

# Farmers

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There's one report in Lancaster County of a dairyman having lost a tankful of milk due to his compressor having frozen up and the milk went slightly sour. There were several instances of pumps freezing in milk houses, or valves being stuck and milk therefore not being transferred into the tank properly. Some electric motors were burned up due to the extra heavy load the cold temperatures and

frozen conditions were causing. Nuisances on the farm continued with silo unloaders working very slowly or not at all, cows walking delicately on frozen manure and ice, and of course the every-day problem of broken and frozen water pipes. Trying to get tractors started on these cold mornings is another common difficulty. Those with heaters on their diesel engines considered themselves fortunate. Milking machines were another item subject to the cold, as they performed erratically on some farms,

especially if pneumatic pulsation was still in use. According to many, the problems farmers have been experiencing so far are just one phase. More could come later, even as late as this Summer when soil moisture might be badly needed. The ground in some areas is reported to be frozen to a depth of more than two feet. That will take a long time to thaw out, and that being the case, the melting snow and ice will not be able to penetrate the soil. Furthermore, the problem of flooding this Spring is compounded. Ice jams could cause havoc in some areas

and a good many fences along streams will probably take a beating. Depending on the area and whom a person talks to, the first three weeks of January have been the coldest anyone can remember. In some cases it's been the coldest Winter on record. Newspaper headlines and TV and radio news broadcasts have driven that point home to us on a daily basis. Some examples: "Zero c-c-cold isn't budging" proclaimed a Lancaster newspaper headline on Tuesday morning. As in areas to the north

of here, temperatures hung in around zero degrees. "So cold, ocean could freeze!" proclaimed an Associated Press story. Small wonder that farmers find so many of their pipes frozen. But it's not just the cold that has caused problems. The snow and ice have played havoc with people and equipment as well. Since shortly after Christmas, the area has been blanketed by the white stuff. But if we think we have it bad here, check the situation in Buffalo, N.Y. once:

That city has spent nearly \$700,000 so far for snow removal this Winter, due to the 123 inches of snow they've received. While Buffalo and other areas to the north are buried in the stuff, Southerners got themselves a thrill by seeing snow for the first time in their lives. It's down South where the agricultural scene has really taken a beating from the weather. An entire crop of citrus fruits may have been ruined.



James Bishop, Muncy, PA National Champion in the Five Acre contest with a yield of 204.6 bushel per acre with Muncy Chief SX808B. Mr. Bishop receives a merchandise certificate for \$250.00 and a trophy.



Pennsylvania State Champion in the One Acre Contest is Kent Burd of Honey Grove, PA. He had a fine yield of 210.5 bushel per acre with Muncy Chief SX777 and will receive a \$100.00 scholarship and a trophy.

James Springman, Muncy, PA. Muncy Chief SX777 with a yield of 186 bushel per acre in the five acre contest.



Morris Young, Peach Bottom, PA planted Muncy-Chief SX878 and yielded 184 bushels per acre, good for a 3rd place in the 1-acre contest.



Donald Everitt, Jr. Mifflintown, PA planted Muncy-Chief SX777 this year and had a yield of 184.3 bushel per acre. Donald was National Champion in 1974.

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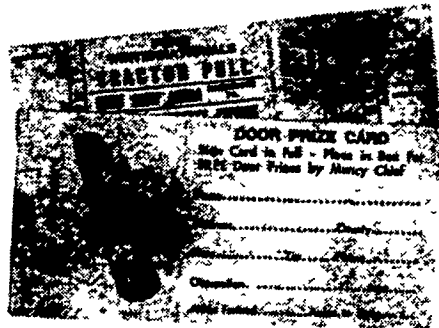
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