

# **Wean-to-Finish Feeder**

## Osborne Big Wheel<sup>®</sup> RF2 feeders are fully wean-to-finish capable. Fast, easy starting. Efficient, waste-free finishing!



For nearly three decades, leading hog producers have known that Osborne's Big Wheel<sup>®</sup> feeder is the most efficient of any feeder made. With patented mechanical-flow design, "NO WASTE" feeding has become an Osborne trademark. Osborne feeders set a new performance standard in the industry.

#### A WEAN-TO-FINISH FEEDER

With a 5-spoke feed wheel and time proven trough design, the Osborne RF2 finish feeder has shown critical top producers that 60 head of early-weaned pigs are easily started with minimum attention. No compromise on performance at market weight is required. The RF2 meets all critical parameters cited by leading veterinarians for wean-to-finish, but without losing any of the well-known Osborne performance.

Put the RF2 feeder in the fenceline with Fenceline Adapters. Finely ground, high-moisture, or high-fat feeds flow smoothly to pigs with bump-bar agitators. Pigs always get fed.

#### **ROUND ACCESS MEANS BETTER PERFORMANCE**

- Less pen space required
- Greater standing-room space for hogs

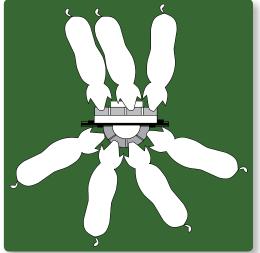
Osborne Big Wheel<sup>®</sup> Feeders spread the animals radially. Less physical contact means less wasteful competition. Rectangular feeders force pigs into close contact. Linear trough space is never fully used, and pen space is always less for Osborne Big Wheel.

### SELF-CLEANING

The shape of the Osborne Big Wheel<sup>®</sup> trough was successfully engineered more than 20 years ago **for all pigs, including modern wean-to-finish weights.** Feed stays clean and fresh with a Big Wheel trough, mighty important for small pigs! Osborne Big Wheel performance for market weight pigs is well known.

#### STRESS-FREE FEEDING

Large trough openings minimize stress to permit natural eating behavior from nursery to finish. Round troughs mean less eating stress. More trough space means better access for pigs. Give the wheel a turn or two to get feed flow started.



Drawing depicts proportional size of 280 lb. hogs on an Osborne Wean-to-Finish feeder and a 4-hole rectangular feeder.

Then "prime" the trough for weaners once or twice. They quickly learn to eat their fill while playing with the feed wheel.

### DURABILITY

Each Osborne feeder is made with heavy steel in multiple finishes and Osborne engineered RTM-Glas<sup>™</sup> reinforced fiberglass for years of profitable performance. The results are the proof.



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With a conservative improvement of 0.1 in feed conversion rate, Osborne Big Wheel feeders will pay for themselves in less than a year! No other feeder can improve this return on investment.

The analysis below shows how much money you can save using the Osborne Big Wheel RF2 Wean-to-Finish Feeder. Pigs weaned at an average weight of 10 lbs. are fed nursery phase feed until they reach 50 lbs. At 50 lbs., they are fed a finishing ration through market weight (270 lbs.). The use of the RF2 feeder improves the F/G rate by 0.1.

Cycle	Pig gain	Feed saved per pig with 0.1 F/G improvement	Average feed cost per lb*	Total feed costs savings per pig
Nursery	40 lb.	4 lb.	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.40
Grower-Finisher	220 lb.	22 lb.	\$ 0.20	\$ 4.40
TOTAL		26 lb.		\$ 5.80

\* Results will vary depending on feed prices and accurate feeder management.

Estimated feed costs saved for a 1,000-head barn:	\$5,800
SAVINGS PER YEAR WITH TWO TURNS IN A YEAR:	\$11,600
With \$11,600 savings per barn per year, Osborne Big Wheel Feeders will pay for themselves in less th	an a vear!



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