



TECH NICKEL TIPS

NEW STYLES FOR THE HOG BARN

The stereotype of the hog farmer in rubber boots and coveralls may soon be a thing of the past. “Our barn workers are now opting for more comfortable footwear”, says Paul Vielfaure, a member of the VIDO Swine Technical Group, “and they are wearing pants and shirts instead of coveralls too.” Vielfaure points out that many shoe styles now come with steel toes which make them safe for use in the barn, and he says their employees are now wearing running shoes, hush puppies, or any type of show they prefer.

“Sweat pants with T-shirts or sweatshirts are becoming more common too,” says Vielfaure, who farms near La Broquerie, Manitoba, “and in summer shorts provide more comfort. We also see lab coats, cut-off coveralls, short sleeved coveralls, vests ... you name it.”

Fanny packs, those little zippered pouches that you can strap around your waist, are very handy in the hog barn too. “You can put your papers, pencils and erasers in them so your hands are free, and you don’t have to worry about things falling out of your breast pocket when you bend over”.

He says when working in the barn it’s important to be as comfortable as possible, and “remember, you don’t always have to wear boots and coveralls!”

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