

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 28-FEB. 3, 1974

Anything the weather does is better than it was.

Fall timber now . . . First "Lone Ranger" broadcast Jan. 30, 1911 . . . First quarter of the moon Jan. 31 . . . Groundhog Day Feb. 2. (If he sees his shadow there'll be six more weeks of winter) . . . Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 54 minutes . . . U.S. Income Tax became law Feb. 3, 1913 . . . Herring spawning and raccoons mating now . . . If you suspect a man, don't employ him, if you employ a man don't suspect him  
**Old Farmer's Riddle:** What has arms and legs, but no head? (Answer below)



Home Hint: Use oven cleaner to clean the outside of an iron skillet. Lustrous roll more costly if your rolling pin is cold.  
 A chair

**Ask the Old Farmer:** Where does the saying "living high off the hog" come from?  
 J.D., St. Paul, Minn.  
 Credited to Edgar Wilson (Bill) Nye, but probably originated in ancient Rome, where slaves ate pigs' feet and lower legs, but the gentry got their cuts "high on the hog." Means good living.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Mixed rain and snow to start, then just rain by midweek, light snow and very cold latter part.

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Rain and cold at first, then becoming slightly warmer, moderately heavy rain changing to light snow by week's end.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Week begins rainy, then partly clear, moderately heavy rain latter part, then cold with intermittent flurries.

**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Rain first part of week with high temperatures in low 60s, clear and cold end of week.

**Florida:** Week begins clear and very warm, then rain, end of week clear and cool, then becoming warmer.

**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Partly cloudy at first, then rain mixed with snow, light snow latter part with 7-7 in Montreal.

**Greater Ohio Valley:** Mild with light rain to start, then colder with light rain becoming mixed with snow, week ends cloudy and cold with flurries.

**Deep South:** Week begins partly sunny, then rain, generally clear latter part and becoming mild.

**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** Light snow at first, then snow changing to mixed rain and snow, flurries latter part, then clear and mild.

**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Mostly cloudy with light snow to start, light snow or intermittent flurries continuing to end of week.

**Central Great Plains:** Partly cloudy with intermittent light snow at first, 1-3 snow in west and north, week ends clear and very warm.

**Texas-Oklahoma:** Increasing clouds to start, then rain, week ends clear and mild.

**Rocky Mountain Region:** Week begins with showers in east and north and 2-4 snow in central, then clearing throughout, clear and warm latter part, then light rain in north and showers in central.

**Southwest Desert:** Clear and warm first part of week with highs near 80, partly cloudy latter part with highs near 70, then clearing and even warmer.

**Pacific Northwest:** Rain all week, heavy snow in northern mountains by midweek and end of week.

**California:** First part of week sunny and warm, showers in north latter part and cooler with rain in south.

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## Pa. Auction Summary

### Weekly Summary

#### 19 Livestock Markets

#### Week Ending January 18

#### CATTLE 6255. Compared

with 5986 head last week, and 6172 head a year ago.

Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers

uneven, mostly 50 cents higher, with instances on

Choice & Prime \$2 lower.

Slaughter cows 25 cents to

\$1.50 higher. Slaughter

bullocks steady to \$1 lower.

Slaughter bulls 25 cents to 75

cents lower.

**STEERS:** High Choice &

Prime 48.50-49.85, Choice

46.10-50.20, Good 42.50-47.10,

Standard 40.00-44.00, Utility

37.00-41.00.

**HEIFERS:** Choice 42.75-

46.00, Good 40.00-43.50,

Standard 38.00-42.50, few

Utility 36.00-39.25.

**COWS:** Utility & High

Dressing Cutter 33.00-36.25,

Cutter 31.00-34.35, Canner

29.35-33.10, Shells down to

25.00.

**BULLOCKS:** Choice 44.85-

48.35, Good 42.50-46.00,

Standard 39.75-43.60, Utility

36.85-40.85.

**BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2

1000-2000 pounds 41.00-47.00.

Good 300-900 feeder steers

42.25-53.50.

**CALVES 3744.** Compared

with 3805 head last week, and

3720 head a year ago.

Vealers steady to \$3 higher.

**VEALERS:** Prime 76.00-

82.00, Choice 66.00-78.00,

Good 61.00-71.50, Standard

50.00-62.00, Utility 90-120

pounds 40.00-51.00, 70-85

35.00-42.00. Farm calves,

Holstein bulls 85-120 44.00-

69.00; heifers 80-140 47.00-

93.00; beef cross bulls &

heifers 70-110 50.00-70.00.

**HOGS 6574.** Compared

with 6407 head last week, and

5625 head a year ago.

Barrows & Gilts 50 cents to

\$1.50 higher.

