

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

NOV. 27-DEC. 3, 1978

More cold foretold.

Don't allow lawns to go into winter more than two inches high. Dr. Harris revealed secrets of termites Nov. 29, 1849. New moon Nov. 30. Average length of days for the week, 9 hours 18 minutes. First Christmas Savings Club started Dec. 1, 1905. Compare your griefs with other men's and they will seem less.



Ask the Old Farmer I've encountered an old recipe for Pich Plum Cake that calls for a half-pint of emplants parenthetically identified as yeast just what are emplants? R.D., Augusta, Maine

Emptying — the lees, dregs etc., of various liquids, especially butter-milk or whey or sourdough yeast

Home Hints Place paper towel tubes inside tall boots to keep them standing tall and dry quicker

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Flurries then rain at end of week
Greater New York-New Jersey: Partly sunny to start, cold with flurries, then rain for weekend
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Scattered showers, light snow by mid week, then clear and cool
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Freeze with flurries west first of week, then clear and mild
Florida: Light rain, cold to start, with frosts north by midweek, week ends sunny
Upstate NY-Toronto & Montreal: Light rain and sleet turning cold, with light snow for midweek, warmer partial clearing at end of week
Greater Ohio Valley: Cold with light snow west to midweek, then rainy and mild
Deep South: Sunny and cold with hard frost to start, weekend rainy and seasonal
Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Flurries to start, then seasonal, sunny weekend
Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Week begins sunny and mild, then light rain west and snow east
Central Great Plains: Seasonal with showers south to start, rain east, snow west by week's end
Texas-Oklahoma: Partly sunny and cold to midweek, then rainy
Rocky Mountain: Snow, rain south to start snow ending, then mild
Southwest Desert: Rain locally heavy south and east to midweek, then clearing west, partly cloudy east
Pacific Northwest: Rainy all week
California: Cloudy with light rain for most of week, then clearing

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Livestock market and auction news

G & M Livestock Market

Duncansville, Pa. November 20, 1978

Dairy Cows: 500.00-1110.00.

STEERS: Good to Choice 52.00-54.10; Standard to Good 48.00-52.00.

HEIFERS: Good to Choice 48.00-51.00; Other 42.00-48.00. FEEDER STEERS: Good to Choice 300 to 700 lbs. 54.00-66.00; Standard to Good 48.00-54.00.

Feeder Pigs: 15 to 25 lbs. 15.00-30.00; 25 to 50 lbs. 30.00-50.00.

BULLS: 1100 to 1614 lbs. 51.00-53.40; 900 to 1200 lbs. 47.00-51.00.

COWS: High Choice to Prime 42.00-44.00; Ind. 46.50; Good 40.00-42.00; Utility 38.00-40.00; Cutters 36.00-38.00; Canners Down to 32.00.

CALVES: High-Choice 84.00-88.00; Good to Choice 70.00-84.00; Standard to Good 60.00-70.00; Utility 40.00-60.00.

Farm Calves Bulls 90 to 120 lbs. 80.00-89.00; Farm Calves Heifers 100.00-122.50.

HOGS: 190 to 350 lbs. 47.00-49.75.

SOWS: 40.00-47.50.

BOARS: 32.00-38.00.

SHEEP: Lambs 50.00-58.00.

Peoria Livestock

Peoria, Illinois November 22, 1978

CATTLE: Receipts this week: 4800, last week: 5000, year ago: 3500. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers 50 higher. Slaughter heifers 50-1.00 higher. Cows weak to 1.00 lower. Bulls firm. Receipts about 60 percent slaughter steers 35 percent slaughter heifers balance mainly cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1250 lbs. 54.50-55.00; three

loads 55.25; Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 53.50-54.50; 900-1050 lbs. 53.00-53.50; Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 950-1050 1300 lbs. 51.50-53.50; Good 2-3 49.00-51.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and Prime 3-4 900-1050 lbs. 52.50-53.00; two loads 53.25-53.50; Choice 2-4 850-1050 lbs. 51.50-52.50; 800-900 lbs. 50.50-51.50; Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 800-1000 lbs. 49.00-51.50; Good 2-3 46.50-49.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 38.50-41.00; few 42.00-42.50; Cutter 1-2 34.00-38.50; Canner 32.50-34.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 41.00-47.00; few yield grade 1 48.00-49.00.

Market courtesy of USDA.

