

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 17-23, 1973

Goodbye to fall.

Do last minute Christmas shopping this week . . . General Patton died Dec. 21, 1945 . . . Winter begins Dec. 21 at 7:08 PM . . . Wright Brothers fly at Kitty Hawk Dec. 17, 1903 . . . Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 5 minutes (Shortest days of the year Dec. 22-24) . . . USS Pueblo seized Dec. 23, 1968 . . . "Branding" horse thieves started in 1792 . . . Tojo hanged Dec. 23, 1948 . . . Belong not just to the hearth of your home, but the heart of your town.



Ask the Old Farmer: I was checking through my family genealogy and among the items listed in the inventory attached to an old mill (1841) were the following: 2 "Trammels" (listed with kitchen items), and 1 "Brockle-faced" Kaow (cow). Ever hear tell of these? D.B., Woodstock, Ill.

A "Trammel" is a pot hook used in a fireplace and so rigged that it could be lengthened or shortened. "Brock" or "brockle-faced" merely means that the critter has a white splash up and down its face.

Home Hints: Pipe cleaners are handy to string matching buttons that you put in your sewing basket. Bend the ends together . . . Cigarette lighter fluid or nail polish remover is the best for removing bumper stickers.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Cloudy and rain to start, then 8-10" snow in mountains and 2-4" at lower elevations; cold with flurries latter part.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Rain and mild at first, then cloudy and colder; end of week cold with intermittent snow flurries.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Milder temperatures to start, then moderately heavy rain; end of week cloudy and cold with flurries.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Quite heavy rain in east, showers along coast to start, then turning cold; mostly clear and cool latter part.

Florida: Rain, heavy in south, at first and cool, then sunny in south and rain in central region; cool with light rain latter part.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Week begins rainy and mild, then rain changing to snow and colder; 8-10" snow in west and flurries in east latter part.

Greater Ohio Valley: Rain at first, then rain changing to light snow and very cold; cold with light snow latter part.

Deep South: Week begins with rain along Gulf and in east, then mostly sunny and turning cold; end of week clear and cold with light snow in north.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Temperatures becoming cold to start, then light snow in west and rain changing to snow in east; snow continues latter part, then partial clearing on weekend.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Snow at first, 3-5" in east and 1-3" in west, then very cold; partial clearing and milder latter part.

Central Great Plains: Week begins partly cloudy with flurries, then cold with light snow; partial clearing and much warmer on weekend.

Texas-Oklahoma: Increasingly cloudy and very cold to start, then showers in central section; end of week clearing and very cool.

Rocky Mountain Region: Light snow in central and north at first, then clearing with clouds and flurries in east; end of week clear and mild.

Southwest Desert: Most of week clear and increasingly warm with highs approaching upper 70s; cloudy, cool and rain on weekend.

Pacific Northwest: Rain and slight warming to midweek, then generally clear and cool; end of week partly sunny and cooler, then showers.

California: Week begins clear and very warm in south and light rain in north, then clearing; end of week cloudier and cool with showers in north.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary

19 Livestock Markets
Week Ending December 7

CATTLE 5611. Compared with 4942 head last week, and 6103 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers 50c to \$1.25 lower. Slaughter cows steady to \$1 lower. Slaughter bullocks uneven. Slaughter bulls mostly 50c to \$1 lower.

STEERS: High Choice & Prime 39.00-42.00, Choice 39.35-43.00,

Good 37.85-41.50, Standard 36.75-39.50, Utility 34.00-37.00.

HEIFERS: Few Choice 38.75-41.85, few Good 36.60-39.00, few Standard 36.75-38.75, few Utility 34.25-36.90.

COWS: Utility & High Dressing Cutter 32.50-36.50, Cutters 30.50-33.80, Cannors 28.00-31.75, Shells down to 23.00.

