

DEC. 13-19, 1976

Cold abating and moderating.

Dust off Christmas tree decorations Grandma Moses died Dec 17, 1961 Third quarter of the moon Dec 14 Hanukkah Dec 17 Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 4 minutes Sitting Bull killed in No Dakota Dec 15, 1890 Battle of the Bulge began Dec 16, 1944 Look for shooting stars this week A book whose sale's forbidden all men rush to see, and prohibition turns one reader into three



Ask the Old Farmer: The term "Funeral chair" was written on the bottom of two chairs I purchased recently Why? W.Y., Mansfield, Ohio

In the old days many funerals were held in private homes and certain men in the neighborhood had chairs they would lend for such occasions They had to be in good, sound condition, with no squeaky joints which might disturb the services We believe you have chairs from such a collection

Home Hints For a paddle to stir paint take a wire garment hanger, pull straight down on the lower wire at the center, then bend in half

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Snow to start with very cold temperatures beginning Tuesday, snow at week's end
Greater New York-New Jersey: Sunny and mild, cold spell expected Tuesday through end of week
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Sunny and mild to start, cold and scattered snow beginning Wednesday through remainder of week
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week begins with rain, turning cold and continued rain at midweek through week's end
Florida: Cool and local freezes through Wednesday, week's end clear and warm
Upstate N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Sunny with some showers to start, then cold snap and snow beginning Wednesday through week's end

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St. Louis Cattle

December 9, 1976

WEEKLY CATTLE REVIEW

Receipts this week 8,900; Week ago 9,000; Year Ago 10,300

As compared to the previous weeks close, Slaughter Steers 50 to mostly 1.00 lower. Slaughter Heifers mostly 50, instances 75 lower. Cows 1.50-2.00 lower. Bulls steady to weak. Supply mainly mixed Good and Choice 2-4 1000-1175 lb. Slaughter Steers, around 25 per cent Heifers, 10 per cent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Limited volume Choice and Prime 2-4 1025-1175 lb. 39.00-39.50. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 38.00-39.50. Mostly 38.00-39.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 37.00-38.50. Good 2-3 34.00-37.00. Standard to Good 2-3 Holsteins 950-1225 lbs. 28.00-32.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1025 lbs. 37.50-38.00. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 36.25-37.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-950 lbs. 34.00-36.50. Good 2-3 31.00-34.00. Standard to Good 2-3 30.00-31.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 20.00-22.50. Utility 1-2 1200-1600 lbs. 22.50-23.00, late 22.50. Canner and Cutter 18.00-21.00. Low Dressing Canner 14.00-18.50.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1000-1700 lbs. 26.00-28.00; 900-1050 lbs. 24.00-26.00.

FEEDER: Including around 2200 at Thursday auction. Feeder Steers and Heifers very uneven, generally steady to 1.00 lower, few early sales Heifers 1.00-2.00 lower. Normal buyer attendance. Supply mostly Choice and Mixed Good and Choice 400-850 lb. steers and 350-700 lb. Heifers.

FEEDER STEERS Choice 375-500 lbs 36.25-

38.00; 500-700 lbs. 35.00-38.00; 700-850 lbs. 34.50-37.25. Mixed Good and Choice 350-600 lbs. 31.50-35.50. Few Good 450-550 lbs. 30.75-32.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 350-500 lbs. 29.00-32.50, 500-725 lbs. 29.50-32.25. Lot 833 lbs. 33.25. Mixed Good and Choice 450-600 lbs. 27.00-29.50. Good 375-600 lbs. 22.00-26.00.

Omaha
Dec. 9, 1976
Weekly 51 - Cattle - Compared with the previous weeks close

Closing prices on Slaughter Steers and Heifers were mostly 50 cents higher through midweek but closing sales were 25-50 cents lower. Cows were 1.00-1.50 lower and Bulls weak to 1.00 lower.

Four day receipts 16,300 as compared 15,100 previous week and 19,400 a year ago.

Trading on Fed Cattle was fairly active under a good demand through midweek with the upturn in live prices supported by a corresponding advance in carcass prices; there was a good early demand for cattle to be slaughtered at points outside the immediate Omaha area. Late demand was quite restricted, however, in reflection of a liberal midweek movement of live cattle and Prime uneasy concern over the stability of carcass trading. Supplies were only slightly larger than the previous week and were well distributed over the trading period with a liberal showing Choice Steers and Heifers included. One major packer returned to Slaughter operations, but another announced the permanent closing of the plant because of labor difficulties. Slaughter Steers made up approximately 36 per cent of the weeks total, Heifers 32 per cent, cows 12 per cent and feeders 16 per cent.

