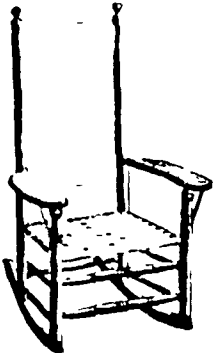


# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

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Take a book to a warm nook

Write that letter to an old friend now Napoleon divorced Josephine Dec 15 1809 Full moon Dec 18 Shortest days and longest nights now Average length of days for the week 9 hours 3 minutes Ben Franklin's Poor Richard An Almanac first published Dec 19 1732 Missouri earthquake Dec 16 1811 First radio message Dec 20 1902 There's something ill said that's not ill taken



**Old Farmer's Riddle.** Everything has an end but what has two? (Answer below)

**Ask the Old Farmer.** I have just finished a chair-caning class and I am wondering, why did anyone cane a chair in the first place? D.A., Athens, Alabama

The rush bottomed chair was used in Europe long ago because people couldn't afford to buy lumber for wooden chair seats or leather either still they appreciated a comfortable seat

**Home Hints** A pancake turner is just the thing to slide sandwiches into plastic sandwich bags. It keeps sandwiches with soft fillings from falling apart. **Riddle answer** A sausage

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Week begins with storm ending, then clearing, rain, some snow inland latter part, but storm abating by weekend and turning fair

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Early week raw then some heavy rain and unseasonably warm end of week cloudy and cold rain by week's end

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Cloudy and cold to start then moderate rain and warmer partly clear and cold latter part with rain in south and snow in north and west by week's end

**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Clearing and unseasonably cold at first then some rain, sunny and cool latter part then light rain except heavier on the coast

**Florida:** Week begins with scattered rain in central and north continuing cool through midweek, clear and frosty in central and north latter part, rain by week's end

**Upstate N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Scattered rain or snow all week, especially heavy in mountains

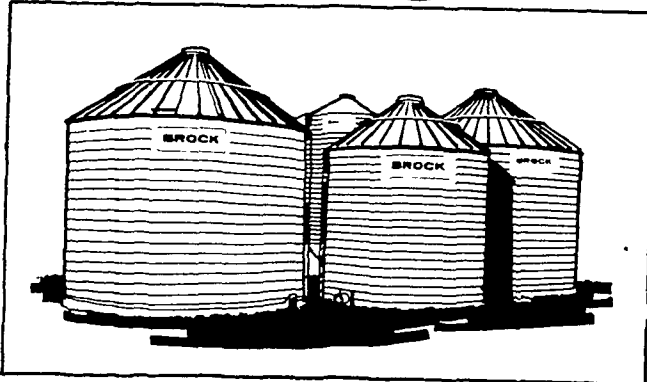
**Greater Ohio Valley:** Clear and very cold at first then some rain or snow, temperatures normal latter part with rain in south and rain mixed with snow in north and east

**Deep South:** Week begins partly cloudy and cold, then rain light in west, heavier in east and northeast still rainy latter part but scattered in southeast

**Chicago & Southern Great Lakes:** Early week clear and sunny, then some snow, latter part cloudy with light freezing drizzle

**Northern Great Lakes:** First part of week cooler and snowy, week ends sunny and mild some flurries in central and east

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## Eggs by pound sell better

Eggs priced by the pound outsold those priced by the dozen in a recent Kansas study. The research project was co-sponsored by American Egg Board and the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

In a matched-lot, controlled experiment in Leavenworth, Kansas, consumers were given a choice between buying eggs priced by the dozen or by the pound. They preferred to purchase eggs by pound over the dozen in ratios of 3 to 2 and 2 to 1 for large and medium eggs.

Over 1,500 consumers who purchased eggs in the area studied were interviewed for their reactions. The factor which most concerned them was the price of eggs.

"Industry proponents of pricing eggs by the pound believe this system will make price-conscious consumers more aware of

the value of eggs in terms of protein value," stated Richard L. Kathe, President of American Egg Board. "They can compare price per pound of eggs with price per pound of other protein foods (unit pricing)," he noted.

About one-half of the repeat purchasers of eggs priced by the pound preferred this pricing method. The main advantage was that it allowed them to buy the desired weight of eggs. Two-thirds of the repeat purchasers could see "no disadvantage" to pricing by the pound.

"The idea of pricing eggs by the pound has been discussed in industry circles for years but was never tried on a commercial scale," said Dr. Joe W. Koudele, K-State agricultural economist who directed the study. "Under the present system of grading eggs by weight but

## Asthma program set for January

The Lancaster County Lung Association announces a new program for children with asthma. The program, for both the children and their parents, will start on Tuesday, January 13, 1976, and will be held in the indoor pool area of the Willow Valley Motor Lodge on Willow Street Pike. The program will continue on Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for a seven-week period.