BULLOCKS: Choice 42.60-45.35, Good 41.00-43.85, Standard 39.00-42.00, Utility 37.00-38.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 900-

1250 pounds 37.40-39.10, 1200-2000 40.00-45.10.

FEEDER CATTLE: Choice 300-500 pounds feeder steers 50.00-55.00, Good 300-700 30.00-50.00, Medium 300-900 36.00-40.85, Choice 300-450 feeder heifers 48.00-55.00, Good 300-600 40.00-49.00, Medium 300-600 35.00-38.10

CALVES 4208. Compared with 4090 head last week, and 4598 head a year ago. Vealers uneven, about steady.

VEALERS: Prime 73.50-86.00, Choice 68.00-73.50, Good 60.00-70.00, Standard 52.00-62.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 39.00-48.00, 70-85 30.00-40.50. Farm calves, holstein bulls 80-120 42.00-71.00; holstein heifers 80-140 45.00-76.00.

HOGS 6422. Compared with 5554 head last week, and 7371 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts: 50 cents to \$1.50 lower.

BARROWS & GILTS: US 1-2 205-240 pounds 42.00-43.00, 1-3 200-235 40.00-42.25, 2-3 190-250 39.00-41.00, 2-4 250-300 37.00-38.75, 2-4 120-185 35.00-40.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-600 pounds 31.00-40.00, 2-3 300-600 30.00-35.00. Boars 28.00-38.50.

FEEDER PIGS 1544. Compared with 942 head last week, and 927 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-35 pounds feeder pigs 10.00-22.50 per head, 1-3 35-50 18.50-29.50, 1-3 50-75 26.50-36.00 per head.

SHEEP 694. Compared with 541 head last week, and 761 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs 50 cents to \$1 higher. Choice 70-100 pounds woolled slaughter lambs 32.75-36.00, few 37.50, Good 60-100 29.00-33.00. Slaughter ewes 10.00-20.50.

New Engineering Facilities for Sperry New Holland

A modern, computerized engineering center is being constructed by Sperry New Holland at the firm's world-wide headquarters in New Holland, Pennsylvania.

Facilities in the 140,000 square foot structure will enable engineers to perform feasibility tests on ideas for new equipment before an actual working model is built.

The center is expected to be completed sometime in 1974 and will replace the firm's present engineering facilities which are more than 20 years old.

H.G. "Mac" McCarty, Sperry New Holland vice-president for engineering, explained that engineering's contribution to product innovation is a key factor in the company's plans for growth. An increased world-wide demand for food, he said, requires further mechanization of agriculture as evidenced by strong demand for farm equipment in recent years.

Companies like Sperry New Holland, McCarty said, must produce more machines that will harvest more crops in less time and with less labor than in the past.

"The farm equipment business is on the move," McCarty said, "and signs are that it will continue to grow for those companies which provide the farmer with better, more efficient, more productive machines through engineering innovation."

Sperry New Holland entered the light industrial equipment field last year with a line of utility loaders and has since expanded this line to include another loader and three trenchers.

"Our new building will allow us to bring engineering expertise and the advantages contained in this facility to bear on development of these new products, also," McCarty said.

The new engineering center will be located on the company's 300 acre complex in New Holland, adjacent to the baler manufacturing plant.

The new center will house development and product design engineering, field and laboratory testing facilities and drafting departments as well as engineering administration and the engineering shop.

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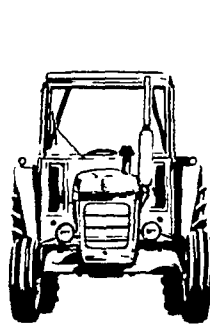
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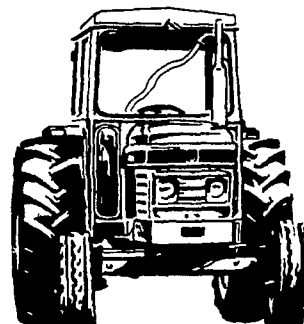
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