

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 3-9, 1973

It's a kind of grin and bear it week.

Get Christmas cards ready... Prohibition ended in U.S. Dec. 5, 1933... Full cold moon Dec. 9... Partial Eclipse of the Moon Dec. 9. The umbral phase will be visible beginning at 8:10 PM EST... Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 19 minutes... Year's earliest sunsets Dec. 8-9... If this week be mild, winter will remain a child... CIO-AFL merged Dec. 5, 1955... Matrimony is the only game of chance that the clergy favor.



Ask the Old Farmer: I recently found three elongated sandbags in an attic. They're about 2½ feet long, and two inches in diameter. The inner casing is of stout white cloth, the outer is of bright blue upholstery cloth. What are they?

E.L.B., Buffalo
In our parts they used to call them "draft-stops." They were placed along a window on the sill to keep the winter breezes out. Some of them were pretty fancy, and I can remember our elders getting after us kids for using them in pillow fights.

Home Hints: Before using old clothes for cleaning rags, remove zippers and buttons for future use... Ice cube trays won't stick in the freezer if you put waxed paper under them.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Light rain to start, then turning cold; cold with intermittent snow latter part.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Light rain at first then partial clearing and cold; end of week cold with 3-5" snow.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins mild with light rain, then cold with snow; 2-4" snow latter part.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Showers to start, then partial clearing and cold; some rain end of week and maybe snow.

Florida: Week begins partly sunny and mild, then showers in west and light rain in south; end of week cool with showers in north, light rain in south and sunny and mild in central region.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Rain at first changing to snow, 10" in west, then very cold; 2-4" snow latter part.

Greater Ohio Valley: Week begins cloudy with temperatures dropping, then snow, 2-4" in west and 1-3" in east; end of week very cold with 2-4" snow.

Deep South: Rain and cold to start, then snow in northern sections, cloudy and cold latter part, then rain.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: First part of week very cold with light snow; end of week cloudy and cold with 2-4" snow.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Snow at first, 3-5" in east, then partly clear and very cold; fair latter part except snow in east on weekend.

Central Great Plains: Most of week very cold with intermittent light snow; 2-4" snow changing to rain in central and north on weekend.

Oklahoma: Week begins cloudy and very cold, then heavy rain along Gulf and flurries in north; light snow in north and light rain elsewhere latter part.

Rocky Mountain Region: Mostly clear and cold to start with light snow in north, then warming; end of week mostly clear and warmer with 4-6" snow in central.

Southwest Desert: Week begins clear and cool with possible frost, then rain; end of week partly cloudy and mild with highs in 60s.

Pacific Northwest: First part of week partly clear and unseasonably cold; end of week rainy and slightly warmer.

California: Increasing cloudiness at first, then rain; rain continues to end of week with heavy snow in northern mountains.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary 18 Livestock Markets Week Ending November 23

CATTLE 3058, compared with 6568 head last week, and 4160 head a year ago. Compared with last weeks market, slaughter steers strong to 25 cents, spots 75 cents higher. Slaughter cows strong to mostly \$1 higher. Slaughter bullocks and bulls unevenly steady.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime (few) 41.35 - 42.75; Choice 41.00 - 43.50; Good 39.75 - 41.75; Standard 38.00 - 39.75; Utility 35.35 - 38.00.

HEIFERS: Choice (few) 39.90 - 41.25; Good 37.50 - 40.50; Standard (few) 36.50 - 38.50.

COWS: Utility and High

Dressing Cutter 32.35 - 34.50; Cutters 30.60 - 33.00; Canners 28.00 - 30.60; Shells down to 20.50.
BULLOCKS: Choice (few) 44.00 - 44.50; Good 40.85 - 43.50; Standard 38.50 - 41.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 950 - 1200 pounds 39.00 - 42.00; yield grade 1-2 1200 - 1700 39.75 - 42.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Choice 300 - 550 pounds 51.00 - 58.25; Good 300 - 650 43.00 - 50.00; Medium 350 - 700 36.00 - 40.50; Good and Choice 300 - 550 feeder heifers 40.00 - 49.50.

