



FEB. 24 - MARCH 2, 1975

Winter, still we see many charms in thee.

Timber cut now is less subject to decay . . . Last survivor of the Boston Tea Party died Feb. 24, 1852 . . . Full moon Feb. 25 . . . Post seized by Indians at Wounded Knee Feb. 27, 1973 . . . Average length of days for week, 11 hours, 6 minutes . . . Ludlow, Conn. (13,777 acres) was purchased for \$60 Feb. 26, 1640 . . . Dinoflagellates turned Florida tides red Feb. 26, 1950 . . . Forget others' faults by remembering your own.



Ask the Old Farmer: When I was a boy, I used to hear the expression "asleep at the switch," meaning someone who was lax in his duties. Do you have any idea where the saying originated? O. M., Little Rock.

This is old railroad jargon — a switchman had to open and close switches, in a railroad yard, for example, and if he wasn't on the job, a lot happened to wake him up.

Home Hints: For a wonderful pincushion, cover a ball of steel wool with a bright scrap of material. It sharpens your needles and pins.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Most of week stormy with 20" snow in mountains and rain in southern region; clear and very warm by weekend.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Light rain to start, then clearing mid; rain, heavy at times, latter part.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Early week very warm with some rain, then clearing and cooler; end of week heavy rain and mild.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Cool at first, then warmer with rain; heavy rain inland and north latter part.

Florida: Fair and warm through midweek, then rain, heavy in northwest; clear and cool by weekend.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Week begins with heavy snowstorm in north, then heavy rain and snow in south; clear and mild latter part, but rainy by weekend.

Greater Ohio Valley: Some rain to start, then sunny and cool; rainy and cool latter part.

Deep South: First part of week rainy in north and central with possible dust storm in west; end of week fair and warm.

Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Heavy rain in east at first, then cloudy and cool, rain latter part and mild.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Mostly mild all week with late week snow and sleet in south central regions.

Central Great Plains: Showers to start, then clearing, then rain in south and east with heavy snow in northwest; clearing and warmer by weekend.

Texas-Oklahoma: Fair at first, then showers and possible dust storm in northwest; clearing and warm latter part.

Rocky Mountain Region: Week begins pleasant, then rain or possible snow in north and central; late week showers in north and central, warm in south.

Southwest Desert: Sunny and warm in west to start, then cold in east; end of week clear and hot in west, warm in east.

Pacific Northwest: Moderately heavy rain most of week and heavy snow in mountains; clearing by weekend.

California: Light rain at first, then clearing and warm; end of week clear and warm in south and mild in north.

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Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa. Feb. 19, 1975

CATTLE 427. Supply included 145 head feeder cattle. Compared with the market two weeks ago: Few Good and Choice slaughter steers 34.60-36.75, Good 30.00-35.10, Standard 26.00-28.85, few to 30.00, Utility 22.00-26.85. Few Choice slaughter heifers 27.50-30.50, one High Yielding at 35.00, Good 26.00-27.50, few Standard 24.25-26.25. Utility and High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 18.85-20.35, few to 21.35, Cutters 17.60-19.35, Canners 15.85-17.75, Shells down to 13.00. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 29.00-30.50, Good 27.00-29.85, Standard 24.25-26.85, few Utility 22.00-23.85. Yield Grade No. 1, 1265-2115 lbs. slaughter bulls 23.75-29.85, one yield grade No. 2, 1545 lbs. at 27.00. Good and Choice 360-825 lbs. feeder steers 29.00-31.00, lot at 33.50, Good 410-925 lbs. 27.00-29.25, Medium and Good 225-785 lbs. 21.50-26.00. Medium and Good 340-650 lbs. feeder heifers 24.00-30.50. Good and Choice 315-675 lbs. feeder bulls 25.60-29.00, Common and Medium 265-790 lbs. 19.00-22.25.

CALVES 174. Few Choice vealers 52.00-55.00, few Good 48.00-53.50, Standard 33.50-45.00, Utility 90-115 lbs. 20.00-28.00, few 115-130 lbs. 28.00-34.00, 70-85 lbs. 18.00-20.00. Farm calves: Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 25.00-38.00, few Beef cross bulls and heifers 90-110 lbs. 23.50-33.00.

