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A foot of snow fell on Pennsylvania Thursday, leaving the countryside pretty as a bride. This farm scene is near Lititz.

Dairy officials worried by surplus

By DIETER KRIEG
QUARRYVILLE -- Officials at Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative see some clouds on the horizon

due to the increasing buildup of surplus stocks. The situation has forced the Philadelphia-based cooperative to dig into its

coffers to meet excess marketing costs.

At a meeting of dairymen here on Thursday, Inter State's director for member

and public relations, Boyd Gartley, told the dairymen that IMPCO members will be faced with a 60 cents per hundredweight deduction on

surplus milk for December. Termed a temporary arrangement, the measure is needed in order to continue to meet the extra

marketing costs incurred when production in Order 4 is running six per cent of where it was last year.

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Stoltzfus herd tops Chester DHIA

By DIETER KRIEG
GUTHRIESVILLE -- Despite an ongoing snow

storm that dumped as much as eight inches of the fluffy white stuff on southeastern

Pennsylvania, Chester County dairymen gathered here on Thursday night for

their annual DHIA dinner. More than 200 people were in attendance for the event,

which has been held on a snowy night for the past three years now.

The leading herd in the Chester County DHIA

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Cull cow prices rising

By JOANNE SPAHR
LITITZ -- Slaughter cows were selling for as high as \$33 at Lancaster County auctions this week, a price seven to 10 cents higher than the market six weeks ago.

At Thursday's New Holland Auction a few No. 1 to No. 3 utility and commercial cows sold for 34, in

comparison to 24.00 to 26.50 six weeks ago, with a few selling as high at that time as 26.60 to 27.75.

This week No. 1 to No. 2 cutters went for 31.50-33.00, in comparison to 22.10 to 24.50 six weeks ago at the Lancaster Stockyards.

Vintage showed the same upward fluctuation with No. 1 to No. 3 utility and com-

mercial animals selling for 29.75-33.00. Where as six weeks ago they ranged from 25.00 to 28.35 with a few at 28.50 to 29.50. A few canner and low cutters sold for 20.00 to 23.50 on November 29. Where as on Tuesday of this week at Vintage that same type animal went for as high as 33.75.

This seven to 10 cent

spread in price over the past week has dairy farmers smiling and small butcher shops worrying.

"If the prices are this high, now, when they are culling their herds, I'm concerned where they are going to get cows in the Spring," states Krall Hostetter, owner of

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Notice

The heavy accumulation of snow which descended on Pennsylvania since Thursday afternoon brought with it a list of cancellations and postponements.

The snow storm has left us without several market reports due to businesses not being able to open or being short staffed.

We may incur a later than normal press time due to the weather and some deliveries may therefore also be late.