



DEC. 16-22, 1974

Pa's feet in the oven he'll now be shovin'.

Winter begins Dec. 22 at 12:57 AM . . . General George Patton died Dec. 21, 1945 . . . First quarter of the moon Dec. 21 . . . Plymouth Rock discovered Dec. 21, 1620 . . . Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 4 minutes (shortest days of the year this week) . . . Battle of the Bulge began Dec. 16, 1944 . . . Boston Tea Party Dec. 16, 1773 . . . Wright Brothers fly at Kitty Hawk Dec. 17, 1903 . . . Fools do more hurt in this world than rascals.

Old Farmer's Riddle: What's the worst weather for rats and mice? (Answer below.)



Ask the Old Farmer: Have you ever heard of a recipe for buttermilk pop? It was a homemade drink, popular long before the advent of bottled soft drinks, and I remember it as being mighty satisfying to the men cutting hay on a hot summer day.

Not sure that this is the same thing, but our folks used to beat up bonyclabber (curdled milk), sweeten it, heave in some cinnamon and chill it.

Home Hint: Sometimes new kettles have an iron taste. To remove this, fill it with water and boil a handful of hay in it. This hay-water can also be used to sweeten tinware . . . Riddle answer: When it's raining cats and dogs.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Rain to start, then partly cloudy; coastal rain and 4-6" snow inland latter part.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Rain most of week; cloudy and cool latter part, but rain again by weekend.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Partly cloudy at first, then occasional rain; cloudy and cool at end of week.
Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Clear and warm to start, then rain; some sun latter part, then more rain.
Florida: Warm and partly sunny with occasional showers all week.
Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Week begins mild with intermittent rain, then heavy rain and snow in north; end of week partly sunny and cool with some showers.
Greater Ohio Valley: Mild at first, then rainy; end of week cloudy and raw with light rain in west and flurries in east.
Deep South: First part of week mild and partly sunny; end of week light rain and much cooler.
Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Partly sunny and cool to start, then rain changing to snow; raw and cloudy latter part.
Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Some sun at first, then light rain possibly mixed with snow; end of week snowy and cold.
Central Great Plains: Week begins cloudy with flurries, then heavy snow in north; end of week fair and cool.
Texas-Oklahoma: First part of week rainy along Gulf and in central with flurries in north; end of week rainy and cool in south and central with scattered showers in north.
Rocky Mountain Region: Snowstorm starts week with 4-6" snow; snow ending latter part, then sunny and mild.
Southwest Desert: Mostly clear and cool first part of week; end of week partly cloudy and cool.
Pacific Northwest: Early week rainy in south and heavy snow in mountains; end of week light rain with sunny intervals.
California: Partly cloudy to start with occasional showers in north and mild in south; clearing and mild latter part.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary
 19 Livestock Markets
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
 Week Ending
 December 6, 1974

CATTLE 4239. Compared with 3645 head last week, and 5611 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers 50 cents to \$1 lower. Slaughter cows \$1.75 to \$2 higher. Slaughter bulls 50 cents to \$2 higher. **STEERS:** Choice slaughter steers 39.00-42.75, Good 34.00-39.00, Standard 29.00-34.00, Utility 24.00-29.00 **HEIFERS:** Few Choice 34.00-38.00, few Good 28.00-35.00, Standard 23.00-28.00. **COWS:** Utility & High Dressing Cutter 21.60-23.80, Cutters 19.85-22.00, Canners 17.25-19.85, Shells down to 13.00. **BULLOCKS:** Choice 35.00-39.00, Good 30.00-35.00, few Standard 25.00-31.00, few Utility 21.00-26.00. Yield grade 1 1000-2000 lbs. 24.00-30.00; yield grade 2 900-1600 lbs. 20.00-27.00. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Good & Choice 320-550 lbs. feeder steers 25.75-30.25, Good 300-800 lbs. 22.00-29.50, Medium 300-850 lbs. 20.00-25.00; Good 300-650 lbs. feeder heifers 22.00-26.50, Medium 200-650 lbs. 18.00-22.50; few Good 400-800 lbs. feeder bulls 22.00-25.00.

few Medium 330-400 lbs. 18.50-21.50. **CALVES 3762.** Compared with 2807 head last week, and 4208 head a year ago. Vealers steady to \$5 higher. **VEALERS:** Few Prime 60.00-75.00, Choice 50.00-61.50, Good 42.00-55.00, Standard 30.00-45.00. Utility 90-120 lbs. 21.00-32.00, 70-85 lbs. 15.00-24.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 24.00-35.00; few beef cross bulls & heifers 70-130 lbs. 25.00-32.00.