HOGS 289. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 41.10-42.25, No. 1-3 195-240 lbs. 39.85-41.35, No. 2-3 190-250 lbs. 39.50-40.50, lot to 39.00, few No. 2-4 260-370 lbs. 34.00-37.75. US No. 1-3 250-465 lbs. sows 34.50-38.25, No. 2-3 380-585 lbs. 31.25-35.75, few Utility 250-395 lbs. 25.00-32.00. Boars 25.00-27.50, few light weights 29.75-38.00.

FEEDER PIGS 81. Two lots US No. 1-3 60 and 75 lbs. feeder pigs 29.50 and 38.00 per head, lot No. 1-3 30 lbs. at 13.00, No. 1-3 40-50 lbs. 26.50-33.00, lot No. 1-3 75 lbs. at 25.00 per head.

SHEEP 11. Couple Good 80 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 27.50 and 30.00, couple Utility 75 lbs. 25.00-28.00. Few slaughter ewes 5.00-16.00.

Local Grain

Thursday, February 20
These prices are made up of the average prices quoted by a number of participating local feed and grain concerns. It should be noted, however, that not every dealer or broker handles each commodity. All prices are per bushel except ear corn which is per ton.

The average local grain prices quoted Thursday, February 20, 1975 are as follows:

	Bid+	Offered+
Ear Corn		
New	61.00	69.00
Old		
Shelled Corn	2.94	3.24
Oats		
Local	1.83	2.01
Western		2.18
Barley	2.40	2.67
Wheat		
Feed	3.31	3.47
Millers	3.30	

+Bid is the price the dealer will buy from the farmer delivered to the mill. Offered is the price the dealer will sell for at his mill.

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Peoria Cattle

February 20 Weekly Summary

CATTLE: Receipts this week: 5000; last week 5400; year ago 5800. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers sold steady to strong. Slaughter heifers strong to 75 higher. Cows 1.00-2.00 lower. Bulls steady. Receipts about 75 percent slaughter steers 15 percent slaughter heifers balance mainly cows. Large share steer supply mixed good and choice 950-1050 lbs.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice and Prime 1150-1300 lbs. yield grade 3-4 35.25-36.00; load 1375 lbs yield grade 4-5 33.00; choice 950-1250 lbs. yield grade 2-4 34.25-35.50; mixed good and choice 900-1300 lbs. 32.50-34.25; good 29.00-32.50; standard and good 27.00-29.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and prime 900-1050 lbs. yield grade 3-4 34.50-35.25; load 35.50 and part load 35.75; choice 850-1000 lbs. grade 2-4 32.50-34.50; mixed good and choice 750-1100 lbs. 29.50-32.50; good 25.00-29.50; standard and good 22.00-25.00.

COWS: Utility and commercial 16.00-18.00; high-dressing utility 18.50, few 21.00 early. Cutter 13.00-17.00; canner 10.00-13.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1100-1500 lbs. 21.00-23.00; individual yield grade 1 1600 lbs. 26.00.

New Holland Horse

Monday, February 17

Reported receipts of 559 horses, mules and ponies. Market reported stronger.

Load of Kansas riding horses 150-290; load of work horses 355-725 for singles and load of driving horses 235-450; load of Illinois driving horses 220-525; riding horses 175-250; load of Virginia riding horses 275-400 and load of Tennessee riding horses 195-550.

Local work horses 350-460 and pairs 900-1175; mules 150-400; better horses 240-550; driving horses 160-720; riding horses 160-225; lightweight killers 17-19; heavyweight killers 20-23; mare ponies 15-40; colts 5-18; geldings 5-35 and larger ponies 50-110.

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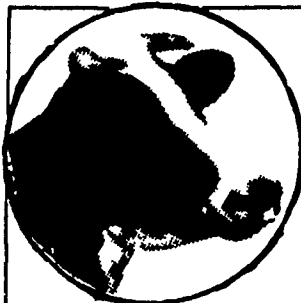
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