

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 7-13, 1974

Some snows may break your plows.

Have all your shoes repaired now . . . Buffalo Bill died Jan. 10, 1917 . . . Full Moon Jan. 8 . . . Ike agreed to run Jan. 7, 1952 . . . Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 16 minutes . . . Richard Nixon born Jan. 9, 1913 . . . First vessel through Panama Canal Jan. 7, 1914 . . . Beware of chimney fires now . . . First shot fired in Civil War Jan. 9, 1861 . . . Arctic Snowy Owls return . . . Cattle need salt now . . . Eat to live, not live to eat.

Old Farmer's Riddle: What has no feet but always wears shoes out? (Answer below.)



more clippers, which came first.

Home Hints: Clean vinyl shoes and handbags with liquid window cleaner. Bulb plants always should be watered from the bottom. Set the plant in a saucer of water. **Riddle answer:** A pavement.

Ask the Old Farmer: Who originated the term "Yankee Clipper" and when was it first used to describe the New England-built sailing ships? K.V., Salem, Mass.

It might be difficult to pin this down, but the term was probably applied to the schooner-rigged privateers of the Revolution to distinguish them from the Balti-

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Begins mostly clear and cold, then heavy rain with 8-10" snow in mountains; partly cloudy latter part, then light snow and cold.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Snow, 2-4", to start, then snow changing to rain; partial clearing and very cold latter part, then light snow on weekend.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain, moderately heavy at first, continuing through most of week; very cold with light snow on weekend.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Moderate to heavy rain to start, then cloudy and cold with light rain; partial clearing end of week, then light rain.

Florida: Week begins rainy, then partial clearing; clear and cool latter part with frost in north, then showers on weekend.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Clear and cold in east and light snow in west at first, then light snow throughout region continuing to end of week.

Greater Ohio Valley: Intermittent freezing rain first part of week, remainder of week very cold with 2-4" snow.

Deep South: Quite cold at first, then mixed rain and snow; end of week clear and becoming much warmer.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Week begins cloudy and seasonably cold, then light snow and colder; end of week snowy and very cold.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Light snow all week in east, other sections clear and mild at first, then cold with 2-4" snow latter part.

Central Great Plains: Light snow in north and west to start (light rain in east), then partial clearing; light snow and colder throughout region latter part.

Texas-Oklahoma: Partly sunny and mild at first, then cloudy and colder, end of week mostly sunny and warmer.

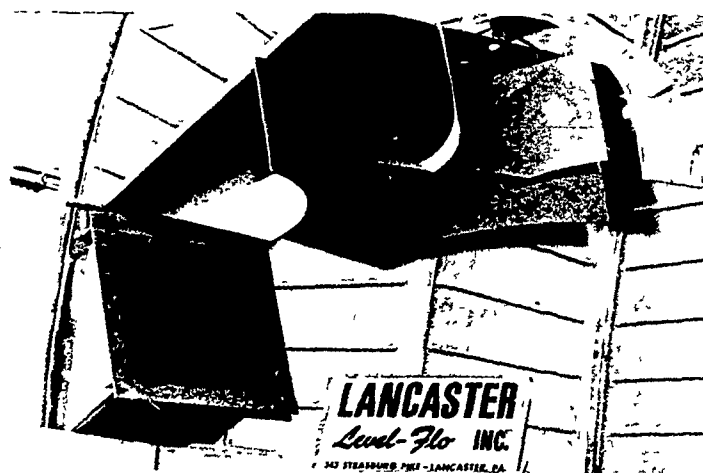
Rocky Mountain Region: Week begins with light snow in central and 4-6" snow in east, then mostly clear; cloudy and colder latter part, then 1-3" snow in north and light rain elsewhere.

Southwest Desert: Cloudy with showers to start, then clearing, increasing clouds followed by rain latter part.

Pacific Northwest: Light rain and mild through midweek; remainder of week mostly sunny and cold.

California: First part of week sunny in south and rainy in north; end of week cloudy and cool in south with rain continuing in north.

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Weekly Summary

15 Livestock Markets

Week Ending December 28

CATTLE 2547. Compared with 4086 head last week, and 4380 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers 50 cents - 1.00 higher. Slaughter cows mostly steady to 1.00-1.50 higher. Bullocks uneven, Good and Choice 25 cents - 1.00 lower, Standard 1.00-2.00 higher. Bulls 25 cents - 1.00 higher.

