

Managing Water Quality at Small Confinement Facilities

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Overview

- Water Quality
- Curb Appeal
 - Neighbors
 - Local Inspectors
- Animal Performance
- Manure in Lots
- Vegetative Buffer
- Feed Storage
- Lagoons



Potential Losses Due to Mud and Waste

- No mud = 0%
 - Dewclaw deep = 7%
 - Shin deep = 14%
 - Below hock = 21%
 - Hock deep = 28%
 - Belly deep = 35%
- University of Nebraska (1991)
- Health and Wellbeing



Manure and Mud Buildup in Lots



Regular Apron Scraping is a Good Use of Time



UNL & K-State – Planning a New Cattle Feedlot

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=5873&context=extensionhist>

Cleaning Lots and Permanent Mounds

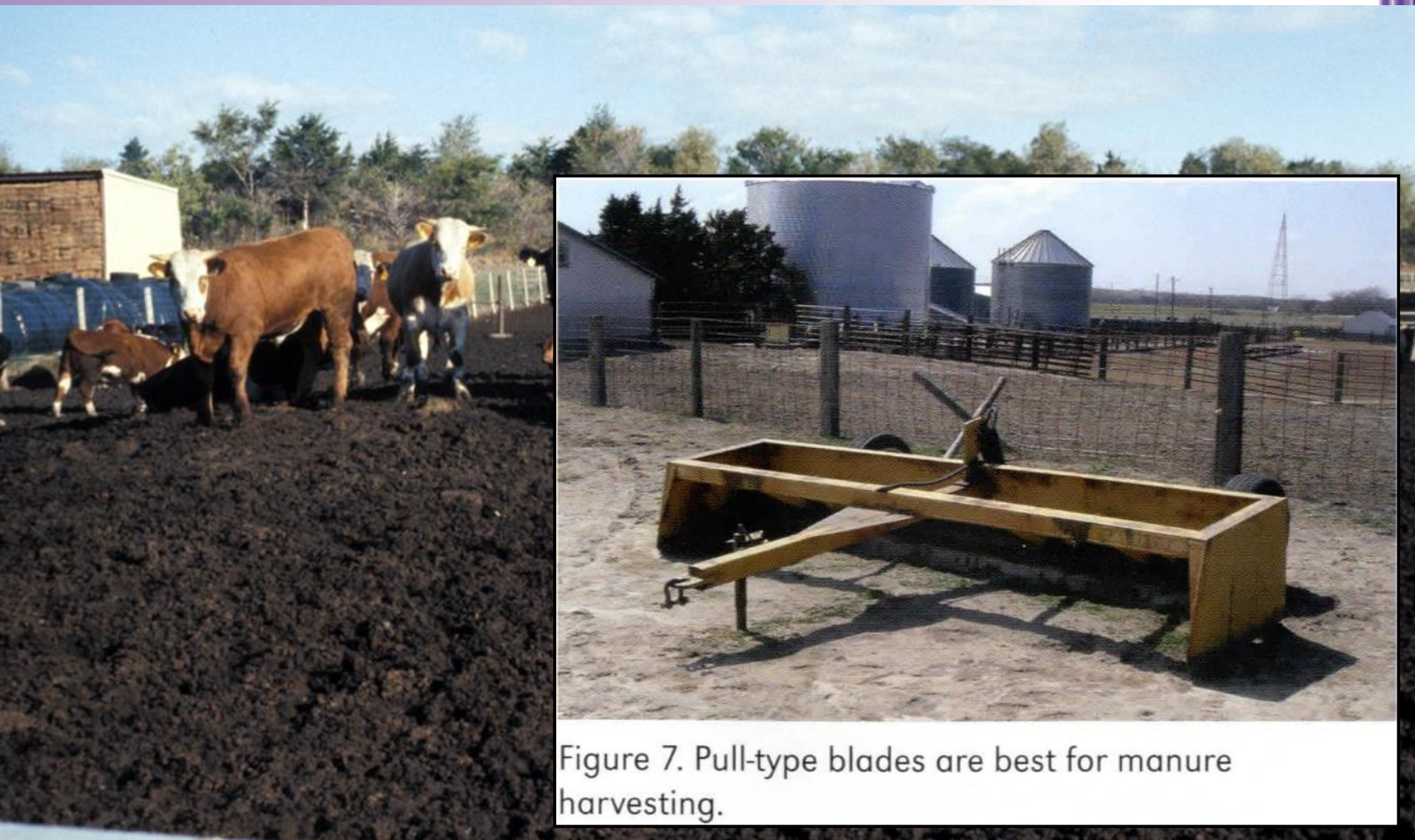


Figure 7. Pull-type blades are best for manure harvesting.

When it Rains it Pours *Iced Tea and Smoothies*







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Under-fence cleaning

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Manure tends to build up under fence lines at feedlots. Under-fence manure prevents good drainage of pens with resulting odour issues and poor conditions for livestock. Manure under fence lines is a breeding ground for flies. All feedlots should have equipment available to clean under fence lines.



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Another example of manure accumulation under a fence line showing wet manure behind the fence line accumulation



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Some feedlots drag under-fence manure back into the pen where it is removed during normal pen cleaning.

Making Grass Buffer Systems Work



Odd Shaped Pens



Knowledge forLife Socks (Filter, Divert, Distribute)



Buffer Management



Perennial Grass Buffer

Annual Crop Buffer



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Silage Weep-Acidity-Dissolved Oxygen



Lagoons at Permitted Facilities



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