

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

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Beneath winter's snow the sweet turnip continues to grow.

Review your seed catalogs now . . . Tom Thumb marriage Feb. 10, 1862 . . . Full Snow Moon Feb. 6 . . . U.S. Weather Bureau founded Feb. 9, 1870 . . . Average length of days for week, 10 hours, 12 minutes . . . Penthouse blaze, Montgomery, Ala. Feb. 7, 1967 . . . 66 degrees below at Yellowstone Feb. 10, 1933 . . . "Our Town" opened in NYC Feb. 4, 1938 . . . A bad oyster, like marriage, is not known until too late.
Old Farmer's Riddle: What's the difference between here and there? (Answer below.)



Ask the Old Farmer: One William Cole is quoted in 1656 as saying that "if a footman take mugwort and put it into his shoes in the morning, he may go forty miles before noon and not be weary." What is mugwort? G.H., Erie, Pa.

A perennial herb, of Eurasian origin, though some varieties are found in America. It resembles wormwood, but we don't take a darn bit of stock in what Mr. Cole said.
Home Hints: To prevent scum from forming on leftover paint, place a disc of aluminum foil directly on its surface. Two level tablespoons of salad dressing in a cake mix keeps cake moist and not so crumbly.
Riddle answer: The letter "T".

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Mostly cloudy to start, then some rain or flurries; 2-4" snow latter part and very cold.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Intermittent rain at first, then rain occasionally mixed with snow; end of week partly cloudy with showers and very cold.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Intermittent light rain and mild first part of week; end of week partial clearing and much colder.
Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Rain to start, then clearing and warm; rain or scattered showers continuing to end of week.
Florida: Week begins mostly cloudy, then rain; rain continuing to end of week and cool.
Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Snow to start, 2-4" in west and light snow in east; snow continuing to end of week with accumulation of 5-7" in west, 3-5" in east and 1-3" in northeast.
Greater Ohio Valley: Rain or freezing rain at first, then mild rain, end of week mostly sunny and cool in west and light rain and snow in east.
Deep South: Some rain to start, then partly sunny in south and central with rain in north; end of week rainy in south and clear elsewhere.
Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Light snow to start, then clearing except flurries in west and 2-4" snow in east; cold snap latter part, then warmer with light snow.
Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Week begins cloudy in west with light snow in east and 2-4" snow in central, then clear and mild; end of week very cold with 2-4" snow in east, then warmer.
Central Great Plains: Clear and warm in south to start and flurries in north and east, then partly sunny and warm throughout region; end of week mostly sunny in east and south and cold with flurries in west.
Texas-Oklahoma: Generally clear and cool at first, then cloudy and warmer with rain along Gulf; end of week clear and warm in central, clearing and cool along Gulf and partly cloudy and cool in north.
Rocky Mountain Region: Light rain or freezing rain to start, then cloudy; clear and mild latter part.
Southwest Desert: Week begins clear and warm with highs in mid-70s, then partly cloudy; week ends mostly sunny with highs in mid-70s.
Pacific Northwest: Rain all week; temperatures cool at first, then gradually warming.
California: First part of week mostly sunny and warm in north and clear and very warm in south; week ends cloudy with rain in north and cloudy and cooler in south.

Sale Reports

Wenger's Farm Machinery, Inc. Myerstown, Pa. January 28 and 29 Farm and Industrial Equipment

Articles sold included 165 tractors, 55 trucks and trailers, 125 pieces of construction equipment, and hundreds of farm machinery items.

The highest bid was on a Case 2470, \$22,700 to an Indiana dealer.

A 4-wheel drive white Plainsman tractor sold for \$9600.00 to an Iowa dealer.

Two John Deere 4430 tractors went for \$16,700 and \$14,500 to an Iowa dealer.

An Indiana farmer purchased a new Oliver 1855 for \$11,100.00.

All new tractors sold higher than list price. Most tractors went out of state, mostly to Texas.

Attendance: 1150 registered buyers, representing 25 states and Canada. Some states represented included Iowa, Minn., Ind., Colo., Tex., Me., Kan., S. Dakota, Mass., and Conn.

The sale was conducted by Midwest Auction Company of Grand Meadow, Minnesota, managed by Con Clement.

Auctioneers: R. D. McWhirter, Iowa; Con Clement, Minn.; Bruce Sampson, Ohio; John Conolly, N. C.; and Blaine Rensel, Penna. Lloyd Wenger, manager, Wenger's Farm Machinery, Inc.

Raymond Burkholder Sale
 Kutztown, Berks Co.
 January 29

Farm Equipment
 Highest bidding was for an International 656 diesel tractor, p.s., with torque, w-snow plow for same, for \$5600.00.

