In 1974 I started raising hogs. We used straw bales and system in old barns on this property we had purchased.

Our first corn crop in this fall of 1974 was poor compared to this crop on land previously in the family soil test showing low nutrient levels. Organic matter was also low. Unfortunately to summer fallow and no use of fertilizer had made the soil to a point where crop production with out large amounts of added nutrients was not practical.

In 1977 we had the financial resources to build a small fertilizer barn using using liquid manure under normal practices of these times.

During the next 5 years we built a serving barn and another smaller barn. These barns also small by today's standards, also used liquid manure, and total confinement.

We were aware of this fact that although people said manure was the smell of money it was not their money.
To be good neighbours we always tried our best to not spread manure when it could be unpleasant for their family functions or community events such as parades or snowmobile parties. We also purchased a local green shop for which required some farmers always wanted to sell low quality unfortunatly we could only use high quality grown to purchase. This is why we usually had to pay a premium for local Elevate series.

This manure we applied to our land was simply helping crop production but soil tests showed no larger increase in available nutrients. After 10 years of hog production soil tests still showed the need for application of more nitrogen and phosphorus on all the land except for areas where the past years manure had been applied. Usually even these spots were slightly nutrient lacking.

By the mid to late 1990s this need for a larger unit was evident. Early indications showed much resistance would be forthcoming from R.M. Ratepayers and the council rather than learn about the modern livestock methods and save Gauros they would oppose new ideas and methods instead of using some of our retirement saving to pursue a larger more beneficial

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COMMISSION ARE
1) RESEARCH WHERE THE P COMES FROM, IS IT TALL GRASS NOT USED BUT OCCURING, SLOWER BREAKDOWN OR PLANT RESIDUAL BECAUSE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY OR JUST NATURAL CAUSES.
2) DON'T CONSIDER STOPPING WINTER SPREADING FOR UNDER 300 ALL THESE SMALLER UNITS WILL EITHER ECONOM AND LOSE THE SYMPATHY OR THE OPERATOR WILL RETIRE AND HIS PRODUCTION WILL CEASE. THIS PRODUCERS WILL BE USING MANURE AS A FERTILIZER TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY THESE SMALL OPERATIONS ARE A VERY SMALL PART OF AGRICULTURE TODAY, READ ON THIS OPERATIONS TO PREVENT WINTER SPREADING IT IS LIKE SWINGING A SLED WITH A SLEDGE HAMMER.
3) REMEMBER THAT FAMILY FARMS WERE NOW 2 OR MORE FAMILY JOINING TOGETHER TO PROVIDE 1 SUFFICIENT USE OF CAPITAL AND LABOUR. AGRICULTURE MUST SUPPLY GOOD WORKING CONDITIONS, TIME FOR FAMILY AND SUND AND EXPECTATIONS FOR AT LEAST AN AVERAGE FAMILY INCOME WITH OUT THESE CHANGES OUR FARM COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO AGE UNTIL DEATH DO US PART.
4) LAND USE PLANNING SHOULD BE A PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION. THIS WOULD MEAN EXPANSION OR NEW OPERATIONS WOULD BE BASED ON SCIENCE. MANY RM COUNCILLORS HAVE NO EXPERTISE AND DEPART TO REJECTION JUST TO BE SAFE OR POSSIBLE APPROVAL WHEN THEY SHOULD NOT BECAUSE OF PRESSURE OR LACK ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE.

5) THE PAWS SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN PUT ON. MANY PRODUCERS OF OTHER COMMODITY SUCH AS GRAIN OR MEAT NOW FEEL VULNERABLE TO POLITICAL INTERFERENCE. COULD SOME POLITICAL WHIMP FORCIE THE SLOW DOWN OF AGRICULTURE TO THE DETRIMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE COMING INTO BUSINESS OR PEOPLE HOPING TO RETIRE.

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