

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 23-29, 1974

Come on mate, let's go for a skate.

Square off those debts of conscience and close the year in peace... Silent Night composed by Mohr, Bavaria Dec. 24, 1818... Full Cold Moon Dec. 28... Great Waves at sea now... Average length of days for week, 9 hours, 5 minutes... Robin Hood died Dec. 24, 1247... Battle of Wounded Knee Creek Dec. 29, 1890... Gas lights installed in White House Dec. 29, 1848... Merry Christmas, and be of good cheer; things will be better next year.

Old Farmer's Riddle: What pipes are never smoked? (Answer below.)



Ask the Old Farmer: Can you give me the name of the liniment, a thick gray solution, used on the legs of cows and horses when they suffer from stiffness caused by damp ground? The old-timers themselves favored this liniment when they had stiff joints. It has a strong medicinal odor. Kendall's Liniment was for horses; Sloan's was used for both horses and humans.

Home Hints: Suet-pans and other tin or granite dishes browned by use, may be cleaned by letting them remain half an hour in boiling soda water, then rubbing with a wire dish cloth or stiff brush. Riddle answer: Raspberries.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Cold with scattered light snow most of week; clearing and considerably warmer by weekend.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Cold with heavy rain to start, then clearing and colder to end of week.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Light rain at first, then becoming quite cold; end of week mostly clear and cold.
Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Early week clearing and very cold; end of week cold and clear, then warmer by weekend.
Florida: Showers to start, then clearing and cold with frost in north, clear and warm by weekend.
Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Snow, 3-5" to start, then partial clearing and very cold; end of week very cold with light snow changing to rain and warmer.
Greater Ohio Valley: Snow and cold all week with 2-4" accumulation in west.
Deep South: Partly cloudy and cold at first, then some snow in north, clear and very cold latter part.
Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Early week snowstorm with 2-5" snow in east and 1-3" snow in west, end of week cloudy and milder.
Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Light snow to start, then very cold, sunshine and warm latter part.
Central Great Plains: First part of week mostly cloudy and cold, end of week sunny and milder.
Texas-Oklahoma: Week begins sunny and cool, then flurries in north and rain to start of week ends sunny and mild in north, still rainy in south, and cloudy in central.
Rocky Mountain Region: Most of week clear and mild; some snow in north by weekend.
Southwest Desert: Most of week sunny and warm with highs in 70s; partly cloudy latter part.
Pacific Northwest: Early week mostly sunny, but some rain; end of week stormy with heavy rain and high winds.
California: Clear and mild to start then cloudy and cooler; latter part rainy and cool in north and cool in south.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary
 19 Livestock Markets
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
 Week Ending
 December 13, 1974

CATTLE 5748. Compared with 4239 head last week, and 4961 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers mostly steady to \$2 lower. Slaughter cows mostly \$1.50 to \$2.25 lower. Slaughter bulls steady to \$2 higher.

STEERS: Few High Choice & Prime 36.25-40.75, Choice 37.50-40.75, Good 34.00-39.00, Standard 28.50-36.50, Utility 22.00-29.00. Heifers: Choice 34.75-39.00,

Good 26.25-36.25, Standard 25.50-30.00, Utility 21.00-28.00. Cows: Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 18.75-23.50, Cutters 17.50-20.50, Cannors 15.00-19.00, Shells down to 12.00. **BULLOCKS:** Choice 34.50-38.75, Good 30.25-35.00, Standard 24.00-30.00, Utility 18.50-26.10. **BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1 1100-2000 lbs. 26.25-31.00; yield grade No. 2 900-1600 lbs. 22.00-26.75. Good 300-800 lbs. feeder steers 21.50-29.50, Medium 250-800 lbs. feeder bulls 22.00-27.50, few Medium 15.00-21.00.

CALVES 4190. Compared

with 3762 head last week, and 3903 head a year ago. Vealers uneven, about steady.

VEALERS: Few Prime 65.00-72.00, Choice 53.00-63.00, Good 39.00-55.50, Standard 30.00-44.50, Utility 90-120 lbs. 21.00-32.00, 70-85 lbs. 15.00-25.00. Farm calves slow. Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 25.00-39.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-120 lbs. 24.00-32.00.

