# Where Pigs Fly Farm America's only Pig Museum to include Agricultural Museum

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#### **Year One**

The first year will offer the most significant addition to the WPFF, with the addition of the **Primary Education Center** to the loft of the livestock barn.

In 2019-2020, the WPFF plans to spend \$125K remodeling the loft of the livestock barn, which was built in 1929. In 2018, \$15K was spent improving the first level, which houses the livestock. Remodeling included structural repair, barn-wood interior walls, new exterior walls, windows, electric, and lighting.

The loft will house the Primary Education Center for the farm and offer a wide variety of exhibits including an expansive timeline of farming, video and interactive exhibits of past and present farming for large and small farms, sustainable agriculture practices, scientific and technological developments in farming and horticulture, land management, raising livestock and producing animal products, animals used for fibers, genetically modified organisms and animal welfare/rights.

A classroom area for educational and training seminars will be available to the public, with an *Agricultural Library*, which will include books, brochures and handouts. There will also be an area for young children to explore and learn about agriculture.

Additionally, directional signs will be added to the farm property, informing visitors of the building loactions. (SupportingDocs1&2)

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### **Year Two**

In the second year of the WPFF expansion, focus will be on *The Dairy Barn*, which once housed one of Osage Counties largest dairies. Though all of the milking equipment has been removed, the stances where the cattle once stood, remains intact. This 35' x 65' barn will be used for the dairy industry exhibits. The WPFF spent just over \$45K remodeling the barn in 2017. Remodeling included; structure repair, barn-wood walls, new windows, new electric, lighting and ceiling fans, insulation, doors, ceiling, attic space added and exterior steps to loft.

The Dairy Barn exhibits will show the operations of dairy farms of past and present. Visitors will also learn about the different dairy products, nutritional information and importance of dairy products, along with other information such as, recycling cow manure. (SupportingDocs3 & 4)

*Oinkin' Hall*, the 40 x 60 building which once served as the tractor and farm implement storage shed was remodeled in 2016, costing about \$75K. The remodeling included replacing the gravel floor with a concrete floor then adding, plumbing, electrical, lighting, doors, windows, a loft with stairs and walkway, new roof, insulation, kitchenette, two restrooms, shower, birdroom, large screen theatre area, kids play area and party/dining area.

Exhibits which highlight the different farm implements used through the years will be placed in Oinkin' Hall. A timeline of the different implements used through the years will be displayed and a continuous play video showing the time line of farm implements will run. The WPFF will also display different antique implements inside and outside of the building with product information on each.

(SupportingDocs5 & 6)

#### **Year Three**

In the third year, the AMT will focus on the **Exterior Exhibits**. This will include Farm Animal Exhibits with photos and facts about each animal. There will also be Farm animal cutouts, which show the meat cuts on one side. The interactive touchscreen digital kiosk near the Farm House, will offer extensive information about livestock and poultry.

(SupportingDocs 7-11)

Educational programs will also be developed and implemented which will provide educational agriculture opportunities for youth groups.

- 1. Food Preparation
- 2. Animal Husbandry
- 3. Youth Farmers Day
- 4. Planting A Garden

This plan was approved by our board on December 5, 2018.