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Presidents' Day Storm: The Blizzard Of '03

Record Second Largest Snowstorm Challenges Producers Across Southeast Pa.



Volunteers quickly assembled to put a new roof on the Glick family's dairy barn, Leola, which houses 49 milking Holsteins. Although the cows were in the barn when the roof caved in Tuesday morning, they escaped relatively unscathed.
Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

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EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — The biggest snowstorm in years had farmers and support businesses scrambling to get the chores done, stave off disaster,

and keep the products moving this week.
In several cases, the storm — the region's second largest on record with snowfalls between 20-30 inches — resulted in more than just a moderate inconvenience.

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The cows, eating at a bunk feeder all day, were none the worse for the wear. The Glicks were hoping to have the barn under cover to milk that evening, with help from the 50-60 volunteers who showed up throughout the day.

Longtime Holstein Breeders Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

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BETHLEHEM (Northampton Co.) — Two veteran Holstein breeders were honored with Hall of Fame recognition at the Pennsylvania Holstein Annual Convention here this week.
Harold Umble, Chester County, and Ray McMillan of Perry County were added to the list of

Pennsylvania breeders who have demonstrated a lifelong enthusiasm and commitment to improving Holstein genetics.
Umble's farm prefix — Glen-Valley became famous in the late 1970s when Glen-Valley Star emerged as the top Holstein sire for type in the U.S.
In the mid 1950s, Umble had purchased a cow from Canada

that was to become the foundation of the Glen-Valley herd. Merrybrook Tiptop Patricia was classified EX-90 and lived for 17 years. Although she only produced three heifer calves, one of them, Peggy, became the forbearer of 12 generations of Very Good and Excellent offspring on

Glen-Valley Farm.
Umble has been active for 50 years as an officer and director in the Chester County Holstein Club, has regularly attended state conventions, and has served as a delegate to the national Holstein conventions.
Umble and his wife, Lena, are

the parents of six children, 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Their son Ken Umble and his family have been managing the dairy farm near Atglen since 1980.
"The best thing about being in
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Industry, Farmer, Scientist Working Together Toward A Sounder Grassland Program

Foraging Around

Pennsylvania Forage and Grazing Council

Pennsylvania Forage And Grazing Conference Set For March 5-6
Irish Brothers, Genetic Researcher On Slate

GRANTVILLE (Huntingdon Co.) — The Pennsylvania Forage and Grazing Council will host its annual conference and presentation on March 5-6 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. The conference is sponsored by the PFGC and will feature a keynote address by Dr. John Ross, a leading expert in the field of forage and grazing. The conference will also include a presentation by Dr. John Ross on the genetic potential of Irish Brothers, a leading sire of Holstein cattle. The conference is open to all interested parties and will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days. Registration is free and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Forage and Grazing Council at (717) 338-1111 or visit their website at www.pfgc.org.

The winter edition of the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council's *Foraging Around* newsletter is included this issue. The section includes a preview of the annual Forage Conference in Grantville March 5-6, reports on dealing with drought, Project Grass update, features, and advertising messages.



New Pennsylvania Holstein Hall of Fame inductees honored at the convention banquet Wednesday evening are, from left, Barbara and Ray McMillan and Lena and Harold Umble. Photo by Dave Lefever