HOGS 7665. Compared with 5183 head last week, and 5757 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts fully 50 cents higher.

BARROWS & GILTS: US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. 42.00-43.00, No. 1-3 190-240 lbs.

40.90-42.60, No. 2-3 185-255 lbs. 39.75-41.50, No. 2-4 240-300 lbs. 35.00-40.00, No. 2-4 110-185 lbs. 32.50-39.00.

SOWS: US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. 31.00-37.00, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 27.00-31.50. Boars 19.50-25.50.

FEEDER PIGS 1611. Compared with 1149 head last week, and 795 head a year ago. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 6.00-16.00 per head, No. 1-3 35.50 lbs. 12.00-23.50, No. 1-3 50-100 lbs. 14.00-32.50 per head.

SHEEP 913. Compared with 541 head last week, and 700 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs steady to \$1 higher. Choice 70-110 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 36.00-44.00, Good 60-90 lbs. 30.00-37.50, few Utility 40-60 lbs. 23.00-28.00. Slaughter ewes 4.75-18.00.

Philadelphia Produce

Tuesday, December 17

APPLES

Ctn Tray Pack: PENNA US Combination ExFcy & Fcy Red Delicious 80-113s 6.50-7.00 125s 6-6.50 mostly 6.50 Staymans 80-113s fair color 6.00.

VA Red Delicious US Combination Ex Fcy & Fcy 88-1132 7-7.25.

Ctn Cell Pack: NY McIntosh US Fcy 100-120s few best 7.25-7.50 US No. 1 120s fair appear 5.00.

NEW ENGLAND McIntosh US No. 1 100-120s 6-6.50.

Ctn Film Bag 12-3 lb. US No. 1 or Better 2 1/4" & Up: PENNA Red Delicious 4.80-5.40 fair appear 4.20-4.50 fair cond 3.60. Staymans 4.50-4.80 fair appear 4-4.20.

MAINE Red Delicious 6.00.

NY Winesaps 4.80.

NEW ENGLAND McIntosh & Golden Delicious 4.80 Red Delicious Small for Size 4.20-4.80.

VA Red Delicious 5.40 Staymans 4.80.

CABBAGE

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

LI 3.75 Red & Savoy Type 3.50-4.00.

NJ fair qual 2.50-3.00.

NY Danish Type mesh sks approx 50-lb. med & lge 3.00.

CAULIFLOWER

LI Long Island crt 12s 6.00. **CHINESE CABBAGE**

NJ 1 1-9 bu crt & ctn

Trimmed 4.50-5.00 few 5.50.

GREENS

Wirebound crt approx 1 1/2 bu crt & ctn unless otherwise stated.

NJ bchd Collard 2.75-3.00

loose including bu bkt

Hanover Salad & Collard

2.75-3.00.

LEEKs

NJ 4-5 bu crt & ctn bchd 12s

4.50-5.00.

MUSHROOMS

PENNA 4-qt bkt med-lge

2.50-3.00 best mostly 3.00

sml-med 2.25-2.50.

POTATOES

50-lb sks US No. 1 Size A

wshd unless otherwise

stated.

Rounds Whites - MAINE &

LI 2.15-2.25 few 2.30-2.35

PENNA unwshd 1.75-2.00.

Round Reds - NY including

Size B 3.00.

REPACKED LOCALLY

Origin Unknown Baled Film

bag 5-lb sks 50 cents.

Russets - IDAHO 2" or 4-

oz. rpin 5.00 ctn approx 50-lb

count 80-100s 6-6.25 **WISC** ctn

approx 50 lb count 80-120s

5.50-6.00.

RADISHES

NJ 1/2 bu bkt Black Type

few 4.00.

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

NJ no grade mark Orange Jersey 6.00 few hgr fair appear 5.00 White Yams fair appear 5.00 1/2 bu hmp Open Face Yellow Jersey 3.25-3.75 mostly 3.50-3.75 fair appear 3.00 sml-med 2-2.50.

TURNIPS

NJ White-Topped & wshd bu ctn 5.50 25-lb film sks 2.75.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 30
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