STEERS. Choice 44.35-45.10, Good 39.00-44.00, Standard 38.60-41.85.

HEIFERS. Few Choice 39.00-40.50, few Good 38.50-40.10, few Utility 36.60-37.25.

COWS: Utility and High Dressing Cutter 34.85-39.60, Cutters 32.90-37.00, Canners 30.00-34.00, Shells down to 26.00

BULLOCKS Choice 43.50-46.50, Good 43.00-44.50, Standard 40.85-44.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1000-1800 pounds 41.00-46.25

CALVES 1982 Compared with 3027 head last week, and 3398 head a year ago. Vealers mostly steady to 4.00 higher

VEALERS: Prime 73.00-85.00, Choice 68.00-80.00, Good 60.00-70.00, Standard 52.00-65.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 39.00-50.00, 70-85 32.00-42.00. Farm calves slow; Holstein bulls 85-120 42.00-70.00. Holstein heifers 85-140 50.00-71.00.

HOGS 3845. Compared with 5291 head last week, and 5457 head a year ago. Barrows and Gilts 1.25-1.50 higher.

BARROWS & GILTS: Few US 1-2 205-230 pounds 44.60-44.85. 1-3 200-240 43.00-44.40, 2-3 195-225 41.60-42.85

SOWS: US 1-3 300-555 pounds 34.00-41.50. Boars 29.00-33.75

FEEDER PIGS 255. Compared with 657 head last week, and 413 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-35 pound feeder pigs 17.00-23.00 per head, 1-3 35-50 22.00-30.50 per head.

SHEEP 175. Compared with 537 head last week, and 686 head a year ago. Wooled slaughter lambs steady to 2.00 higher. Choice 70-100 pounds 36.00-39.50, Good 70-100 31.00-35.00, few Utility 60-80 27.00-32.00. Few slaughter ewes 11.00-25.00.

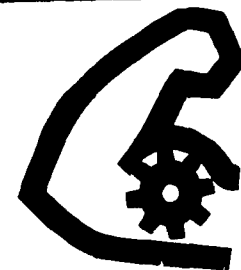
Pork Import Requirements Are Amended

Pork products imported from countries infected with both swine vesicular disease (SVD) and hog cholera will come under a single set of requirements as of December 19, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

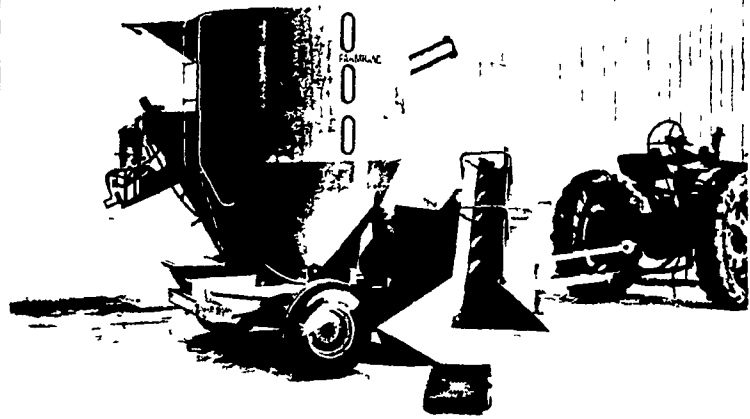
The agency's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said that the measures currently being taken to prevent the introduction of SVD, are sufficient to kill hog cholera viruses.

They will require cured or dried pork and pork products coming from areas infected with both diseases to have all bones removed in the country of origin; be designated as restricted import items, and shipped under seal directly from the U.S. port of entry to an approved processing plant, where they must be heated to an internal temperature of 166 degrees. Previously, cured and dried pork products had to be dried at least 90 days and be shelf stable before they could come into the country.

APHIS officials noted that federal import regulations also cover other destructive livestock diseases, such as foot-and-mouth, rinderpest, and African-swine fever.



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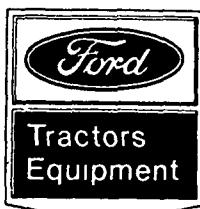
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