

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 31-FEB. 6, 1977

Weather will be worse than average, in fact savage.

Groundhog Day Feb 2 (If he sees his shadow, there'll be six more weeks of winter) King George VI died Feb 6, 1952 Full moon Feb 3 Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 3 minutes US income tax became law Feb 3, 1913 Russians took Stalingrad back from Nazis Jan 31, 1943 It is not the ugly but the beautiful bird that gets caged



Ask the Old Farmer: Where did the expression "right as a trivet" come from? S W A, Shreveport, La

The three-point landing was known and appreciated long before the airplane was invented. The trivet is an example of dependable bearings

Home Hints: Thread won't show up on your material if you'll buy the thread in a shade darker than the material. It usually works in lighter when it's stitched

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Snow on coast to start, then clear and extremely cold through Saturday, Sunday brings snow

Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins clear and mild, then showers and cold by Tuesday, week's end brings mixture of clearing to start and snow 7-10" at end

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Sunny and warm with some showers by Tuesday, week's end is cold and sunny with a possibility of snow on Sunday

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Cloudy and rainy to start, then warmer by Tuesday, Thursday through end of week is freezing

Florida: Warm and cloudy with scattered showers, then by mid-week expect clearing and frosts, remainder of week promises rain

Upstate N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Week begins with mild temperatures and thaw, changing at midweek to snowstorm through Friday, very cold, week's end brings light snow

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New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables New Holland, Pa.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Reported receipts of 118 cows, eight heifers and three bulls. Market stronger than last week's market.

Two loads of Pennsylvania fresh cows 660-975, springers

675-1000; load of Pennsylvania fresh cows 545-880; load of Wisconsin fresh cows 690-850; load of Pennsylvania fresh cows 510-730; load of Franklin County fresh cows 530-820, springers 585-950; load Wayne County, fresh cows 520-880, springers 640-725.

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St. Louis Cattle

January 27, 1977

Receipts this week 8600: Week ago 6400: Year ago 6700 as compared to the previous weeks close, slaughter steers and heifers generally steady as mid-week downturns erased substantial price increases on Monday. Cows 3.00-4.00 lower. Bulls weak to 1.00 lower. Supply mainly mixed Good and Choice 2-4 950-1150 lb. Steers, around 25 per cent heifers and 15 per cent cows.

Note: A substantial increase in the supply of slaughter cows was noticed this week.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1150 lbs. 38.00 to mostly 38.50. Couple loads 1050-1095 lbs. at 39.00. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 36.00-38.50, Load at 39.00 on Tuesday, few closing sales 36.00 to 37.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1200 lbs. 34.00-37.50, closing 34.00-36.00. Good 2-3 900-1250 lbs. 33.00-36.00. Standard to Good 2-3 1025-1350 lb. Holsteins 29.00-33.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1025 lbs. 36.50 to 37.50 early, not tested late. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 34.00-37.00, Closing 34.00-35.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-975 lbs. 32.50-35.50 Closing 32.50-34.00. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 29.00-34.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-5 21.50-26.00, closing 21.50-32.50 boning utility 1-2 24.00-26.50, closing at 23.50. Canner and Cutter 1-2 20.00-25.00, Closing 20.00-22.50. Low dressing canner 16.00-22.50, closing 16.00-20.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 975-1600 lbs. 26.00-30.00, closing 26.00-29.50. Few Yield Grade 1 1400-22.50 lbs. 30.00-31.00, closing at 30.00.

FEEDERS (including around 1900 at Thursday auction. Feeder steers firm to 2.00 higher, most advance on Choice. Feeder heifers steady to firm. Supply mainly Choice and Mixed Good and Choice 400-700 lb. steers and 300-700 lb. heifers. Buyer attendance near normal.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice 350-600 lbs. 35.00-36.75, 600-700 lbs. 35.50-37.00. few lots 750-825 lbs. 34.75-35.50. Mixed Good and Choice 325-600 lbs. 31.00-34.00. Few Good 375-500 lbs. 28.50-31.25.

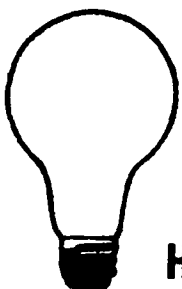
FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 300-500 lbs. 26.25-29.00, 500-700 lbs. 28.00-30.50. Mixed good and Choice 325-550 lbs. 24.50-26.50. Good 300-500 lbs. 22.00-25.00.



People Speak

In the 1936 Presidential election, Alf Landon only won in Maine and Vermont. A friend totaled up the returns and sighed, "Tough luck, chief, but I guess the people have spoken." "That they have," admitted Landon, "but they didn't have to speak so loudly."

