



DEC. 9-15, 1974

Mild and damp while shopping for gramp.

These long nights give you time to put the family photo album in order... Damon Runyon died Dec. 10, 1946... New moon Dec. 13... Hanukkah Dec. 9... Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 7 minutes... Partial eclipse of the sun Dec. 13, visible over entire continental U.S. Begins at 9:03 AM, EST and ends at 1:23 PM, EST. The maximum phase occurs at 11:13 AM, EST when 82.7% of the sun's disk will be covered by the moon... Catch the bear before you sell its skin.

Old Farmer's Riddle: When is a business letter sharp? (Answer below.)



the caramel by that name. You have to be patient when eating it.
Home Hints: Keep a piece of sandpaper handy in a kitchen drawer for removing screw-on lids from glass jars and bottles.
Riddle answer: When it is filed.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Light snow to start, then warmer and clear; heavy rain latter part.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Light rain and cold at first, then sunny and mild; moderately heavy rain and mild at end of week.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Showers to start, then clearing and warmer; end of week mostly sunny and mild, then heavy rain by weekend.
Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Week begins clear and nice, then clouding up; week ends stormy with very heavy rain along coast.
Florida: Early week nice in north and cloudy with scattered showers in south; rain latter part.
Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Snow, 1-3, to start, then clearing and warmer, rain, heavy in east, at week's end.
Greater Ohio Valley: Week begins cloudy and cold with light snow, then clearing and turning warm, end of week warm with light rain.
Deep South: Sunny and warm at first, then rain, continued rain latter part and some tornadoes.
Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Warm and cloudy to start, then moderately heavy rain, end of week rainy and mild.
Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Early week snowy in west and rain or sleet in east with possible blizzard in central, snow or freezing rain latter part in east, clearing by weekend in west.
Central Great Plains: Clear and mild to start, then rain, end of week partly cloudy in east and light snow in west.
Texas-Oklahoma: Heavy rain along Gulf last part of week, and numerous tornadoes in central and north, end of week mostly sunny with a few showers.
Rocky Mountain Region: First part of week cold with 2-4 snow in central and light snow in north, end of week partly sunny in north and still snowing in central.
Southwest Desert: Early week generally clear and turning cool, end of week stormy, windy and cold with light rain.
Pacific Northwest: Rain all week and cold, rain mixed with snow latter part in mountains.
California: Cloudy to start, then intermittent rain in north, showers latter part with heavy snow in mountains.

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Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Penna. December 4, 1974

CATTLE 284. Supply included 104 head feeder cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers unevenly steady. Slaughter cows strong to \$2 higher. Few Choice slaughter steers 40.00-42.25, Good 34.75-40.00, Standard 28.00-35.10, Utility 22.75-27.75. Few Choice slaughter heifers 34.85-38.00, few Good 28.00-32.25, few Standard 23.35-24.25. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 21.75-23.50, few Utility & Commercial 24.10-25.35, Cutters 20.00-22.35, Canners 18.25-20.00, Shells down to 14.85. One Choice slaughter bullock at 35.75, few Good 28.75-32.85, few Standard 24.10-29.75. Individual 1875 lbs. slaughter bull at 27.25; 985 and 1195 lbs. individual's 20.00 and 24.00. Good & Choice 320-570 lbs. feeder steers 25.75-30.25, Good 300-800 lbs. 22.00-26.25, Medium 300-850 lbs. 20.00-22.00; Good 320-660 lbs. feeder heifers 22.50-23.50, Medium 200-650 lbs. 18.00-22.50; Good 400-800 lbs. feeder bulls 22.00-25.00, few Medium 330-400 lbs. 18.50-21.50.

CALVES 145. Vealers grading Utility & Standard \$2 to \$5, spots \$10 higher. Few Choice vealers 50.00-56.50, Good 44.00-55.00, Standard 30.00-41.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 28.00-32.00, 70-85 lbs. 20.00-23.50. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 24.00-32.00; holstein heifers 90-120 lbs. 25.00-27.50; beef cross bulls & heifers 80-110 lbs. 25.00-32.00.

HOGS 247. Barrows & Gilts 50 cents to \$1 lower. 1-3 190-

Pa. Auction Summary

November 29, 1974

CATTLE 3845. Compared 6764 head last week, and 4942 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers steady to 50 cents, spots \$1.50 higher. Slaughter heifers steady to \$1 lower. Slaughter cows steady to \$1.25 higher. Slaughter bulls steady to weak.