STEERS: At midweek high time, load Choice with end Prime predominantly 3 and Load Choice 3 1306 lbs. 41.75, Choice 2-4 975-1300 lbs. 40.25-41.50. At close, several loads Choice 2-4 1050-1200 lbs. 39.50-40.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1200 lbs. 38.50-39.50 late. Good 2-3 950-1225 lbs. 35.00-38.50. Standard and Good 2-3 33.00-34.50. Average of LS-214, detailed quotations, for

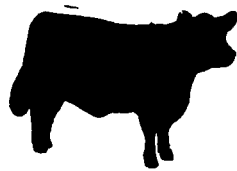
Omaha Cattle

Choice 900-1100 lb. Steers this week 40.30; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 40.20. Average weight Steers first three days 1141 lbs. as compared 1147 lbs. previous week. Average weight Heifers first three days 980 lbs. as compared 994 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: At midweek, four loads Choice and Prime 3-4 978-1042 lbs. 40.50, several Loads and Part Loads same grade 3-4 950-1050 lbs. 40.15-40.25. Choice 2-4 875-1100 lbs. 39.00-40.00 at Midweek, several loads in closing trade 38.50-39.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1000 lbs. 37.00-38.00. Good 2-3 34.00-36.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 19.50-21.50. Few to 22.00. Canner and Cutter 17.00-19.50. Some mixed Cutter and Utility 19.75-20.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-1800 lbs. 23.00-27.00, Individual 1 27.50.



Des Moines

Dec. 8, 1976
Compared to Tuesday's close: beef trade closing slow, demand moderate. Steer and heifer beef steady to 50 higher except Good heifer beef which was steady to 1.50 higher. Choice Primal beef cuts: fores 75-2.00 higher; Arm Chucks 1.50-2.50 higher; rounds 3.00 higher. Cow beef canner & cutter 1.00 lower than Monday.

STEER BEEF
Choice 600-900 lb. YG 3 64.00-65.00 Steady to 50 higher; 600-800 lb. YG 4 62.00 50 higher. Good 500-900 lb. YG 2 & 3 58.00; 600-800 lb. YG 3 61.00 Steady.

HEIFER BEEF
Choice 500-700 lb. YG 3 63.75-64.25 Steady to 50 higher; 500-700 lb. YG 4 61.25. Good 500-700 lb. YG 3 60.50 Steady to 1.50 higher.

COW BEEF
Utility (Bng.) YG 2-3 42.00-43.00. Canner & Cutter 45.00 1.00 lower than Monday.

CHOICE PRIMAL BEEF CUTS
YIELD GRADE 3

Fores 130-210 lb. 56.00-56.25 75-2.00 higher. Arm Chucks 75-120 lb. 53.00 1.50-2.50 higher. Rounds (Steer) 70-95 lb. 80.00 3.00 higher. Rounds (Heifer) 60-85 lb. 80.00 3.00 higher.

BEEF TRIMMINGS 50 per cent Chem. Lean, Fresh 25.00.

Compared to Tuesday's close: fresh pork cut trade only moderate, demand unevenly light to good. Fresh loins 1.50-2.00 higher; picnics 4-8 lb. 4.00 higher; skinned hams 1.00-4.00 higher; seedless bellies uneven, generally steady to 1.50 higher. Other cuts not well established.

FRESH PORK CUTS

Loins 14-down lb. 75.50 ship late next week; 14-down lb. 73.00 1.50 higher; 14-17 lb. 74.50 ship late next week; 14-17 lb. 71.50-74.50 2.25-4.00 higher; 17-20 lb. 62.50-65.00 1.75-4.25 higher; 20 & up 53.00-53.25 75-1.00 higher. Picnics 4-8 lb. 39.00-39.25 4.00 higher. Boston Butts 4-8 lb. 46.50, late 52.00. Spareribs 3-dn. lb. 68.00, frozen; 3-5 lb. 57.00, frozen. Skinned Hams 14-17 lb. 96.00 4.00 higher, 17-20 lb. 93.00-94.00 1.00-2.00 higher; 20-26 lb. 89.50 2.50-3.50 higher; 26- & up lb. 74.00 2.00-2.75 higher. Bellies, Sdls. 10-12 lb. 44.00 Steady to 1.50 higher; 12-14 lb. 43.50-44.00 50-1.00 lower; 14-16 lb. 44.00 Steady to 1.50 higher; 16-18 lb. 40.50-41.25 25-50 higher; 18-20 lb. 36.00-37.00 1.00-1.50 higher.

Pork Feet, Toes On 15.00, Frozen. Pork Hearts 29.00, Frozen. Pork Tails 13.00, Frozen. Pork Head Meat 37.00, Frozen. Pork Jowls 18.00, Frozen.

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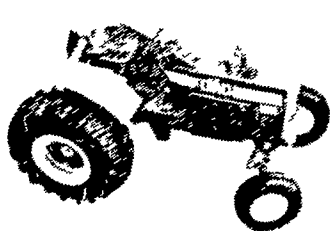
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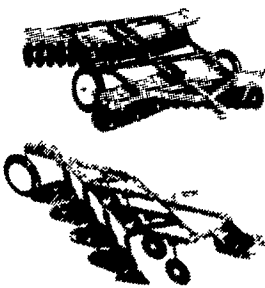
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