**BARROWS & GILTS:** US

1-2 200-240 pounds 44.20-45.00,

1-3 200-245 42.75-43.35, 2-4

190-255 41.25-43.60, 2-4 250-300

39.25-42.00, 2-4 100-185 35.00-

40.60.

**SOWS:** US 1-3 300-550

pounds sows 33.50-40.50, 2-3

300-650 32.00-35.00. Boars

28.00-33.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 1197.**

Compared with 1061 head

last week, and 713 head a

year ago. US 1-3 20-35 pounds

feeder pigs 10.00-25.50 per

head, 1-3 35-50 20.25-34.00, 1-3

50-75 25.00-35.00 per head.

**SHEEP 750.** Compared

with 619 head last week, and

730 head a year ago. Woolled

slaughter lambs uneven,

mostly steady to \$2 higher,

most advance on Good.

Choice 70-100 pounds woolled

slaughter lambs 39.00-43.75,

Good 70-100 33.00-40.50,

Utility & Good 50-75 28.00-

32.50. Slaughter ewes 9.50-

21.50.

## Dec. Milk Receipts

A uniform farm price of

\$8.54 per hundredweight

(46.5 quarts) for December

milk deliveries to pool

handlers under the New

York-New Jersey marketing

order was announced by the

Market Administrator,

Thomas A. Wilson. The

uniform price was \$8.70 in

November and \$6.61 in

December 1972.

The butterfat differential

was set at 8.3 cents for each

tenth of a pound of fat above

or below 3.5 percent.

Receipts from producers

totaled 730,682,230 pounds, a

decrease of 31,390,402

pounds, or 4.1 percent, from

December 1972, the ad-

ministrator reported. Class I

use of producer milk totaled

414,613,156 pounds in

December, a decrease of

10,493,492 pounds from the

same month of the previous

year. Sales of fluid milk

products (Class I) for which

handlers paid \$9.89 per

hundredweight made up 56.7

percent of the pool, compared

with 55.8 percent in

December 1972.

Receipts at bulk tank units

dropped 5,812,282 pounds to

688,635,807, Wilson noted.

Their proportion increased

from 91.1 to 94.2 percent of

the pool. A total of 308,345,161

pounds, or 44.8 percent of

tank receipts was used as

Class II and subject to the

transportation credit which

amounted to \$308,345.21.

The number of tank

producers was up 21 to 18,957

but the total number of

producers in the pool fell by

1,478 to 21,434, Wilson

pointed out. The December

pool used reports from 127

handlers, 12 fewer than in

December 1972. Average

daily deliveries per producer

increased by 27 pounds to

1,100 pounds.

December deliveries had a

gross value of \$63,338,352.46.

This included differentials

required to be paid to dairy

farmers but not voluntary

premiums or deductions

authorized by the farmer.

All prices quoted are for

milk of 3.5 percent butterfat

received within the 201-210

mile zone from New York

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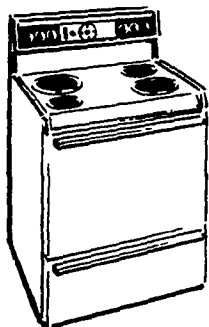


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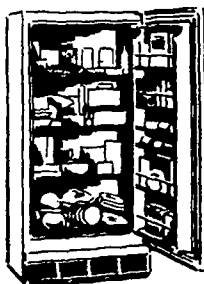
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 little help from us to un-do it.

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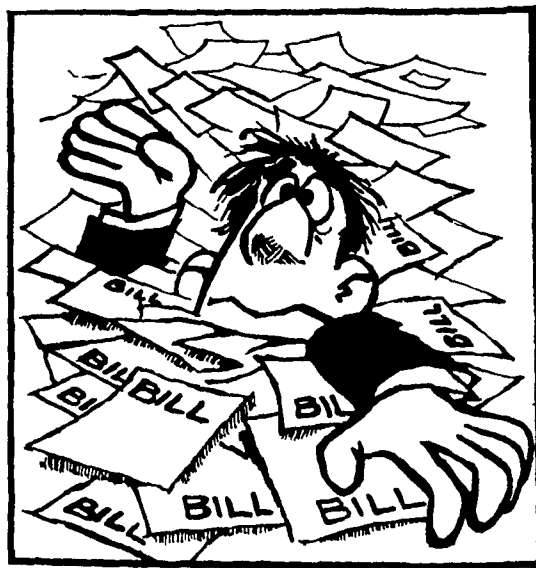
That is, everybody overspends a little at Christmas. Then some of us find that contending with the overspending becomes difficult.

If you know what we mean—from recent experience—here's help: A post-holidays, bill-payer loan from Farmers National.

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