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Shelhamer eases crisis

HARRISBURG - Acting Secretary of Agriculture Kent Shelhamer on Monday issued the results of a survey begun last week by his Department, of both long and short range effects on the efforts of the Commonwealth's farmers.

According to Shelhamer,

the most pressing initial problem revolves about rural roads which have either drifted shut or become difficult to travel because of ice. Shelhamer said he had assurance from Transportation Secretary William Sherlock that all means, including the ad-

dition of rotary plows in some areas, will be extended to clear passages to farms, especially dairy farms.

The Agriculture Secretary said that his Department had already helped many dairymen whose markets

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Weather spared none

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER - It doesn't matter much which branch of agriculture you're in - every farmer is likely to feel some effect as a result of the severe winter of 1977. Even if the extreme cold didn't affect a grower directly, it's very likely to affect him indirectly in the form of prices for products he sells

or supplies he needs. That's the conclusion of a number of agricultural leaders.

The small grains and hay crops for this year, for example, may be receiving damage right now. No one knows yet for sure, but it's a fact which is being considered. Fruits and vegetables have been hurt. Egg production has declined,

and prices for many of these products are now likely to remain strong.

According to John Hoffman of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, the most immediate impact in this industry will be on egg production and prices. He noted that egg prices had

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Red Rose 4-H'ers honored

By JOANNE SPAHR

LANCASTER - The 4-H Red Rose Beef and Sheep club honored its own last Thursday night and wrapped up a year of successful club work at their annual dinner meeting held at the Farm and Home Center.

After an evening of entertainment and fellowship,

awards were bestowed upon the club members who received the most recognition over the year for work with their animals or their performance on a judging team.

Topping the honors in the beef club membership was Marty Burkins, Holtwood R1, who showed the county

as well as district champion steer. Although her prize winning animal is now just a memory, Marty received two gifts which will help to keep that memory alive in years to come. From J. C. Snively & Sons, Landisville, she received a silver trophy,

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School milk caused concern

By JOYCE BUYP

York County Reporter YORK, Pa. - Governor Shapp reopened Pennsylvania schools just in time to save York County dairies the milk which they had already processed and packaged for this Class I institution trade.

M. Ebert Rutter, of Rut-

ters Dairy, York, indicated that the schools they serve had opened in time to fully utilize the prepared cartons of milk.

"We are trying to make arrangements to divert some milk to another area of the state to a manufacturing plant. Anytime the schools close, there's a backup of

milk. But we're still fortunate in this area, compared to parts of the country where farmers have had to dump milk," commented Rutter.

Green's Dairy of York stopped processing for the school trade at the first

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Dairy situation under control

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER - "The weather has caused several problems," Jim Sumner of Inter-State Milk Producers, Philadelphia, began. "First of all, we're concerned about plants getting gas; secondly, the loss of several days' milk sales has left us with a little more surplus milk, and

thirdly, due to milk production being up six per cent over a year ago, that's got the bucket full."

Sumner, who serves on the public relations and communications staff at Inter-State, made the remark on Wednesday. It should be noted that the situation changes from day to day,

due to weather changing and various public and private sectors trying to do their best to stay ahead of the matter.

Acting Secretary of Agriculture Kent Shelhamer confirmed the changing status of things Thursday afternoon in a telephone

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Northern farms choked by blizzard

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - "Milk losses may hit upwards to \$60,000 a day in the northeastern part of the United States due to one of the area's hardest winters in history," exclaimed John C. York, general manager of the 3000 dairy farmer member Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative,

headquartered here. He made the remark Feb. 2, the same day the Quarryville groundhog forecasted six more weeks of winter.

After making several on-site inspections of hard hit areas in Pennsylvania and New York, the dairy spokesman said that many rural roads with drifts up to

20 feet high have not been plowed since January 28. Farm operations have virtually come to a standstill, noted York.

A state of emergency has been declared in several counties with western New York and St. Lawrence,

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It was a proud bunch of beef club members who assembled to get their pictures taken with their trophies after the annual dinner meeting of the Red Rose 4-H Beef and Sheep Club. Seated (from left to right) are Gary Eberly, who was the champion county showman; Marty Burkins, who had the champion county and district steer; and Jeff Martin, who showed the reserve grand champion

steer of the district show. Standing are Tim Hess, who owned the reserve champion county steer, and the three Frey cousins who exhibited the champion lightweight trio at Farm Show. The furthest Frey to the left is Ernie, then Jamie, then Fritz. Missing when the picture was taken was Ken Brubaker, champion beef showman of the State Farm Show.



Sarah Lynn Brubaker (left) showed the county champion lambs and the reserve grand champion lambs at the State Farm Show. Barbara Herr

(right) was named the champion lamb showman at Harrisburg and also had the county reserve champion pen of lambs.

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