

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 6-12, 1975

Old bones groan. Snow twirls and whirls.

Watch out for chimney fires now . . . Richard Nixon born Jan. 9, 1913 . . . New moon Jan. 12 . . . Cattle need salt now . . . Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 14 minutes . . . Safety lamp invented by Humphrey Davy, first used in coal mines Jan. 9, 1816 . . . U.S. radar reaches moon Jan. 10, 1946 . . . Photography first used Jan. 9, 1839 . . . Arctic snowy owls return . . . When God wills, it rains with any wind



Old Farmer's Riddle: Why does a coat get larger when taken out of a small suitcase? (Answer below.)

Ask the Old Farmer: My mother used to call me a little "scallywag", and I doubt it was a compliment. Does it mean something awful? J.N., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Sealaway is a word from the Shetland Islands and refers to small, stunted, domestic animals, ponies and cattle, which are of little value.

Home Hint: A simple harmless and most effectual remedy for driving away cockroaches is fine powdered borax. Use for a few weeks renewing every two days. *Riddle answer:* You find it in creases.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Overcast at first, then intermittent snow flurries; light snow and rain along coast latter part.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Light rain and cloudy at first, then clearing and cold; end of week mostly sunny and milder.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins partly cloudy and raw, then intermittent rain or freezing rain, week ends cloudy and cool.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Heavy rain in south and along coast through midweek, then clear and cold to end of week.

Florida: Scattered showers to start, then clearing and seasonably cold; end of week mild and clear in south, but showers elsewhere.

Upstate and Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Week begins cloudy and cold, then light snow in west and north; end of week cloudy and mild.

Greater Ohio Valley: Rain in west and light snow in east to start, then clear and mild; some clouds and flurries latter part.

Deep South: Early week cold with rain, rain mixed with snow in north and east, end of week fair and cold with fog along coast.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Cloudy most of week with light snow or light freezing rain; clear and mild by weekend.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Light snow off and on all week; cold snap at midweek but milder by week's end.

Central Great Plains: Partly sunny and mild to start, then flurries and cold in west; end of week clear and dry with very warm spell.

Texas-Oklahoma: Light rain in south at first, then clearing; cloudy and cool latter part.

Rocky Mountain Region: First part of week cold with intermittent light snow, snow continuing latter part in north, but clear and mild elsewhere.

Southwest Desert: Clear and mild all week, but lows remaining near 30.

Pacific Northwest: Some sun to start, then intermittent rain with snow in northern mountains, heavy rain and high winds latter part.

California: Early week clear, with cool temperatures in north but mild in south, light showers latter part in north and partly sunny in south.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary
10 Livestock Markets
Harrisburg, Penna.
Week Ending
December 27, 1974

CATTLE 2858. Compared with 4193 head last week, and 2818 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers mostly 25 cents to \$1 lower. Slaughter heifers, bullocks & bulls scarce. Slaughter cows uneven, averaging about steady.

STEERS Few High Choice & Prime 38.35-40.00, Choice 37.75-40.50, Good 33.85-37.75, Standard 27.25-34.00, Utility 22.25-29.00

HEIFERS: Few Choice 32.75-37.85, few Good 29.00-32.35, Standard 23.75-28.50, few Utility 18.00-22.75

COWS: Utility & High Dressing Cutter 19.90-23.60, Cutters 18.75-21.50, Canners 16.00-19.50, Shells down to 12.25.

BULLOCKS: Few Choice 33.50-37.00, few Good 29.25-33.75, few Utility & Standard 23.25-28.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1100-2000 lbs. 26.75-32.25; yield grade No. 2 900-1600 lbs. 20.10-28.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good 250-760 lbs. feeder steers 25.00-28.25; Good 250-600 lbs. feeder heifers 23.00-27.00, Medium 250-600 lbs. 17.50-21.50.

CALVES 2065. Compared with 3982 head last week, and 2424 head a year ago. Vealers mostly steady to \$3 higher.

