

Texas dairy farm explosion kills 18,000 cows

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April 14, 2023: Dimmit, Texas: In a blast at the South Fork Dairy Farm, in the town of Dimmit, in Castro county, Texas, about 18,000 cows were killed. The Texas Association of Dairymen ranks Texas fourth nationally in milk production. Castro County has the second largest share of milk production in Texas. The price of a dairy cow is estimated at \$1300. the disaster is showing to be a loss of livestock of \$23 million.



Castro County Sheriff's Office received a report of a fire at the farm at about 19:21 on Monday. When police and emergency personnel arrived at the scene, they found one person was trapped in the fire. He was rescued and was flown to a nearby hospital in critical condition.

Sal Rivera, the Sheriff, said that most of the cattle had been lost after the blaze spread to an area in which cows were held before being taken to a milking area and then into a holding pen. He said that investigators believed the fire might have started with a machine, which sucks the manure and water out by using vacuum. This machine might have ignited methane gas.

Mandy Gfeller , the County Judge, commended Sal Rivera, the Sheriff of Castro County for his hard work during Monday's fire. The Judge also thanked the neighboring counties that sent aid to Castro County for extinguishing the fire.

On 12th April, 2023, the Animal Welfare Institute at Amarillo, Texas, urged for more fire prevention measures in large scale agriculture operations.

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