

Farmers In The Northeast Suffer

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Cumberland County

Sue Beshore, New Cumberland, in Cumberland County, said they didn't have rural mail for a few days, but all in all, they have been very fortunate. The most trouble came not on the farm but with frozen fuel lines on the dairy's milk trucks. That caused farm milk pick-ups to be late. But the Beshores lost no milk.

"The winter weather is hard on people and animals, but both have been coping well, Sue said. "We have been lucky. We give the calves in the hutches extra energy, but they really are doing well in spite of the cold weather.

"Sometimes it would be nice to just stop and relax for a little while. But on the farm you must keep moving to get all the work done, especially with the extra work caused by the weather."

There were other damages reported around the state.

York County

Part of the roof of a beef-heifer fattening operation in York County, Sunday Farm, collapsed under the weight of the snow.

According to June Sunday, who with husband Charles, operates the farm, the weight of the snow caused a portion of the 70-foot barn to fall and 16 animals out of 150 were lost.

As of presstime, she said that the rest are doing well, though the automatic feeding system was also broken and the animals are being fed from a trench.

"We're getting by, but it's not the ideal situation," she said.

Lancaster County

According to John Schwartz,

Lancaster County Extension director, there have been similar incidents in his area.

Schwartz said most poultry facilities have backup power available in the event of a "rolling blackout," of which several have taken place throughout many facilities in the state. The big problem is on the curtain-sided houses, of which frozen air leaks can occur, forcing excessive heat and energy use.

He said he has heard several reports of barns falling down because of the heavy weights caused by snow and ice.

According to reports in the Lancaster morning newspaper, a barn owned by Dave Sweigart in Elizabethtown collapsed Monday night. Sweigart spent two days digging out his 2,600 market hogs. Luckily, only about a dozen were killed.

In the evening newspaper, The New Era, reports indicated that a warehouse roof owned by the A.H. Hoffman Plant Food Company in Landisville collapsed. Also, the shed roof of Abram and Ruby Bollinger's farm, Lititz, collapsed Monday night, killing two Holstein bull calves and injuring several more.

Berks County

On Tuesday night, snow, sleet, and ice collapsed the truss barn of beef farmer Willard Dietrich, in Kempton, Berks County. The steer facility was built in 1978 at a cost of about \$7,000.

Two steers were lost in the event. Willard and his family used a front-end loader to haul out the carcasses and clear away the debris. As of Thursday afternoon, the Dietrichs were awaiting an

appraiser to get an estimate of damage.

There have been reports and indications of similar steer facilities collapsing around the state. Particularly susceptible have been the "lean-to" barns built to provide weather protection in the feedlot. Some aren't sturdy enough to withstand the heavily loads from heavily piled snow and ice.

One of the biggest problems other than collapsing buildings that beef producers have to face is shelter for the animals from the bitter cold and also a constant source of water.

Right now, sheep producers are in the middle of the lambing season.

The subzero temperatures are proving "very, very hard on newborn lambs," especially in outside facilities, according to Joe Vogel, Kempton, Berks County, who is president of the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association.

Those who lamb outside could face a 50- to 60-percent mortality rate right now, according to the producer.

Vogel said he heard of a farm in Greene County where one of the ewes, after it had lambed, suffered with a frozen udder and couldn't

nurse the lambs. "She had to be put under a heat lamp," said Vogel.

The biggest problem sheep producers face is keeping their flocks warm and well-fed.

Adams County

Father west, Ray Grimes, of McKnightstown, in Adams County, is president of the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, and said the biggest problem he's seen in his area is making sure the streams running through pastures are not frozen solid.

Grimes raises Charolais cattle in a 125-brood cow/calf operation. He said he went into his field with a crowbar to beat a hole in the ice of the stream and then enlarge it for his steers.

"Everybody has been having

their problems with this cold weather," he said. "We've been trying to keep them as comfortable as possible."

Grimes said it is important for cattle producers to make sure the cattle are kept comfortable and try to do all they can to stop drafts.

Luckily, unlike last year, the producers aren't at calving season. Last year, during the Bl. zard of '93, calving season was well under way.

Cold has also been a factor there. Temperatures reached 16-below in Adams County early Wednesday morning, according to Grimes.

During this kind of cold weather, according to the beef producer, cattle use up about 25 percent more feed, and roughage needs to be increased.

Big Winter Event

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Livestock Ledger

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