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Results were as follows:

1. No internal parasites were discovered in the test group at any time after seven days of the DE.

2. All hogs on DE stopped rooting and destroying the wooden feeder after 10 days.

3. By the end of the third week the odor of the test group was noticeably less offensive than the control group.

4. At the end of six weeks the fly population decreased markedly.

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For the past 2 years we have used natural dewormers on our pigs with phenomenal results. Recently we took some stool samples to our veterinarian, with high hopes and some nervousness as to the results, and the tests came back negative for parasites. That's right "negative". The pigs diet of ground corn, soy, grain, vitamins, minerals, and pasture grass only needed the addition of diatamaceous earth and a once a month treatment of garlic and rosemary. Our pigs are kept outdoors on pasture where they forage and root in the dirt. The same place parasites like to hide. We do rotate pastures but it is a little pig farm, and the pastures don't get a complete year to rest and dispose of the parasites. I can tell you how excited we were when the tests came back negative. We spent a lot of time worrying and praying that we weren't killing the pigs by not giving them commercial dewormers. Even though they all appeared healthy and vibrant, we couldn't see what was going on internally until it was time for the test.

Test number 2 was during butchering. The time came to send 2 pigs to the butcher. Both were over 250 lbs and had never been given a single shot. Not even iron. These pigs were a cross between a Berkshire and what I lovingly refer to as a junk pig. An old sow we've had for years that was from so many crosses nobody could figure out what she was. She was a great mother pig, and produced good meat pigs, but she would have been classified USDA grade 4 on appearance. The big day came and I couldn't wait to see was going on inside the pigs. Sounds a little cruel putting it that way, but you never really know unless you take a look. I'll skip the details and let you know that we inspected all the internal organs and found no signs of parasites. The organs looked great. Free from worms, vibrant in color, and healthy. I was amazed and a little giddy too, like a girl at her first prom sorta. Whatever, Brenda always laughs at my excitement. It worked, Holy Cow, it really worked. No parasites, healthy internals, and an overall healthy pig. And we didn't have to give them poison to achieve this.