



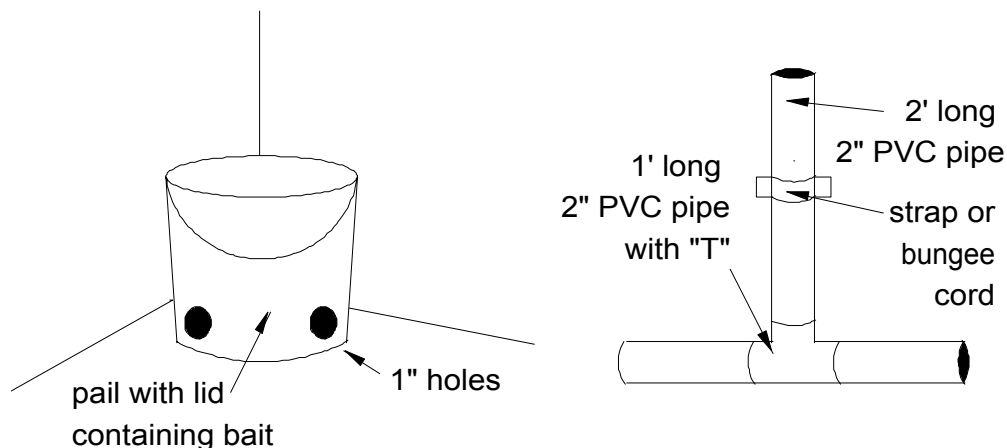
Home Made Rodent Bait Holders

Rodent control around swine barns includes placing bait stations strategically in and around the buildings in places of high rodent activity. To be most effective, the bait is offered in an enclosed bait station where it is safe from pets, stays dry and encourages use by the rodents by making them feel more secure. Many farmers under bait in their control programs. It is suggested that bait stations be placed 3' to 6' apart for mice and 20' to 30' apart for rats. Two home made bait stations are shown below:

Figure 1 This station is simply an old plastic pail complete with a lid and two rodent entrance holes near the base. It is placed along a wall or in a corner. It is portable (nothing to disassemble) but does take up some width of the alley. An alternative is to use a cheap plastic tool box.

Figure 2 This station is made from 2" diameter PVC plastic pipe. It is secured to a wall with straps or short bungee cords if it needs to be portable. As it has a narrow profile, it will be less obtrusive to traffic flow. A cap can be added to the vertical pipe if it is to be placed outdoors.

Note: Due to the recent concerns regarding toxoplasmosis in swine herds, it is generally recommended that cats be eliminated from swine barns and thus they can not be part of a rodent control program.



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