

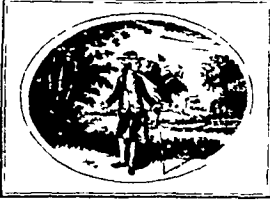


THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 11-17, 1978

Chilly nights, hearths blaze bright.

Get your Christmas tree this week Grandma Moses died Dec 13, 1961. Full moon Dec 14. Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 5 minutes. First US savings bank incorporated in Boston Dec 13, 1816. First life insurance policy issued by a general company Dec 15, 1792. To enjoy light, we must touch much of it lightly (Voltaire)



Ask the Old Farmer: I saw what appeared to be clay owls on top of chimneys on Nantucket Island this summer. Do they scare away seagulls? F.K., New York

No! They're chimney bonnets to prevent smoking inside the house. If you have trouble with your fireplace draft, stuff some newspaper up the chimney first, before you light the fire. Set the newspaper on fire and it will burn for a few minutes and start the draft in the proper direction.

Home Hints To get grease off your hands, scrub with baking soda

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Very cold, then snow at midweek, cloudy by weekend

Greater New York-New Jersey: Cold, then rainy for most of week

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Cloudy with light snow north to start, then mild and showery

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Partly sunny and very cold first of week, then rain, clearing for weekend

Florida: Week begins warm with rain north, then fair, rain at end of week

Upstate NY-Toronto & Montreal: Clear, very cold to midweek, then milder with rain and sleet

Greater Ohio Valley: Rainy and mild, some snow east

Deep South: Week starts rainy and seasonal, then clearing, sunny and mild

Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Some rain or sleet, then cloudy, flurries

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Light snow to start, then clearing

Central Great Plains: First of week brings flurries west, rain southeast, then sunny and mild, light rain or snow at weekend

Texas-Oklahoma: Week begins with rain, light west, then cloudy, cold and clearing by end of week

Rocky Mountain: Light snow north and sunny south, then rainy and mild by weekend

Southwest Desert: Cloudy with light showers to start, then sunny

Pacific Northwest: Rainy and mild all week, heavy snow in mts

California: Rain to start, clearing by midweek, then rain again for weekend

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Chambersburg Auction

Chambersburg, Pa.
Dec. 7, 1978

CATTLE 366. Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter steers about steady. Sl. cows 25 cents to 1.25 lower. Choice 975-1275 lbs. 54.60-56.50; Good 51.00-55.25, few Standard 48.00-50.00; few Good & choice sl. heifers 49.00-54.00; few Utility 40.50-46.50. Utility & Commercial sl. cows 39.75-45.35; few 46.85; Cutters 40.00-43.50; Canner & L. Cutter 36.60-40.50, Shells down to 32.25. Sl. bullocks Good at 53.35; Standard at 49.00; Yield Grade #1, 1150-1800 lbs. 45.00-53.35.

FEEDER CATTLE: few Choice 175-600 lbs. steers 60.50-73.00.

CALVES 512. Vealers grading good to prime \$6.00-12.00 higher; Standard & low Good \$4.00-8.00 lower. Prime vealers 100.00-105.00, Choice 93.00-102.00; Good 80.00-94.00; Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 66.00-69.00; 70-85 lbs. 56.00-65.00, Utility 50-100 lbs. 40.00-55.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 80.00-99.50; Hol. Heifers 90-140 lbs. 85.00-130.00.

HOGS 27. Barrows and gilts 1 lot US No. 1-2 230 lbs. barrows & gilts at 50.60; 1 lot No. 2-3 380 lbs. 50.00; US No. 1-3 400-600 lbs. sows 39.75-44.50, few BOARS 34.00-36.00.

FEEDER PIGS 71. Few US No. 1-3 20-25 lbs. feeder pigs 25.00-27.50 per head, No. 1-3 30-50 lbs. 31.00-44.00.

SHEEP 16. Spring and Woolled sl. lambs few Choice 50-85 lbs. 56.00-59.00; few Slaughter ewes 16.00-24.50.