The purpose of the

pricing eggs by the dozen, egg producers are penalized because eggs do not realize their true weight value," he explained. "For example, eggs weighing just under 27 ounces a dozen - the minimum weight for an extra large egg - are automatically sized as large eggs. An egg producer receives the same price for these large eggs as eggs weighing only 24 ounces per dozen."

Dr. Koudele dedicated the study to Dr. L. A. "Tiny" Wilhelm, who was vice-president of AEB at the time of his death last November: "Tiny's strong interest in the study on 'Pricing Eggs by the Pound and Selling by the Dozen' and encouragement to undertake such a study were a source of inspiration."

program is to improve the physical condition of the child with asthma, to improve his psychological outlook and to educate both parents and children regarding asthma and how to cope with it.

The program will include breathing exercises, gymnastics and swimming all geared to the capabilities of the child with asthma. The parents' program will include discussions with an allergist, pediatrician and a pulmonary specialist.

Physicians' recommendation are required for participation in the program. Age limit is for children 7 to 14. The size of the group will be limited.

Families interested in registering for the program are urged to call the Lung Association office 397-5203 as soon as possible.

### Cool Eggs

Egg producers, handlers and consumers should remember to keep eggs as cool as possible at all times. Shoppers should place their eggs in a refrigerator as soon as possible.

## TRY A CLASSIFIED AD!

**Central Great Plains:** Early week cold with scattered light rain and snow, but clearing and milder in west and south, end of week sunny and cold, with scattered light rain and snow in eastern sections

**Texas-Oklahoma:** Partly cloudy and cold in central and north, very cool in south through midweek, rainy and cold latter part

**Rocky Mountain:** First part of week colder and partly sunny with intermittent snow continuing clear and cold latter part, some snow in north by week's end

**Southwest Desert:** Gradually becoming partly cloudy and cool with scattered light showers at first, week ends clear and cool in west, scattered light showers and cold in east

**Pacific Northwest:** Cloudy at first, then general rain by midweek except for snow in mountains, sunny latter part, but rainy and cold by weekend, still snow in mountains

**California:** Generally rainy, except for snow in mountains, through midweek, latter part clearing mild in south and frost in north

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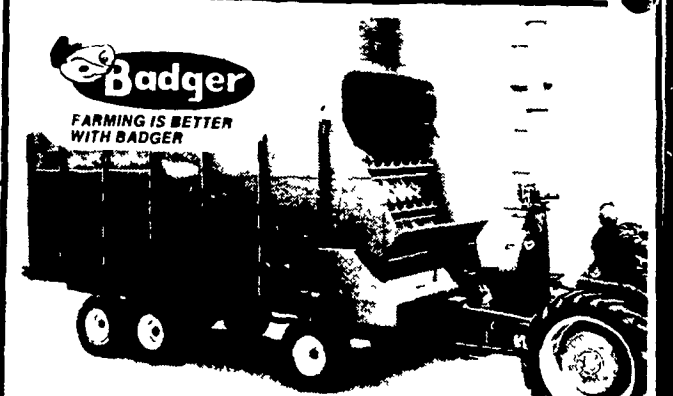
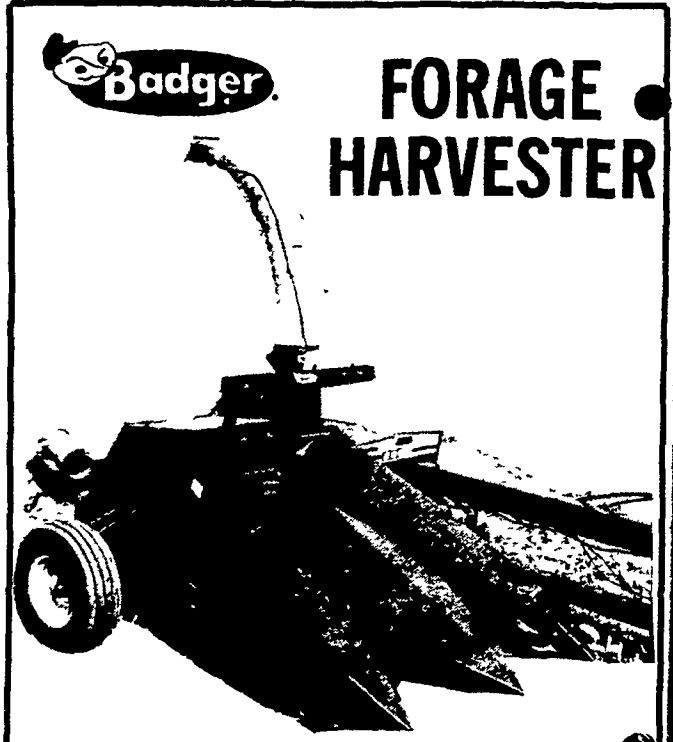
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