HOGS 5183. Compared with 3447 head last week, and 6422 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts uneven. **BARROWS & GILTS:** Few US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 41.60-42.85, No. 1-3 190-245 lbs. 40.30-42.00, No. 2-3 185-255

lbs. 39.00-41.10, No. 2-4 110-185 lbs. 30.00-38.75. **SOWS:** US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. 32.00-36.00, No. 2-3 300-700 lbs. 27.50-33.00. Boars 19.50-27.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1149. Compared with 1415 head last week, and 1544 head a year ago. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 5.00-18.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 11.00-20.00 No. 1-3 50-100 lbs. 19.00-25.00 per head.

SHEEP 541. Compared with 463 head last week, and 694 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs mostly \$1 to \$3 higher. Choice 70-110 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 34.00-43.00, Good 60-100 lbs. 30.00-36.25, Utility 40-80 lbs. 21.50-28.50. Slaughter ewes 5.00-12.50.

Chambersburg Auction

Chambersburg, Pa.
 December 5, 1974

CATTLE 289. Compared with last Thursday's market; couple Choice slaughter steers 40.50 and 40.85, few Good 36.00-39.50, few Standard 32.00-38.60. Few Choice slaughter heifers 37.00-38.00, Good 34.00-36.00, Standard 28.75-32.00. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 21.85-24.25, couple 25.50, Cutters 20.60-22.25, Canners 18.85-21.00 Shells down to 16.00. Few Yield Grade 1 1200-1580 lbs. slaughter bulls 27.50-28.85. Few Good 300-500 lbs. feeder heifers 18.50-23.00.

CALVES 381. Few Prime vealers 60.00-65.00, Choice 48.00-53.00, Good 45.00-50.00, Standard 37.00-45.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 25.50-34.50, 70-85 lbs. 21.00-25.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 27.00-39.00.

HOGS 96. One lot US No. 1-2 210 lbs. barrows & gilts 42.50, few lots No. 1-3 200-220 lbs. 41.25-41.60, few lots No. 2-3 240-260 lbs. 40.35-41.10. US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. sows 35.00-38.25, few No. 2-3 400-500 lbs. 31.50-33.75. Few Boars 24.50-25.00.

FEEDER PIGS 78. US No. 1-3 40-50 lbs. feeder pigs 14.50-16.50 per head, few lots No. 1-3 80-90 lbs. 22.50-24.50 per head.

SHEEP 86. One lot Choice 95 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 39.00, mixed Good & Choice 80-90 lbs. 34.25-36.25, mixed Utility & Good 50-70 lbs. 26.00-28.50. Slaughter ewes 8.00-11.50.

SWEET POTATOES
 Ctn approx 50-lb Porto Rico Type unless otherwise stated.

NJ no grade mark 5.00 Orange Jersey few 5.50-5.75 Yellow Jersey 1/2 bu hmpr Open Face few 3.50-3.75 sml-med 2-2.50 1/2 bu ctn sml-med 2.50.

TURNIPS
 NJ 25-lb film sks White-Topped & washed 2.75.

Philadelphia Produce

Wednesday, December 11
APPLES

Ctn Tray Pack: PENNA US Combination ExFcy & Fcy Red Delicious 88-113s 7-7.25 Romes 72-113s 7.50 no grade mark Red Delicious & Staymans 72-113s fair color 5-5.50.

VA USCombination ExFcy & Fcy Red Delicious 88-113s 7-7.50 125s 6.50-6.75 Staymans 88-113s 7-7.50

WEST VA Red Delicious US Ex Fcy 64-72s 8.50-9.00 88-113s 7.50-8.00.

