

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 24-30, 1973

Merry Christmas to you all.

Be of good cheer, live another year . . . "Silent Night" composed Dec. 24, 1818 . . . New moon Dec. 24 . . . Annular Eclipse of the Sun Dec. 24, visible as a partial eclipse from the eastern two-thirds of the U.S. Maximum phase will occur at 10:09 AM EST . . . Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 5 minutes . . . First U.S. postage stamps used Dec. 30, 1847 . . . Battle of Wounded Knee Creek Dec. 29, 1847 . . . What have you done? The year is gone.



Ask the Old Farmer: Can you tell me anything about the term "funeral chair?" I recently purchased two chairs and found this written on the bottom.

A.K., Batavia, N.Y.
When I was a small boy, there were very few modern conveniences in our section.

Many funerals were held in private homes and certain men in the community had chairs which they would lend for such occasions. They had to be in good, sound condition, with no squeaky joints which might disturb the services.

Home Hints: Use marshmallows as candleholders to keep birthday candle wax off the frosting . . . Moths won't come into your closet if you keep dried orange peel on the shelf.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Week begins partly cloudy and cold along coast with light snow in mountains, then clearing; clear latter part, then rain and snow along coast and 8-10" snow in mountains.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Mostly clear and raw to start, then freezing rain; rain continues to end of week.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Clear and mild at first, then cloudy and colder with light freezing rain; end of week cold and rainy.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Week begins clear and not as cool, then clouding up; rainy and cool latter part.

Florida: Clear with slight warming at first, then light rain in south; end of week mild with scattered showers in central region.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: First part of week partly clear and cold in east and light snow showers in west; light snow changing to rain latter part.

Greater Ohio Valley: Week begins partly sunny and cool, then rain; cold light rain end of week.

Deep South: Sunny with warming trend to start, then rain; rain continuing to end of week.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Partly clear at first, then increasing clouds; heavy rain latter part, then freezing rain.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Week begins partly clear in east, then light snow throughout region continuing to end of week.

Central Great Plains: Clear and mild to start, then rain in east and south and 1-3" snow in west; light rain or freezing rain in east and south latter part, snow in west and north.

Texas-Oklahoma: Rain to start, heavy inland, then very cool; end of week rainy along Gulf and flurries in north.

Rocky Mountain Region: First part of week rainy or rain mixed with snow; end of week unseasonably cold with 3-5" snow in central and east.

Southwest Desert: Week begins generally cloudy and cool, then rain; end of week cloudy, then becoming partially clear and cool.

Pacific Northwest: Cloudy to start, then rain and 26-30" snow in mountains; rain possibly mixed with snow latter part.

California: Heavy rain in north and heavy snow in mountains at first, then mostly cloudy and light rain in north; variable cloudiness all week in south.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary 19 Livestock Markets Week Ending December 14

CATTLE 4961. Compared with 5611 head last week, and 5385 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers uneven, spots \$1 higher to 50 cents lower. Slaughter cows mostly steady to \$1 lower. Slaughter bulls & bullocks unevenly steady.

STEERS: Choice 39.75-42.50, Good 38.75-41.25, Standard 37.00-39.25, few Utility 34.50-37.50.

HEIFERS: Choice 38.00-40.00, Good 36.75-38.50, Standard 35.00-37.50, few Utility 32.00-35.00.

COWS: Utility & High Dressing Cutter 32.25-34.35, few to 36.75, Cutters 30.50-32.75, Canners 28.25-30.75, Shells down to 22.00.

BULLOCKS: Choice 43.00-46.00, Good 41.35-43.50, Standard 39.00-41.00, few Utility 35.00-39.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 950-1200 pounds 38.00-41.00, yield grade 1-2 1200-2000 41.00-43.00, few to 44.85.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good 285-

550 pounds feeder steers 43.00-50.00, Medium 300-700 38.00-45.00; Good 300-450 feeder heifers 40.00-47.00.

CALVES 3903. Compared with 4208 head last week, and 4205 head a year ago. Vealers steady to \$2 higher.

VEALERS: Prime 75 50-80.50 few to 85.00, Choice 70 00-75.50, Good 62.50-70.00, Standard 55.00-60.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 39.00-48.00, 70-85 33.00-40.00. Farm calves Holstein bulls 85-130 46.00-60.00; holstein heifers 85-150 48.00-75.00.

HOGS 5747. Compared with 6422 head last week, and 0 head a year ago - (hog cholera quarantine). Barrows & Gilts 50 cents to \$1.75 higher.

BARROWS & GILTS: US 1-2 200-240 pounds 42.75-43.50, few to 44.00, 1-3 200-250 41.75-42.75, 2-3 200-260 40.50-41.75, 2-4 250-300 37.50-39.50, 2-4 130-190 36.00-39.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-550 pounds 33.75-36.75, 2-3 300-600 29.75-33.75, Boars 26.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS 795. Compared with 1544 head last week, and 0 head a year ago - (hog cholera quarantine). US 1-3 20-35 pounds feeder pigs 12.00-22.00 per head, 1-3 35-50 22.00-33.00, 1-3 50-80 29.00-37.00, Utility 15-40 7.50-15.00 per head.

SHEEP 700. Compared with 694 head last week, and 726 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs \$1 to \$1.50 higher. Choice 70-110 pounds woolled slaughter lambs 34.00-37.50, few to 40.00, Good 60-115 31.00-34.00, few Utility 45-75 24.00-28.00. Slaughter ewes 12.50-19.00, few 5.00-12.00.

USDA Will Survey

Producers' Plans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will have a special planting intentions report in January, with survey questionnaires going to producers in 35 major farm states later this month, USDA's Statistical Reporting Service (SRS) announced recently.

Survey results, for release Jan. 22, 1974 at 3:00 p.m., EDT, will provide state acreage estimates as indicated by producers' plans about Jan. 1 for corn, barley, oats, sorghum, rice, spring wheat, soybeans, cotton, flax, and sugar beets.

This survey will not replace the annual SRS planting intentions report issued in March.

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