



DEC. 2-8, 1974

From lowering skies the wild wind sighs.

This is the month when families come close... Rube Goldberg died Dec. 7, 1970... Third quarter of the moon Dec. 6... Grapes ripe in Bolivia now... Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 15 minutes... National Grange founded Dec. 4, 1867... Mad ox loosed on NYC streets this week in 1862... Gold first deposited in U.S. mint Dec. 8, 1848... Suspicion is no great fault unless you show it.

Old Farmers Riddle: Why is a hat like a king? (Answer below.)

Ask the Old Farmer: Please explain what "long of tooth" means. No one has ever come up with a good explanation yet. Bet you will. G.H., Reading, Pa.



The teeth of certain animals never stop growing and may in time become so long the animal can't eat and will

literally starve. This indicates age.

Home Hint: Your white woodwork can be cleaned easily with baking soda dampened with water and then rubbed on with a soft cloth... Riddle answer: It has a crown.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: First part of week rainy; some clearing and much colder with intermittent light snow latter part.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Rain to start, then turning cold; end of week cloudy and raw with light rain.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins rainy, then becoming quite cold; week ends cloudy and cold with flurries or freezing drizzle.
Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Early week drizzly and becoming very cool; end of week mostly sunny and cool.
Florida: First part of week rainy in north and cloudy in south; end of week pleasant and warm throughout region.
Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Rain to start, then rain changing to 5-7" snow in west; near freezing with light snow latter part.
Greater Ohio Valley: Rain at first, then rain changing to light snow and very cold; snow and very cold latter part.
Deep South: Week begins rainy in north and east, then some clearing and generally cold; end of week partly sunny and cold with rain in central.
Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Heavy rain in west to start, then rain changing to snow and cold; 4-6" snow latter part.
Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Light rain or freezing rain at first, then clear and very cold in west; light snow or sleet at week's end.
Central Great Plains: Week begins partly sunny, then mild in west and light rain or snow in east; end of week fair in west and light rain or snow in east.
Texas-Oklahoma: First part of week mostly sunny and warm in central and south, and light snow changing to rain in north; partly sunny and mild latter part.
Rocky Mountain Region: Occasional flurries or light rain to midweek, then clearing and mild; end of week clear and mild.
Southwest Desert: Cold and frosty at first, then clearing and warming; mostly sunny and warm latter part.
Pacific Northwest: Rain and drizzle all week; some rain mixed with snow in north latter part.
California: Cloudy and cool with light rain all week in north; most of week sunny and very warm in south.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary
19 Livestock Markets
Week Ending
November 22, 1974
CATTLE 6764. Compared with 4900 head last week, and 3227 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers 50 cents to \$1.75 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls \$1.50 to \$2 lower. Slaughter bullocks mostly 50 cents to \$2

lower. **STEERS:** Choice 38.00-42.00, Good 34.00-39.50, Standard 29.50-35.50, Utility 21.50-30.10. **HEIFERS:** Choice 33.10-38.10, Good 27.25-32.75, Standard 24.00-30.00, Utility 20.00-25.00. **COWS:** Utility and High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 18.25-22.50, Cutters 16.75-20.00, Canners 13.50-18.00, Shells down to 10.00. **BULLOCKS:** Choice 32.75-

Holstein heifers 90-120 lbs. 21.00-33.00; Beef cross bulls and heifers 70-130 lbs. 21.00-37.00.

HOGS 6870. Compared with 5485 head last week, and 5244 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts uneven. **BARROWS & GILTS:** US No. 1-3 190-240 lbs. 38.60-41.00, No. 2-3 180-260 lbs. 37.00-40.40, No. 2-4 250-300 lbs. 35.00-39.50, No. 2-4 125-185 lbs. 28.75-39.50.

SOWS: US No. 1-3 280-550 lbs. 29.00-37.00, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 26.00-32.00. **BOARS** 18.00-27.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1852. Compared with 914 head last week, and 1096 head a year ago. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 4.50-16.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 11.00-20.00, No. 1-3 50-100 lbs. 18.00-24.00 per head.

SHEEP 911. Compared with 576 head last week, and 739 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs mostly steady to \$1 higher. Choice 70-120 lbs. 34.00-40.50, few to 45.00, Good 60-100 lbs. 27.00-35.00, Utility 50-85 lbs. 18.00-27.00. Slaughter ewes 4.50-12.00.

Sechrist Livestock Auction

Stewartstown
Monday, November 25
STEERS: High Choice and Prime 40-41.24; Good Choice 38-39.50; Good 36.75-37.50; Standard Good 32-35; Holsteins Good 30-31.75; Standard to Good 25-29; **HEIFERS:** High Choice and Prime 38-39.25; Good to Choice 38-37.50; Good 32-34.50; Standard Good 30-31.50; Holsteins Good 25-27; Standard Good 18-23; **FEEDER STEERS:** Standard Good 28-29.50; Utility 22-25; **BULLS:** Good and Choice Commercial 30-32.75; Standard to Good 25-27; Utility to Standard 22-24. **COWS:** High Yearling Commercial 19-20.75; Cutters 18-18.75; Canners Low Cutters 15-17; Shells 8-14.

CALVES: Choice and Prime 65-72; Good and Choice 60-64; Standard and Good 45-50; Utility to Good 110-140 lbs. 40-44; Utility 90-110 lbs. 32-38; Culls 15-25; **HOGS:** U.S. No. 1 and 2, 190-220 lbs. 39.50-39.75; U.S. No. 1 and 3, 190-230 lbs. 38.75-39.25; U.S. No. 1 and 3, 180-250 lbs. 36.75-50.

SOWS: 250-375 lbs. 32-34; 400-500 lbs. 25-31.75; **BOARS:** 300-500 lbs. 22-24; **SHEEP:** Lambs-Good to Choice 30-34; Medium and Good 22-28; Ewes 6-14. Private Treaty Fat Hogs, Select No. 1 and 2, 190-215 lbs. 39.50-40; Private Treaty Fat Hogs, No. 1 and 2, 190-220 lbs. 39-39.25; Private Treaty Fat Hogs, No. 1 and 3, 190-220 lbs. 38.50-38.75.

CALVES 4321. Compared with 3199 head last week, and 2947 head a year ago. **Vealers** \$1 to \$2 lower. **VEALERS:** Few Prime 67.00-77.00, few Choice 49.00-63.00, Good 38.00-52.00, Standard 28.00-40.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 20.00-31.50, 70-85 lbs. 16.00-21.50. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 22.00-35.00,

Berks Co. Extension To Hear Dr. Beattie

Dr. James M. Beattie will address the annual meeting of the Berks County Extension Association on Thursday evening, December 5, at the Virginville Grange Hall. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Beattie is dean of Penn State's College of Agriculture, and he'll talk about the new awareness of agriculture. Dr. Beattie's talk will be followed by a multiple screen and sound presentation entitled "Miracle on the Lands," by Wayne Marz. For reservations at the banquet meeting, interested persons can contact the county extension office or one of the extension association directors.



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