



Case Study

Crusting and Flies

Rich & Michelle Buser

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Facilities

Rich and Michelle Buser contract finish for Esbenshade Mills/Hershey Ag with two large deep pitted buildings holding 4,000 and 3,600 hogs. The buildings are 295 feet long and 101 feet wide with a dividing wall running lengthwise. His design offers its own unique challenges in regards to manure handling.

Pre-Pitcharger Environment

A crust had formed and was a perfect breeding ground for flies. In addition, 1.5 to 2 feet of heavy solids had built up in the pits. Agitation was more difficult due to the width of the pits, which aggravated the problem.

PitCharger Environment

Monthly maintenance applications of *PitCharger* were made during the spring and summer. After approximately 6 months of treatment, the crust and the flies were no longer a problem. In the fall, the pits were pumped down to less than 12 inches of liquid effluent.

IN CONCLUSION

Rich Buser says, "The flies were bad and we seemed to have more manure left each time we pumped. Since using PitCharger, I haven't had the fly problem, the pits agitate better and I don't have the buildup after pumping. I have recommended it to other Hershey Ag contractors and they are all getting similar results."

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