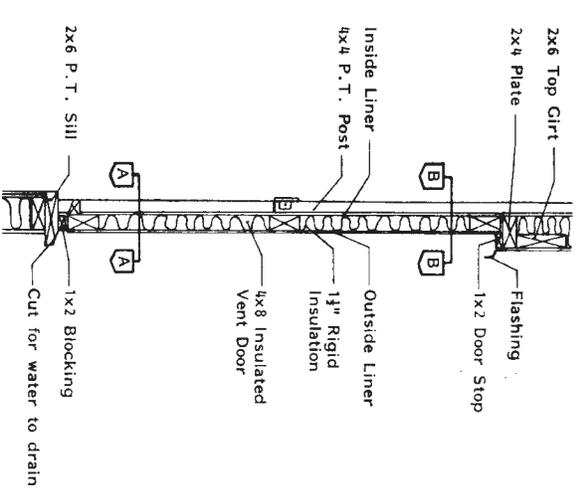
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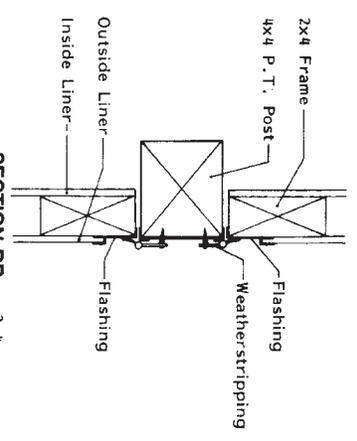




