

Like the Warwick beef farm described here, this dairy farm Covered Barnyard project was made possible by the new AEM Tier 4 Implementation Program. This Covered Barnyard will replace two unimproved barnyards – one for the milking herd and one for heifers and young stock. The structure will be designed to hold the cows on one side, with the other side of the structure being a feed bunk. This design allows the farmer to put out feed without driving through the cow holding area, and keeps animal traffic entirely out of the feed placement area. Some of the costs associated with the feed bunk are not eligible to be directly funded, but can be counted toward the farm's required matching contributions to the project costs. The roof structure over the concrete foundation has not been completed yet.



Prepping the covered barnyard site.



Floor and walls poured, waiting for roof structure.



Formwork and steel reinforcement set up for the foundation walls.



Uncovered heifer barnyard will be eliminated.



Concrete walkway to move heifers from primary housing to new covered barnyard.