Oklahoma Cattle

November 22, 1978

Wednesday Feeder Cattle Auction & Weekly Summary
 Estimated Receipts 1500
 Same day last week 4681
 Cattle and Calves 1500

CATTLE AUCTION: Moderately active; trade little more than a clean up affair; all represented classes near steady; receipts choice 300-650 lbs. feeder steers and heifers; 92 and bulls near 21 per cent of cattle receipts; feeder near 81 per cent of the total; moderate attendance of buyers.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice 300-50 lb. 75.25-78.00, package 235 lb. 81.50; 500-600 lb. 67.25-71.75; 600-700 lb. 63.50-67.00; small lot 700 lb. 63.00; mixed good and choice 300-500 lb. 68.00-75.00; 500-600 lb. 64.50-67.00; 600-700 lb. 59.00-64.50; few 700-800 lb. 58.25-59.75; good 700-800 lb. 57.25-58.25.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 300-500 lb. 63.00-66.50, two small lots 348-470 lb. 67.50-68.50; 500-600 lb. 57.75-61.00, part load 517 lb. at 63.80; mixed good and choice 300-500 lb. 60.75-63.00;

500-650 lb. 53.50-56.00; good 300-500 lb. 56.00-60.75.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Utility and commercial 2-3 40.00-44.75; cutter 1-3 37.50-41.50; canner and low cutter 36 50-37.75

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Not tested.

OTHERS: Good and choice replacement cows 40.50-48.75; few utility stock cows 39.25-40.50.

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week feeder cattle and calves steady to firm; slaughter cows closed 1.00-2.00 higher, late sales utility and commercial 2-3 40.00-44.75, cutter 1-3 37.50-41.50; bulls closed 1.00-2.00 higher, week sales consisted YG 1-2 1000-1700 lb. 45.00-52.00; salable receipts near 6200 head for this holiday shortened week, compared to 15,559 head last week and 7640 head the same holiday shortened period a year ago. Cows and bulls near 21 per cent of cattle receipts. Feeders near 79 per cent of the total.

Market courtesy of USDA.

Pa. Auction Summary

Friday, Nov. 24, 1978

Compared to 5926 last week and 5607 a year ago.

CATTLE 3733. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers steady to \$1.00 higher. Sl. heifers & bulls unevenly steady; Sl. cows mostly 50 cents to \$1.00 lower. Sl. bullocks uneven; High Choice & Prime YG 3-4 sl. steers 56.00-57.85; Choice YG 2-4 54.50-57.75; Good 50.00-54.50; Standard 47.00-51.00; few Utility 45.00-48.00; few Choice sl. heifers 56.50-53.75; Good 46.00-52.00; Standard 42.00-46.00; few Utility 38.00-41.00; Utility & Commercial sl. cows 39.50-45.00; Cutters 38.00-43.50; Canner & L. Cutter 34.00-39.75, Shells down to 30.00; few Choice sl. bullocks 53.50-57.00, Good 48.00-53.50; Standard 45.00-50.50. Yield

Grade #1 1000-2200 lbs. 48.00-55.00, Yield Grade #2, 1000-1600 lbs. 45.00-50.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: few Choice 300-500 lbs. steers 60.00-70.00, Good & Choice 300-750 lbs. 55.00-67.50; Good & Choice 300-800 lbs. heifers 45.00-51.50; Good & Choice 400-750 lbs. bulls 50.00-63.50.

CALVES 2663. Compared to 4018 last week and 3692 a year ago. Vealers steady to \$3.00 lower. Choice 80.00-90.00; few to 97.00; Good 70.00-82.00 Standard & Good 90-115 lbs. 62.00-75.00; 60-90 lbs. 58.00-69.00; Utility 50-100 lbs. 50.00-63.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 68.00-100.00. Hol. Heifers 85-145 lbs. 68.00-130.00, few to 160.00.

HOGS 5884. Compared to 7428 last week and 6748 a year ago. Barrows and gilts, uneven, spots 50 cents higher to 50 cents lower. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 49.00-51.00, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 48.00-50.25; No. 2-3 200-260 lbs. 47.00-48.50; SOWS steady to \$2.00 lower. US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs. 40.00-45.00, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 38.00-42.00. BOARS 32.00-38.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1247. Compared to 2424 last week and 2017 a year ago. Mostly \$2.00 - 5.00 lower. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 18.00-33.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 30.00-48.00, No. 1-3 50-70 lbs. 40.00-52.00.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS 3455. ALL SALES CWT. Compared with 1973 head last week, and 2793 head a year ago. Feeder pigs mostly 5.00-15.00 higher. US No. 1-2 25-40 lbs. 106.00-126.00, few to 135.00; 40-60 lbs. 93.00-116.00 few to 125.00; 60-80 lbs. 74.00-99.00; US No. 2-3 30-45 lbs. 101.00 & 116.00, 45-60 lbs. 89.00-106.00.

SHEEP 453. Woolled sl. lambs \$1.00 lower. Choice 65-115 lbs. 55.00-64.00, few to 66.00; Good 60-100 lbs. 50.00-56.00; Slaughter ewes 10.00-27.50.



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