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An Interview with Russ & Scott Jeckel

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Oral History of Illinois Agriculture project

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Russ Jeckel, a retired hog farmer from Delavan, Illinois, and his wife Mary were interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's and Illinois State Museum's *Oral History of Illinois Agriculture* project.

Interview dates & location:

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: Scott Jeckel is the son of Russell and Mary Jeckel, hog farmers in central Illinois, who were interviewed in a companion interview on the same day.

Scott took us on a tour of the family farm's modern hog grower/finisher building. Young pigs are purchased and finished in a facility that incorporates the technology that Scott's father helped to pioneer. Russ then showed other parts of the farm, including one of the first dairy barns to be converted into a farrowing house, and a 50 year old farrowing facility.

Topics Covered: Hog farm operations; developments in hog confinement facilities and hog waste management; improvements in hog farrowing and finishing facilities; future of hog farming in America

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