Ctn Cell Pack: NY McIntosh US Fcy 100-120s few best 7.25-7.50.

NY Red Delicious & Winesaps 5.40.

NEW ENGLAND McIntosh 4.80 Red Delicious 4.80 fair cond 4.20

PENNA Romes 5.40 Red Delicious 4.50-5.00 Staymans 4.80.

VA Red Delicious 4.80-5.40.

CABBAGE
 1 1/4 bu crt & ctn med-lge Domestic Round Type Green unless otherwise stated

LI 3.50; DEL 3-3.25; PENNA fair qual cond 2-2.25. Danish Type: NY mesh sks approx 50-lb med & lge 3.25.

GREENS
 Wirebound crt approx 1 1/2

bu unless otherwise stated. NJ bchd Collard 2.50-3.00 loose including bu bkt

Hanover Salad Turnip Tops Mustard & Kale 2.50-3.00

VA bchd Collard 3.00 fair qual 2.00 loose including bu bkt Hanover Salad Turnip Tops & Mustard 3.00 fair qual 2.00.

LEEKES
 NJ 4-5 bu crt bchd 12s 5.00

MUSHROOMS
 PENNA 4-qt bkt med-lge 2.25-2.50 some best 2.75 sml-med 2-2.25 few 2.35 few 1.85

ONIONS—DRY
 50-lb sks unless otherwise stated

NY Yellow sml-med 1.75-2.00 fair cond 1.50 ctn mesh sks 15-3 lb 3.50 20-2 lb 3.50

PARSLEY
 NJ 1 and 1-9 bu crt 4.00

POTATOES
 50-lb sks US No. 1 Size A wshd unless otherwise stated

Round Whites: LI 2.25-2.40 mostly 2.25-2.35 lge 2.40-2.50 MAINE 2.25-2.40 mostly 2.25-2.35 fair appear 2.00 20-lb sks 95 cents.

PENNA unwshd 1.75-2.00. NJ fair appear 1.80-1.85. Round Reds: NY 3.00.

SQUASH
 NJ 1 and 1-9 bu crt But-ternut 4.50 fair qual 3.50.

Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pennsylvania
 December 11, 1974

CATTLE 254. Supply included 38 head feed cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers about steady. Slaughter cows \$1.50 to \$2 lower. Choice slaughter steers 40.00-42.50, Good 34.00-40.25, Standard 29.25-35.00, Utility 22.00-26.25. Individual Choice slaughter heifer at 39.75, Good 30.00-36.25, Standard 25.50-30.00, few Utility 21.00-23.50. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 19.00-22.00, individual at 22.60, Cutters 17.85-19.50, Canners 16.50-17.85, Shells down to 13.25. Few Standard slaughter bullocks 24.00-27.10, couple Utility 22.00-and 22.35. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1125-1500 lbs. slaughter bulls 24.35-28.00; couple Yield Grade No. 2 1135 and 1160 lbs. 23.35 and 23.75. Lot Choice 490 lbs. feeder steers 27.75, few Good 425-620 lbs. 20.75-28.50, few Medium 390-800 lbs. 22.00-25.00; few Medium 325-585 lbs. feeder heifers 16.50-18.50; Medium 480-600 lbs. feeder bulls 18.50-19.50.

CALVES 128. Vealers mostly \$4 to \$5 lower. Individual Choice vealer at 56.50, Good 38.00-52.00, Standard 25.00-37.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 17.50-25.00, 70-85 lbs. 16.00-18.00, low Utility 100-170 lbs. 10.00-20.00.

HOGS 287. Barrows & Gilts \$1.75 to \$2 higher. US No. 1-3 190-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 42.60-43.10, No. 2-3 190-250 lbs. 41.85-42.50, No. 2-4 190-300 lbs. 36.85-42.25, No. 2-4 150-180 lbs. 38.25-41.85. US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. sows 32.00-37.75, Utility 230-320 lbs. 29.25-33.50. Boars 21.50-28.75.

FEEDER PIGS 117. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 8.50-13.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 15.00-21.50, Utility 15-35 lbs. 6.00-11.00 per head.

SHEEP 5. Few Good & Choice 65-80 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 43.00-45.00.

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