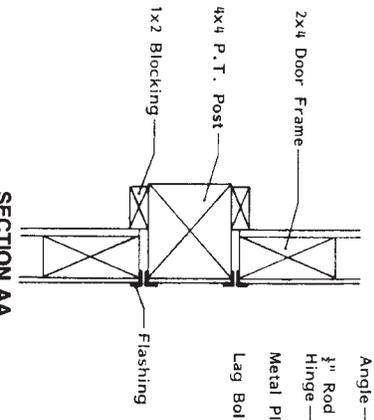




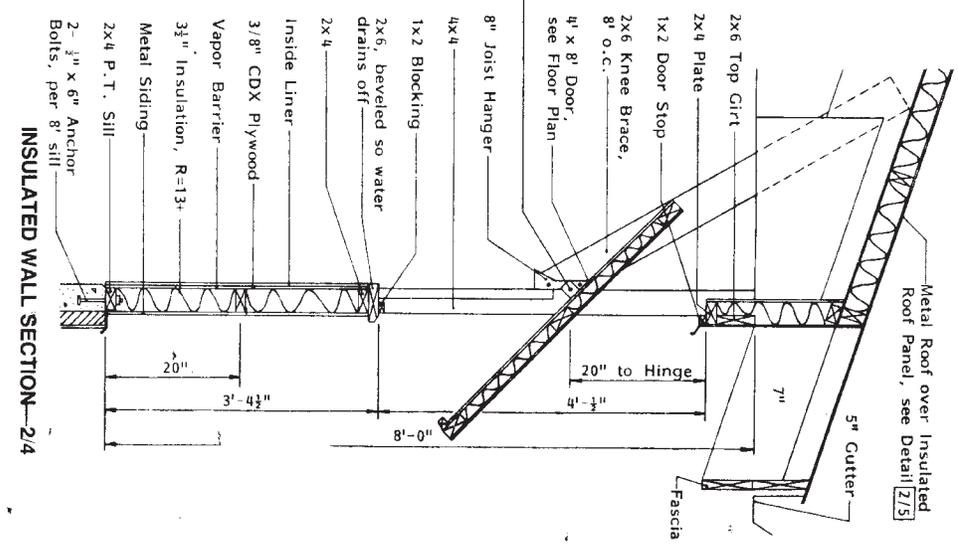
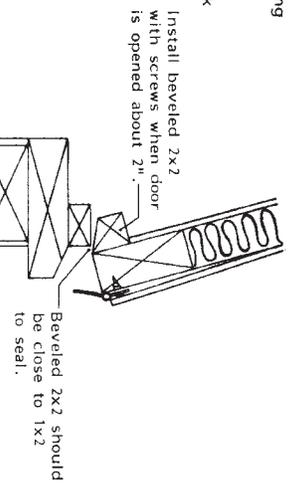
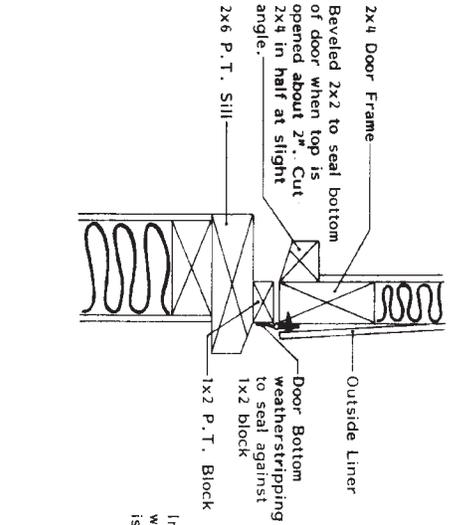
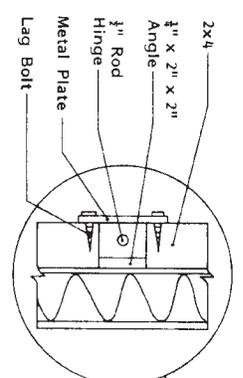
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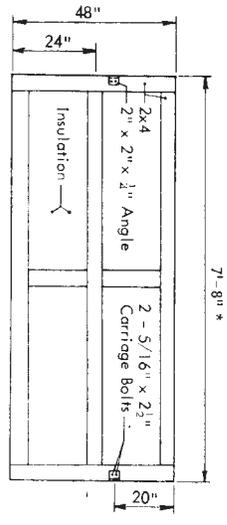
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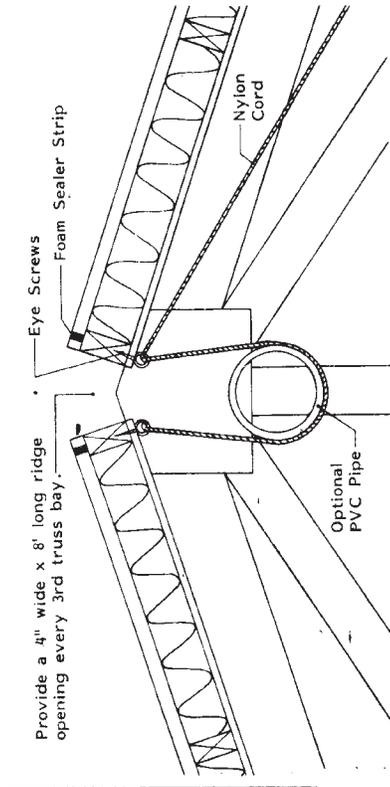
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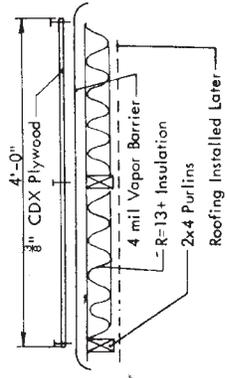
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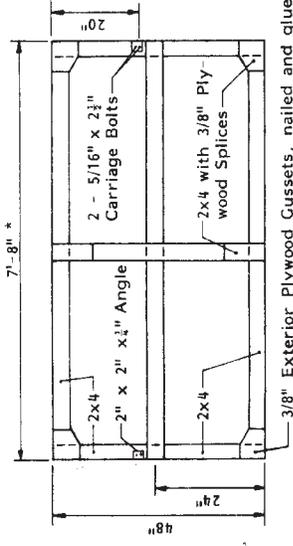
Give and nail - CDX Exterior Plywood on the inside. Install insulation. Nail metal siding on the outside. Alter this dimension for other than 3 - wide building posts in other than 8' o.c.