VEALERS: Few Prime 57.00-71.00, Choice 52.50-60.00, Good 38.00-55.00, Standard 27.50-41.50, Utility 90-120 lbs. 18.00-29.50, 70-85 lbs. 15.00-21.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-110 lbs. 20.00-32.00; few beef cross bulls & heifers 70-110 lbs. 20.00-33.50.

HOGS 4486. Compared with 5918 head last week, and 4275 head a year ago.

Barrows & Gilts steady to 50 cents higher

BARROWS & GILTS: US No. 1-2 205-235 lbs 43.80-44.50, No. 1-3 190-240 lbs. 42.60-43.85, No. 2-3 185-260 lbs 41.50-43.00, No. 2-4 240-300 lbs. 36.00-40.50, No. 2-4 120-185 lbs. 31.00-40.50.

SOWS: US No. 1-3 280-550 lbs 30.00-37.00, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs 27.00-31.25. Boars 20.00-26.00.

FEEDER PIGS 455 Compared with 1095 head last week, and 431 head a year ago US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 8.00-15.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs 14.00-22.50, No. 1-3 50-85 lbs 17.00-24.00 per head.

SHEEP 270. Compared with 639 head last week, and 258 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs about steady. Choice 70-105 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 37.00-41.50, few to 44.00, Good 60-90 lbs. 31.50-38.75. Few Slaughter ewes 4.00-11.00.

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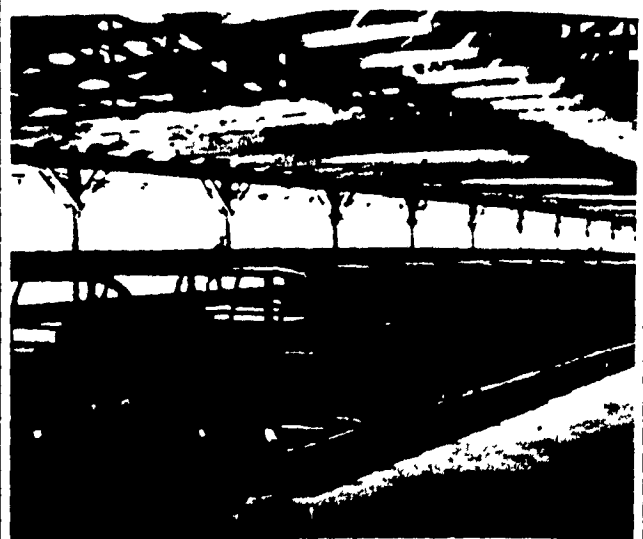
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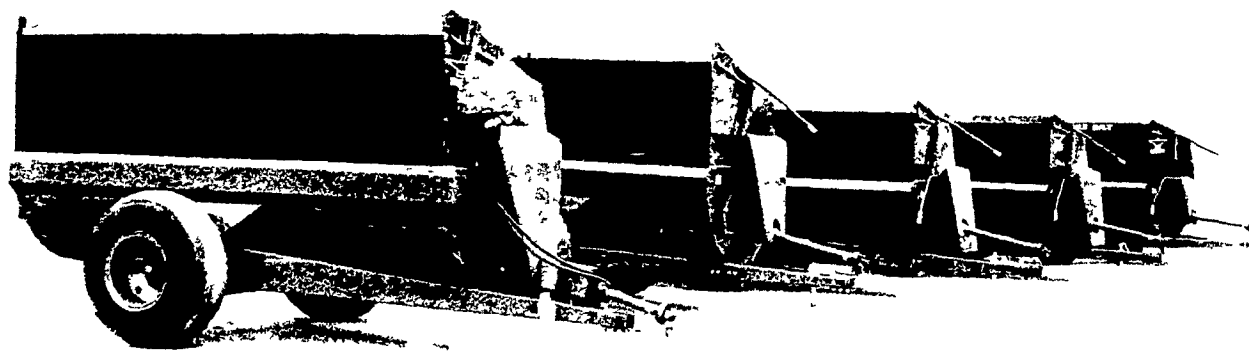
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