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CATTLE 314. Supply included 75 head feeder cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers steady to 75 cents lower. Slaughter heifers 25 cents to 50 cents lower, spots \$2 lower. Slaughter cows \$1.50 to \$2.50 lower. Few Choice & High Choice No. 2-3 1000-1330 lbs. slaughter steers 38.50-40.35, High Good to Low Choice 36.75-39.00, Good 35.00-38.00, Standard 32.25-35.00, few Utility & Low Standard 28.25-32.25. Choice No. 2-4 slaughter heifers 34.00-36.50, one at 37.75, Good 30.00-34.00, Standard 27.00-30.50. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 25.85-27.60, Commercial 24.25-27.10, Cutters 24.50-26.25, Canner & Low Cutter 22.00-24.50, Shells down to 15.00. Two Choice slaughter bullocks 39.75 and 40.75, two Good 33.25 and 35.75, Standard 31.25-33.85, few Utility & Low Standard 28.00-29.85. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1200-1600 lbs. slaughter bulls 33.25-35.35; one yield grade No. 2 1445 lbs. at 34.25. Choice 500-875 lbs. feeder steers 33.50-37.75, Good 375-770 lbs. 29.00-34.00, Medium 300-800 lbs. 24.00-28.50; Good 575-820 lbs. feeder heifers 25.25-27.10; few Good 380-720 lbs. feeder bulls 24.00-32.50.

CALVES 220. Vealers uneven, \$3 higher to \$3 lower. Few Prime vealers 73.00-75.00, Choice 59.00-72.00, Good 49.00-58.00, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 40.00-48.00, 90-110 lbs. 30.00-39.00, Standard 70-90 lbs. 22.00-30.00, Utility 70-85 lbs. 10.00-20.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-115 lbs. 38.00-45.00.

HOGS 274. Barrows & Gilts \$2 to \$3 higher. US No. 1-2 200-225 lbs. barrows & gilts 42.85-43.25, No. 1-3 190-240 lbs. 42.00-43.00, No. 2-3 190-255 lbs. 39.50-42.00, few to 42.75, No. 2-4 225-320 lbs. 35.25-40.10, No. 1-3 135-180 lbs. 25.00-35.00. US No. 1-3 285-515 lbs. sows 32.00-34.50, No. 2-3 270-735 lbs. 27.00-33.00. Boars 17.00-21.00, light weights 23.50-29.50.

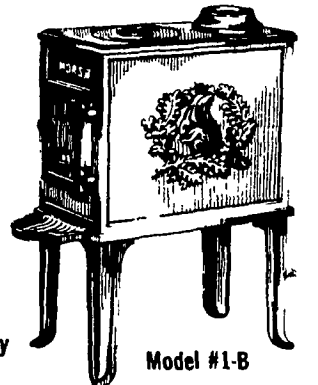
FEEDER PIGS 233. Lot US No. 1-3 15 lbs. feeder pigs 7.00 per head, No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 10.00-20.50, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 24.00-27.00, lot No. 1-3 50 lbs. 31.50, Utility 15-40 lbs. 6.00-18.00 per head.

SHEEP 8. Two Choice 65 and 100 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 55.00 and 62.00, two Good 70 and 100 lbs. 42.00 and 45.00. Few Slaughter sheep 15.00-20.00.



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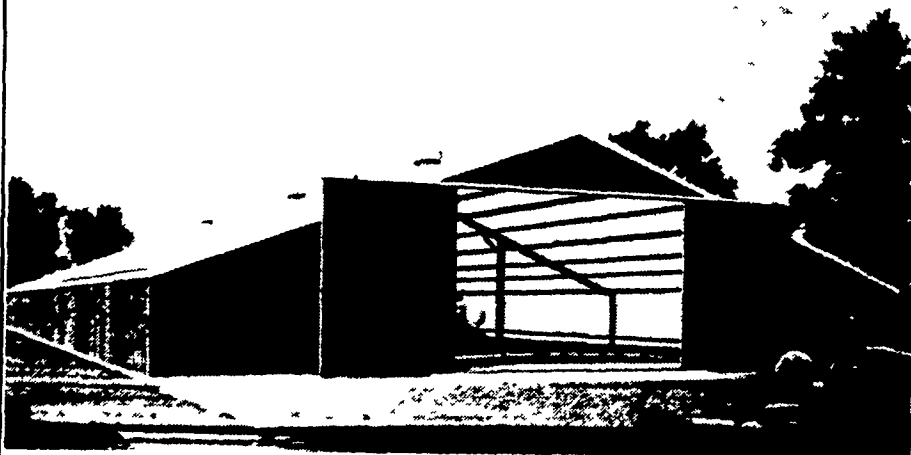
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