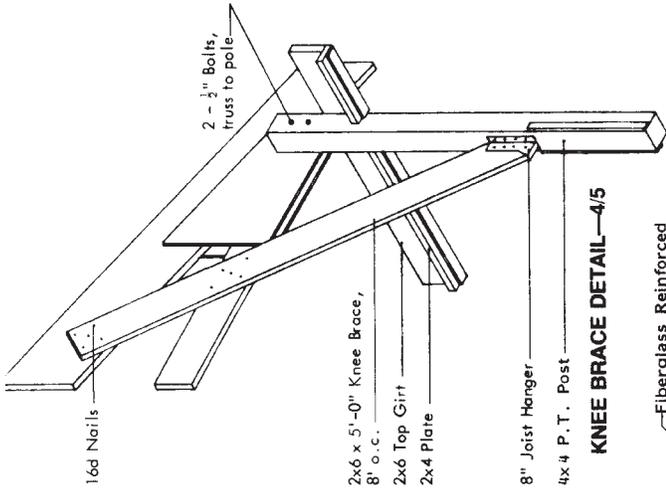
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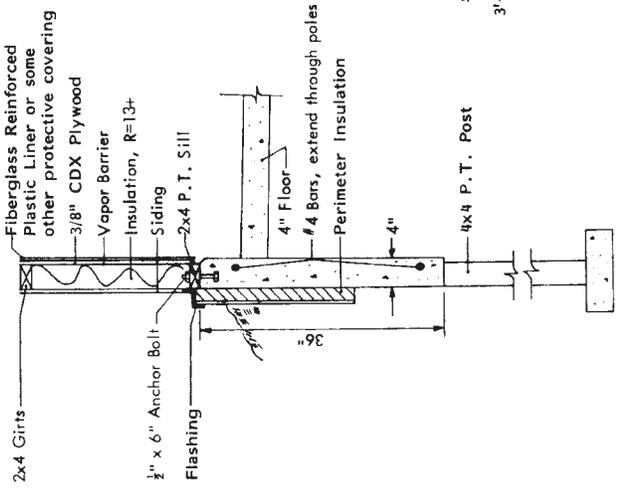
**INSULATED ROOF PANELS—2/5**  
 Reduce heat gain in summer and heat loss in winter



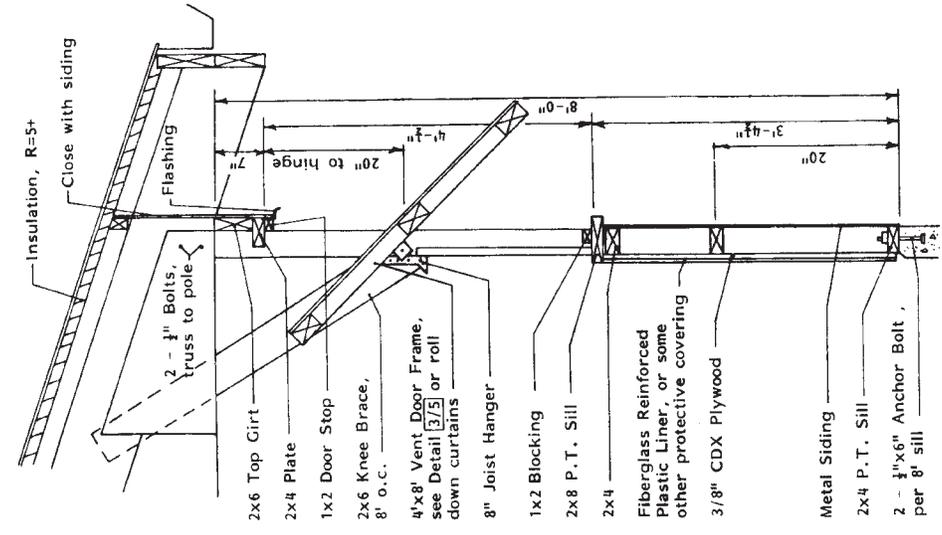
**UNINSULATED VENT DOOR FRAME—3/5**  
 Nail metal siding on the outside.  
 \*After this dimension for other than 3 1/2" wide building posts or other than 8" o.c.



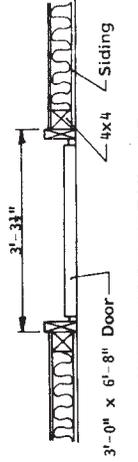
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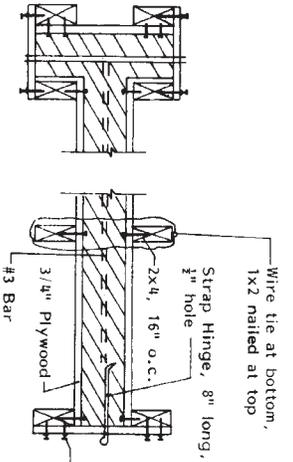
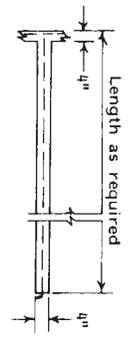
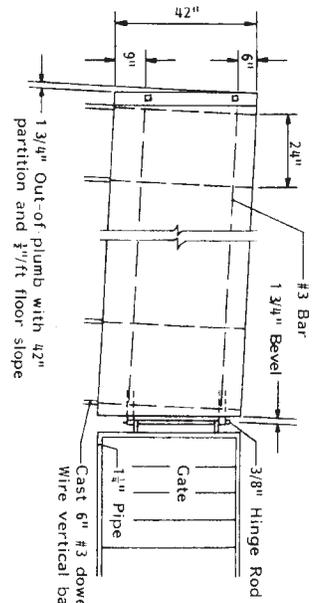
**ENDWALL SECTION—5/5**