STEERS: Choice 39.50-42.00, Good 34.50-39.50, Standard 29.50-34.50, Utility 25.00-30.00.

HEIFERS: Few Choice 32.00-39.00, Good 27.25-32.00, Standard 25.00-27.50, Utility 21.75-26.00.

COWS: Utility & High Dressing Cutter 19.50-21.50, Cutters 18.00-20.00, Canners 15.50-18.00, Shells down to 12.00.

BULLOCKS: Few Choice 32.50-36.25, FEW Standard 24.00-29.00, few Utility 20.50-25.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1000-2000 lbs. 24.75-27.85; Yield Grade No. 2 900-1500 lbs. 22.50-26.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good 250-750 lbs. feeder steers 24.00-29.50, few to 33.00, Medium 250-700 lbs. 15.00-22.00, Good 250-650 lbs. feeder heifers 21.00-26.50, Medium 200-650 lbs. 15.00-23.50.

CALVES 2807. Compared with 4321 head last week, and 4090 head a year ago.

235 lbs. barrows & gilts 40.75-41.35, one at 41.75, No. 2-3 190-255 lbs. 39.85-40.75, No. 2-4 250-310 lbs. 36.00-39.50, 2-4 110-180 lbs. 32.50-39.10. 1-3 290-475 lbs. sows 32.00-35.00, 2-3 375-740 lbs. 31.50-32.75. Boars 20.00-25.00, individual's 26.50 and 28.25.

FEEDER PIGS 152. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 10.00-20.50 per head, one lot No. 1-3 40 lbs. 23.50, Utility 20-45 lbs. 5.00-18.00 per head.

Vealers uneven, spots \$2 higher to \$3 lower.

VEALERS: Few Prime 61.00-76.00, Choice 53.00-59.00, Good 40.00-50.00, Standard 30.00-40.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 19.00-26.00, 70-85 lbs. 15.00-20.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 80-125 lbs. 21.00-31.00; holstein heifers 90-120 lbs. 18.00-28.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-130 lbs. 20.00-32.00.

HOGS 3447. Compared with 6870 head last week, and 5554 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts strong to 50 cents, spots \$2 higher.

BARROWS & GILTS: Few US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 42.00-43.00, No. 1-3 200-245 lbs. 40.50-41.50, few to 42.00, No. 2-3 190-260 lbs. 40.00-40.75, No. 2-4 250-300 lbs. 33.00-

39.50, No. 2-4 100-175 lbs. 25.50-34.00. **SOWS:** US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. 31.50-36.50, No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 26.00-33.00. Boars 22.00-26.50.

FEEDER PIGS 1415. Compared 1852 head last week, and 942 head a year ago. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 6.50-15.00 per head, No. 1-3 35.50 lbs. 11.00-17.50, No. 1-3 50-100 lbs. 18.00-22.00, few Utility 15-45 lbs. 3.00-8.00 per head.

SHEEP 463. Compared with 911 head last week, and 541 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs steady to strong. Choice 70-110 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 35.00-39.50, Good 60-110 lbs. 27.00-35.00, Utility 40-80 lbs. 20.00-24.50. Slaughter ewes 10.00-14.00.

Sechrist Livestock Auction

December 2, 1974

Cattle: Steers - High Choice and Prime 36.00-38.50; standard to good 34.00-35.75; Holsteins good 30.00-36.00.

Heifers: High Choice and Prime 36.00-38.75; good to choice 34.00-35.00; Holsteins good 23.00-27.50.

Feeder steers: none present

Bulls: Good and choice commercial 30.00-33.75; standard to good 25.00-28.50.

Cows: High yielding commercial 20.00-24.50;

cutters 18.00-21.00 and canners 15.00-18.50.

Calves: Choice and Prime 50.00-60.00 and good and choice 45.00-50.00; utility 28.00-37.50.

Hogs: No. 1 and 2 40.00-41.50; No. 1 and 3 38.50-39.75; sows 230-375 pounds 32.00-37.00; 400-500 pounds 28.00-30.00; Board 20.22.50.

Private treaty hogs 190-215 pounds 41.00-42.00 and private treaty hogs 190-220 pounds 38.00-39.50.

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