

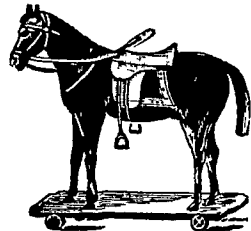
Dewart Auction



DEC. 20-26, 1976

Merry Christmas to all!

Winter begins Dec 21 at 12:36 P.M. First gorilla born in captivity Dec 22, 1956. New moon Dec 20. Many leaves still on trees, expect a long winter freeze. Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 2 minutes. Plymouth Rock landing Dec 21, 1620. Silent Night composed Dec 24, 1818. The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.



Ask the Old Farmer: Can you give me some background on the word "grunt" as used in the dessert Blueberry Grunt? PCF, Topeka, Kansas

We think it is the word "gruntle" shortened. It is ancient Scottish meaning something extra in the way of satisfaction which Blueberry Grunt is.

Home Hints: Use a net bag like the ones oranges or onions come in for the baby's bath toys. Hang it on a hook on the back of the bathroom door, and the toys will air-dry.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Three inches snow to start, then sunny and less cold by Tuesday, week's end brings 15" snow inland and rain on the coast.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Sunny and fair all week.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Showers through Saturday, Sunday sunny.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Warm and fair with rain by Thursday, week's end is warm and sunny.

Florida: Clear and warm to start, then cloudy, warm, fog and rain in the northwest by Wednesday, sunny and warm for remainder of week.

Upstate N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Rain and sleet through Saturday, snow at week's end.

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December 13, 1976

CATTLE 153. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter steers grading Good \$1 to \$2 lower. Slaughter cows about steady. Few Choice No. 2-4 1100-1250 lbs. slaughter steers 38.00-40.50, Good 35.00-37.25, few Standard 32.25-35.00. Few Good slaughter heifers 31.25-34.25, few Standard 27.00-32.75, few Utility 23.75-27.75. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 24.00-27.00, Cutters 22.75-24.75, Canners 21.00-23.10, few Shells down to 18.00. One Good slaughter bullock at 33.75. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1000-1600 lbs. slaughter bulls 26.25-31.50.

CALVES 174. Vealers grading Standard & Good \$1 to \$3 lower. Couple Prime vealers 61.00 and 66.00, few Choice 47.00-58.00, Good 38.00-47.00, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 33.50-40.50, 90-110 lbs. 28.00-32.00, Standard 70-85 lbs. 24.00-28.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 100-120 lbs. 30.00-36.00.

HOGS 277. Barrows & Gilts \$3.75 higher. US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 41.50-41.90, No. 1-3 190-235 lbs. 39.80-41.00, one lot No. 2-3 245 lbs. 37.50. US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs. sows 25.50-34.00, No. 2-3 400-575 lbs. 22.50-24.50. Few Boars 17.25-34.50.

FEEDER PIGS 72. US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 10.50-18.50 per head, one lot utility 75 lbs. 25.00 per head.

Belleville Auction

Belleville, Penna. December 15, 1976

CATTLE 162. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows \$1.25 to \$2.75 higher. One Good slaughter steer at 36.50, couple Standard 30.75 and 35.35. One Good Slaughter heifer at 32.85. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 24.50-27.60, Cutters 23.60-25.60, Canners 21.00-23.25, Shells down to 18.00. One Good slaughter bullock at 36.00, few Utility 29.10-30.25. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1200-1750 lbs. slaughter bulls 29.00-34.00. Few Good & Choice 400-800 lbs. feeder steers 32.00-35.50.

CALVES 208. Vealers grading Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. \$2 to \$5 lower. Few Choice vealers 60.00-66.00, few Good 47.00-60.50, few Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 37.00-51.00, few 90-110 lbs. 22.00-30.00, Standard 70-85 lbs. 18.00-23.50. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 31.00-40.00.

HOGS 278. Barrows & Gilts \$2.25 to \$3 higher. US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 41.10-42.40, No. 1-3 195-245 lbs. 40.30-41.80, few lots No. 2-3 255-270 lbs. 36.50-36.90. US No. 1-3 350-600 lbs. sows 25.50-31.00. Boars 13.50-19.75.

FEEDER PIGS 362. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 13.00-23.00 per head, No. 1-3

35-50 lbs. 21.00-32.50, No. 1-3 50-75 lbs. 30.00-36.50, Utility 20-40 lbs. 8.50-15.00 per head. **SHEEP 2.** Not enough of any one grade to establish a market.



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