**OPTION—UNINSULATED WALL—6/5**



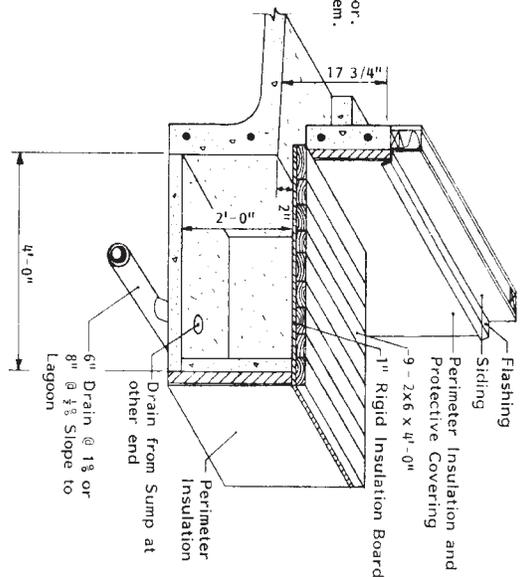
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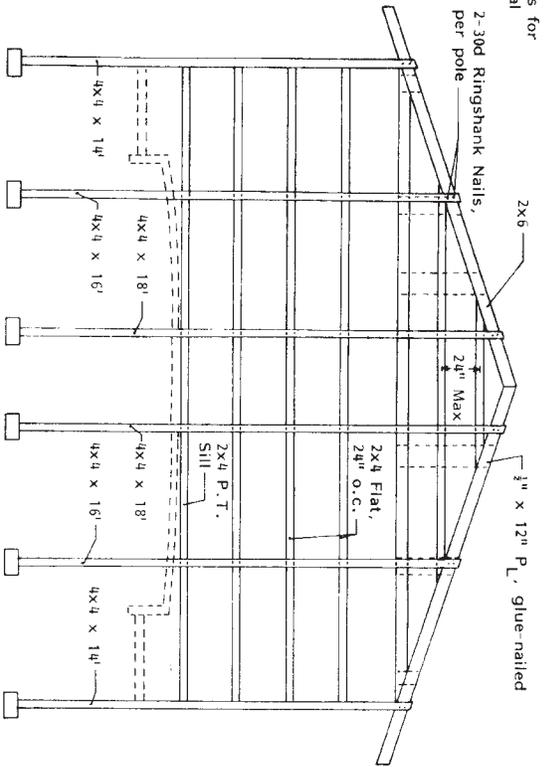
If 6x6 - 4x4 welded wire mesh is available in flat sheets (not rolls), it can be used instead of 3/8" bars.



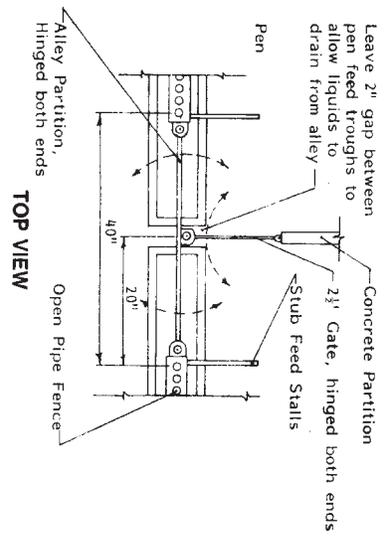
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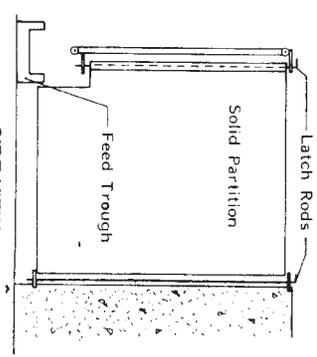
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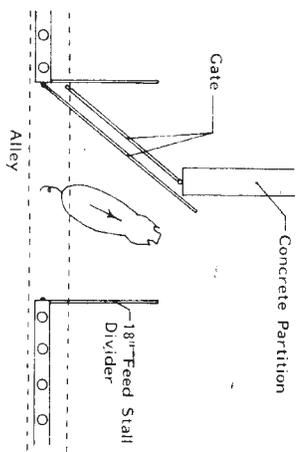
ENDWALL FRAMING—3/6



