GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TRADITIONAL SHELTERS FOR SUINA BREEDING IN APUSENI MOUNTAINS

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SUMMARY

The shelters destined for pigs, named “pigsty”, are made traditionally with a foundation of walled stone or, actually, of concrete, and the properly construction is realized of timber trunks of resinous or devious tree, named beams. These ones have 14-30 cm width, 12-14 cm thickness and length depending on the shelter length, present planking with same thickness made also of timber. In superior part the shelter is lined with plank of 2-5 cm thickness and follows a roof of shingle or tile etc.

The construction has an average length of 3-3.5 m and width of 2 m and is divided in two compartments made of same material, one smaller of 1 m length about, 1.70 m width and 1.5-1.6 m high, with an area of 1.7 m$^2$, and the other compartment is bigger, of 1.90 m length and 1.70 m width, having an area of 3.23 m$^2$.

The big compartment is equipped with a paddock, named “the pigs’ enclosure”, and made either of timber floors or concrete one or earthen one. The paddock is enclosed by a fence of strong timber essence (beech tree), to no be destroyed by animals. The paddock is covered the same manner as the proper shelter, having 1.70 m length, 1.90 m width and 1.5-1.6 m high, with an area of 3.23 m$^2$.

In this paddock is the fodder drainpipe, named “trough”, where is put the necessary food. The water and fluid food are directed to drainpipe on a device made of plank, “U” letter shaped. This compartment is used during warm season and for pig youth fattening.

The small compartment is used for the pig youth acquired during cold season (autumn) and maintained during the winter. This one is so build that pigs do not suffer because of specific bad weather. Here, the pigs are kept only during the winter, after that they are moved to the big compartment of the shelter.

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