

## Farm News from February

Stuck in the snow? I can't even count the number of times, in my car, truck and tractor.

We've had a lot of snow plugging the roads in the past couple of months. Usually you can push it off to the side and the roadway is clear but once you add wind then it doesn't matter where you push it, it all comes back. We've had several "snow days". Those are days when the school buses are cancelled because the roads are bad. The kids used to love them. "No school!" Now it means regardless of your plans, you aren't going anywhere. The graders can't keep up and even they are



getting stuck. The County is now using bulldozers to clear the roads. This photo shows the side of one of our roads.

What do the animals think of this weather? It doesn't really bother them at all. The spots where the bison and cattle eat is sheltered from the wind and the pigs have lots of straw. If they don't like the weather they just go back into their shelters, cozy up and watch movies (eyelid movies).

Some projects take years to finish (like my house) while others take years to get started. This past month I've been spending my early mornings and late evenings in the workshop building my new pig trailer which has been on the wish list for at least 15 years. The trailer is used to catch pigs in the field. I've probably spent 80 hours building it. It may be used 8 hours per year



but will be a great improvement over the old one (which is on the left).

Want to get close to a bison? It may be scary but winter feeding bales to bison is the best way. Cutting the strings of those big round bales takes time. Sometimes the bison start to eat on one side while you're cutting on the other, not noticing each other until.... you're face to face, a meter apart. "Can you pet them?" " Nope!" Jerry