TOP VIEW



SIDE VIEW



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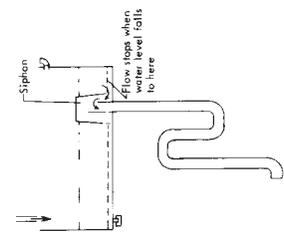
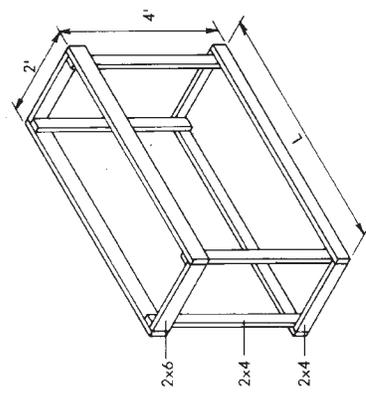
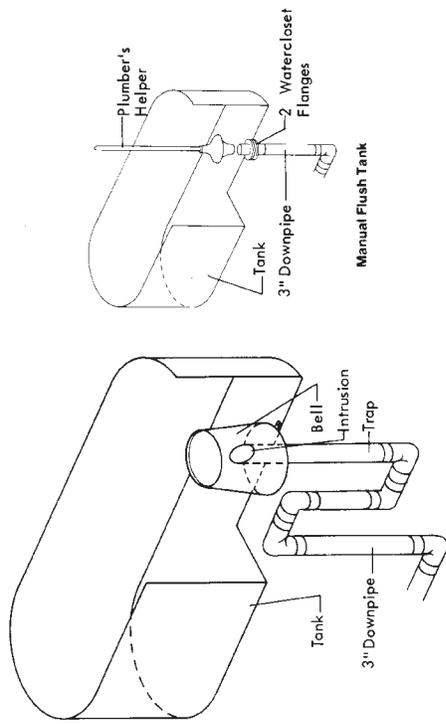
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GATE CONNECTION DETAIL—4/6

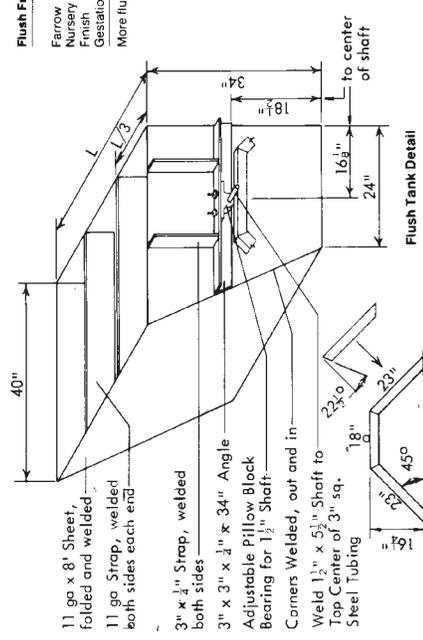
**Variable Dimensions**

Gutter width	2 1/2	4	6	8 and wider
Tank length, L	23	41	65	89
Back splash width, W	29	47	71	95
Flush volume, gal	100	150	300	400
<b>Flush Frequency—minimum flushes per day</b>				
Farrow	2	4	6	12
Nursery	4	6	12	6
Finish	4	6	12	6
Gestation	4	6	12	6

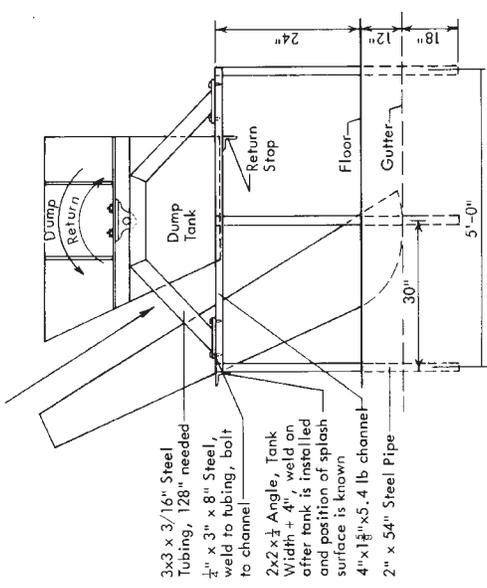
More flushes per day tend to decrease odors.



**SIPHON FLUSH TANK—27**  
See MWPS AED-17



**Flush Tank Detail**



**Splash Surface**

**FLUSH TANK, Self Dumping—17**

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**FARROWING HOUSE**  
Flushed under slats 20 sows

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