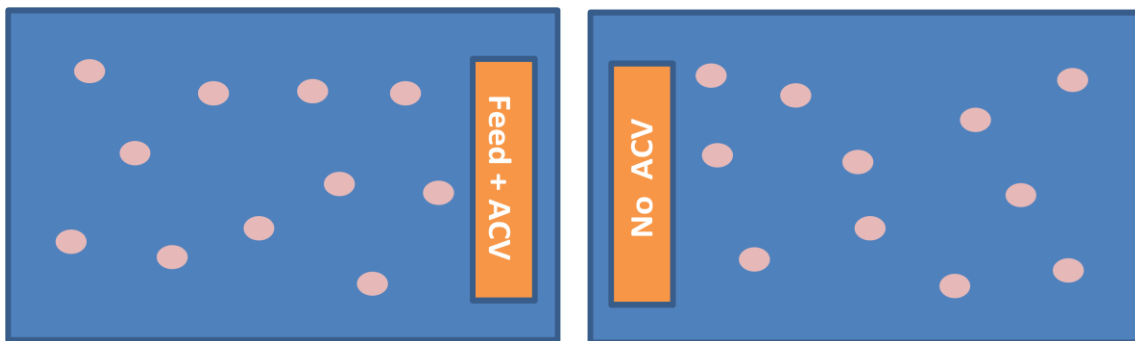


## Apple Cider Vinegar Supplementation

**Objective:** To measure effects of apple cider vinegar (ACV) on rate of gain and health of feeder pigs.

**Farmer-cooperators will:**

- Keep two groups of 30 similar animals, one control and one treatment group. Try to maintain uniformity within the two groups; the number of barrows and gilts in each should be the same.
- Record weights, age and number of pigs per group. Weight as frequently as possible.
- Keep production, feed and supplementation records.
- Take composite fecal samples three times during the trial.
- Report carcass yield comparisons.
- Track costs of the trial in order to calculate profits from each group.
- Conduct one replication.



**Practical Farmers of Iowa will:**

- Monitor progress of project and provide support when needed.
- Analyze the data and publish results in a PFI research report, on PFI website and potentially other outlets.
- Pay the Farmer Cooperator a fee of \$550 at the conclusion of the project in 2016.

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