

## Blizzard Paralyzes State

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On Feb. 15, with the strike resolved, ADC began shipping again to Beatrice.

However, the amount of loss suffered because of blizzard-caused milk dumping is not yet known. England said it may be known and will probably be discussed at the April 14 meeting of the cooperative's board of directors at the Mt. Holly plant in Carlisle.

The blizzard did highlight the effectiveness of a decision made several years ago when ADC went to all contract milk hauling in an overhead-reduction move. "We were real pleased with how the haulers did overall," England said.

In Lebanon County, Kenneth Winebark, extension agent, said he tried to drive to Grantville, and what normally is a maximum 40-minute drive took him four hours. He said he continually had to retrace his tracks when a road ended up being blocked shut.

However, he and a part-time farming neighbor, local attorney Ken Sandoe, spent most of Mon-

day using Sandoe's tractors with front end loaders to dig themselves out and to dig out neighboring farmers who needed to have a milk truck get in.

The snow also brought out a number of sleighs, since roads were covered with up to several inches of hard packed snow even on Tuesday.

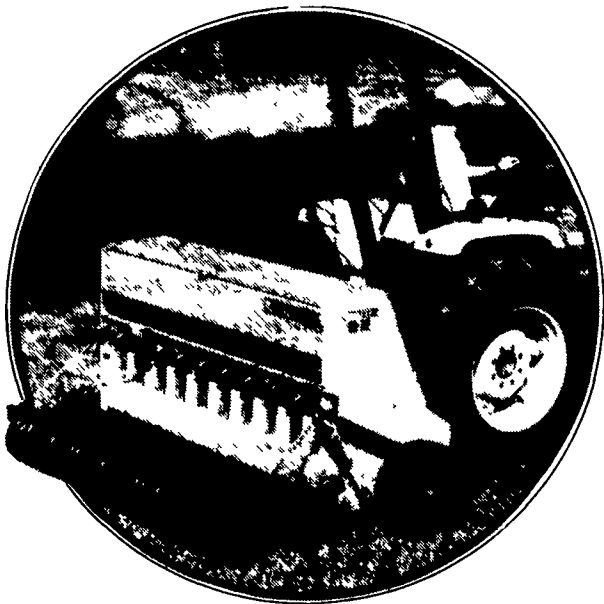
Winebark said most of the dairymen he talked to in the Lebanon Valley managed to get their milk shipped out and didn't have to dump.

Winebark said a number dairy farmers, such as Nelson Troutman, not only plowed out their own lanes, but used their own equipment to clear township roads so milk trucks could get to the farm. Township crews were busy trying to keep main arteries open.

He said, the ground is already saturated and not frozen deeply. "It's going to be a while before people get into the fields. Things are going to be delayed, but if you get a turnaround in weather, two weeks' time can make a lot of difference."

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