N.I. No. 325, 2 row, pull type corn husker went to the highest bidder at \$2725.

Household Goods
 Few household items were

Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary
 19 Livestock Markets
 Week Ending January 25

CATTLE 5481. Compared with 6255 head last week, and 5883 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers mostly steady to 50 cents higher. Slaughter cows about steady. Slaughter bullocks 50 cents to \$1 higher. Slaughter bulls 75 cents to \$1.50 lower.

STEERS: High Choice & Prime 48.00-49.85, Choice 46.60-50.00, Good 43.00-46.50, Standard 39.75-44.00, Utility 36.25-41.50.

HEIFERS: Choice 42.50-45.00, few to 48.75, Good 40.00-42.75, Standard 37.80-41.40, Utility 36.00-39.50.

COWS: Utility & High Dressing Cutter 32.75-36.40, Cutters 30.75-34.00, Canners 29.25-32.50, Shells down to 25.00.

BULLOCKS: Choice 45.35-48.25, Good 43.50-46.50, Standard 40.75-44.35, Utility 37.75-41.40.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2

sold, highest bidding received on an enameled kitchen wood stove, \$45.00.

Attendance: 300 plus, with most active bidding on Farm Equipment.

Auctioneers: Ralph W. Zetlemoyer.

Paul G. Shirk Sale
 January 24
 Grade Holstein Dairy Cows

Highest bid for Holstein dairy cows brought \$1,000.00; other Holsteins sold for \$950, \$930, \$875, \$895, \$870, \$760, \$750, \$710, \$670, and \$690.

Farm Machinery
 A MF Super 90 Diesel and Int. 350 Utility brought the highest bidding on farm machinery. These tractors sold for \$2075.00 and \$3525.00.

Other machinery included: John Deere No. 24T Baler with Bale Injector, \$1650.; New Holland 469 Haybine \$2300.00; 540 PTO 2-Row Fox Harvester with Hay Pickup \$1500.00; John Deere 10-ft. Culti-mulcher \$950.00.

Attendance: Large crowd with active bidding on merchandise.

Auctioneers: Frank and Paul Snyder.

Paul Z. Martin
 Sales Barn, Blue Ball
 January 30
 Horse Sale

115 head of draft horses and mules were sold at this sale. Highest bid was on a pair of mules for \$1850. A second pair of mules sold for \$1550.

High bid on single mules was \$825.00, second high on single mules was \$810.00.

Horses sold up to the high bid of \$675.00, for single horses.

Attendance: Very large crowd, with active bidding.
 Auctioneer: Paul Z. Martin.

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 January 30
 Hay Sale

Hay was sold as follows: Alfalfa, up to \$67.00 per ton; Mixed hay, up to \$62.00 per ton; Straw, up to \$46.00 per ton.

One load of corn sold for \$69.00.

Attendance: Large crowd, active bidding.

Auctioneers: Sale managed by Harvey Z. Martin.

100-200 pounds 40.25-45.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good 300-800 pounds feeder steers 45.00-55.50, Medium 300-900 39.75-43.50; Good 300-500 feeder heifers 42.50-48.00.

CALVES 3589. Compared with 3744 head last week and 3658 head a year ago. Vealers steady to weak.

VEALERS: Prime 75.00-82.50, Choice 68.00-76.00, Good 60.00-69.50, Standard 51.00-63.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 40.00-50.00, 70-85 35.00-42.00. Farm calves active, Holstein bulls 85-120 44.00-71.00; Holstein heifers 85-145 46.00-110.00; few beef cross bulls & heifers 70-120 53.00-71.00.

HOGS 6522. Compared with 6754 head last week, and 5980 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts uneven.

BARROWS & GILTS: US

1-2 205-240 pounds 44.60-45.50, 1-3 200-245 42.50-44.75, 2-3 190-240 41.50-43.00, 2-4 250-300 38.00-41.75.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-550 pounds 32.50-39.50, 2-3 300-550 30.00-34.00. Boars 26.50-33.25.

FEEDER PIGS 873. Compared with 1197 head last week, and 595 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-35 pounds feeder pigs 13.50-27.50 per head, 1-3 35-50 18.00-31.00, 1-3 50-75 25.00-40.00 per head.

SHEEP 735. Compared with 750 head last week, and 585 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs strong to \$1 higher. Choice 70-100 pounds woolled slaughter lambs 39.00-45.00, few new crop lambs 50-65 50.00-54.00, Good 70-100 woolled slaughter lambs 34.00-41.00, few Utility 50-75 28.00-30.70. Slaughter ewes 11.00-21.00.



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