Calves 2750, compared with 4545 head last week and 3773 head a year ago. Vealers grading Standard through Prime mostly 50 - \$1 lower; Utility \$2 - \$3 lower.

VEALERS: Prime 74.50 - 79.00; Choice 64.50 - 69.75; Good 58.50 - 65.00; Standard 49.50 - 56.75; Utility 90 - 120 pounds 38.00 - 45.00; 70 - 85 32.00 - 38.00. Farm Calves moderately active, Holstein bulls 85 - 120 pounds 47.00 - 62.00; Holstein heifers 85 - 140 50.00 - 65.00.

Hogs 5213, compared with 6091 head last week, and 5498 head a year ago. Barrows and Gilts mostly 25 - 50 cents lower, spots to \$1 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS: U.S. 1-2 200 - 240 pounds 43.50 - 44.00; 1-3 200 - 250 42.50 - 43.25; 2-3 200 - 260 41.75 - 42.75; 2-4 120 - 190 38.00 - 41.50.

SOWS: U.S. 1-3 300 - 575 pounds 37.85 - 40.45; 2-3 300 - 600 35.85 - 38.00. Boars 30.50 - 37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1043, compared with 1297 head last week, and 1166 head a year ago. U.S. 1-3 20 - 35 pound feeder pigs 15.00 - 27.00 per head; 1-3 35 - 50 20.00 - 35.00; 1-3 50 - 100 30.00 - 40.00; Utility 10 - 50 10.00 - 29.00 per head.

Sheep 727, compared with 1190 head last week and 516 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs \$1 - \$2 lower.

Choice 70 - 110 pounds 30.50 - 32.50, few to 34.00; Good 65 - 100 27.00 - 30.50; Utility 50 - 80 20.00 - 27.00. Slaughter ewes 8.00 - 19.00.

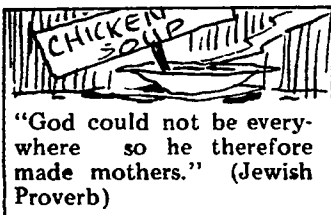
Robert Leaman Attends Seminar

Robert Leaman of Akron has completed a special three-day sales training seminar offered by American Cyanamid Company at their Agricultural Division headquarters in Princeton, New Jersey.

Leaman, selected for the school by his firm, New Holland Supply Company, and Cyanamid received instruction in effective listening, selling skills, territory management, business math and other subjects that will help him better serve his customers.

The seminar concluded with a tour of Cyanamid's Research and Development facilities. Cyanamid is a leading manufacturer of animal health products used in the production of livestock and poultry.

Leaman represents New Holland Supply Company in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Central Maryland.



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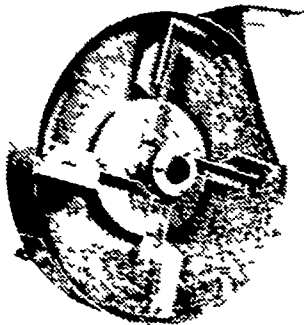
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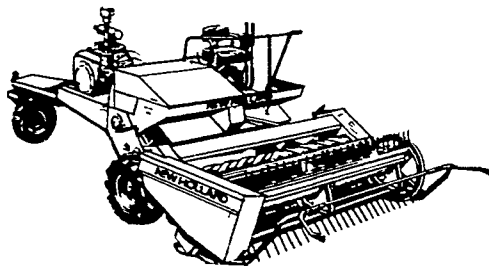
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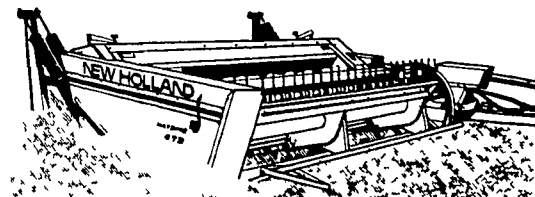
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