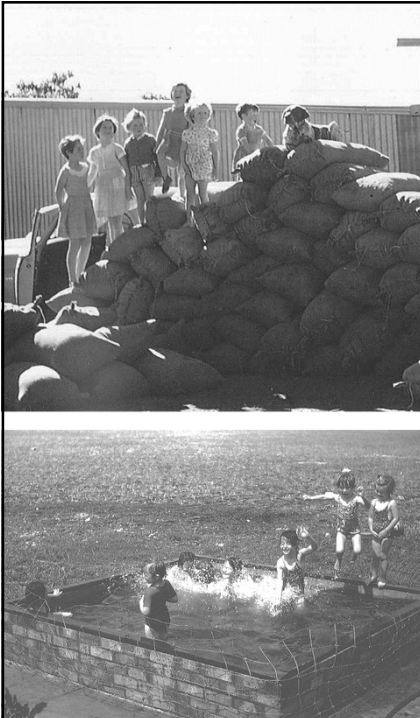


Composting at McLean Farms

Our history and development.



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Humble beginnings

As the small farm was getting larger and more productive, it was also becoming too much for Hope to manage on her own, and having 6 children from 1950 to 1959.

Arthur gave up being a dental technician to be a full time poultry farmer alongside his wife. Hope died from cancer in 1964 aged 37.

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- As time progressed hens were housed in Flat deck and high rise laying sheds.
- The manure naturally composted under the cages for up to a couple of years and was then cleaned out and loaded onto trucks and delivered to the farms for spreading.
- The manure was dry and reasonably innocuous and spread relatively well but dusty.
- Composting was not required.
- Then came the modern environmentally controlled sheds with auto egg collecting going one way and the manure going the other way on belts directly into trucks as fresh as the day it was deposited.
- This manure was high in moisture and when dumped in paddocks went anaerobic and rancid if not spread immediately.
- Special muck spreaders were required and uneven lumpy application was the result.
- The requirement for composting on Mclean Farms was identified.



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