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Investigating a fish kill

Last we knew: Manure runoff had likely killed fish in Jersey Valley Lake in Vernon County, according to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Supervisor Dave Vetrano. Officials were waiting to find out how bad the fish kill is and also were concerned about Sidie Hollow Lake and Rung Hollow Lake.

What's new: Vetrano said Monday that Sidie Hollow Lake will be "fine," but Rung Hollow Lake is "iffy." DNR biologists found very little oxygen in parts of Rung Hollow Lake but did find a band of water about 11 feet down with enough oxygen for fish to survive.

What's next: Vetrano said local anglers planned to bore holes in Jersey Valley Lake's ice Monday night to assess damage. "I think it looks bad," he said. DNR officials will continue to monitor the lakes and streams, and more will be known after the ice melts.