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Livestock market and auction news

East Coast Carlot Meats

December 6, 1978

Negotiated sales generally steady on choice 3 carcass steer beef. Formula sales late Tuesday base 1.00-1.75 lower. Prime special fed veal steady. Good and choice boning veal northeastern suppliers 2.00 lower, midwest and west coast suppliers steady to firm. Compared to last week, lamb 55 lbs. down 4.00-5.00 higher, 55-65 lbs. 10.00-14.00 higher, 65-75 lbs. 10.00-12.00 higher. Fresh loins generally steady with late last week.

STEER BEEF

9 Loads

Negotiated sales:
Choice 3 700-800 lbs. 86.75.
Choice 3 700-900 lbs. 85.50-86.00, generally steady.

HEIFER BEEF

1 Load

Formula sales late Tuesday base:
Choice 3 600-700 lbs. 87.50-88.00, 1.00-1.75 lower.
Choice 3 700-900 lbs. 86.50-87.00.

BEEF CUTS

11 Loads

STEER HINDS: 145-190 lbs. 97.50-99.00, few 101.50, mostly 1.50 lower.
FORES: 130-210 lbs. 78.50.
ARM CHUCKS: 90-130 lbs. 79.00, firm.
ARM BACKS: 100-150 lbs. 91.00.

ROUNDS, STEER: 60-85 lbs. 101.00.

BRISKETS: 56.00.

LAMB CARCASS

Choice and Prime 3-4

6 Loads

Compared to last week:
55 lbs. down 130.00, 4.00-5.00 higher; 60 lbs. down 125.00; 55-65 lbs. 120.00, 10.00-14.00 higher; 65-75 lbs. 114.00-115.00, 10.00-12.00 higher.

FRESH PORK CUTS

26 Loads

LOINS: 14 lbs. down 95.50, generally steady; 14-17 lbs. 94.50, with last week; 17-20 lbs. few 88.50.

CURED AND PROCESSED MEATS

24 Loads

SKINNED HAMS: 16-19

lbs. 116.00, firm, 19-23 lbs. 107.00-108.25

SEMI BNLS HAMS: 17-20 lbs. 125.00, steady.

BONELESS HAMS: 13-17 lbs. 163.00, steady.

NO. 1 SLICED BACON: Vacuum pack 113.00, steady.

FRANKS: 70 beef, 30 pork 1 lb. pack 83.00, steady.

BOLOGNA: 70 beef, 30 pork 1 lb. pack 89.00, firm.

VEAL CARCASS-HIDE ON

Prime (Special Fed)

180-240 lbs. 140-145.00 steady.

GOOD & CHOICE BONING TYPE-HIDE ON

NORTHEASTERN SUPPLIERS: 65-75 lbs. 100.00-102.00, all steady to 2.00 lower; 55-64 lbs. 98.00-100.00; 45-54 lbs. 96.00-98.00; 35-44 lbs. 94.00-96.00; 34 lbs. down 92.00-94.00.

MIDWEST AND WEST COAST SUPPLIERS: 70-80 lbs. 104.00-105.00, all steady; 60-70 lbs. 102.00-103.00; 50-60 lbs. 100.00-101.00; 40-50 lbs. 98.00-99.00; 30-40 lbs. 96.00-97.00.

Market courtesy of USDA.

Des Moines Carlot

December 6, 1978

Compared to Tuesday's close: Choice steer beef 50-2.00 lower. Choice heifer beef 1.00 lower. Trade moderate to fairly active; demand moderate sales reported on 64 loads of carcass beef.

STEER BEEF

Choice 3 600-800 lbs 82.75-83.50 including 50-1.25 lower packer/packer.
Choice 3 700-900 lbs. 82.00-82.50, 1.50-2.00 lower than Monday.

Choice 3 550-700 lbs. 84.75-85.50 sliced and trimmed.

Choice 2 550-650 lbs. 85.75 sliced and trimmed.

Choice 2 600-700 lbs. 85.25 selected.

Good 2-3 500-900 lbs. 80.25 (Hols. type) steady.

HEIFER BEEF

Choice 3 500-700 lbs. 81.75.

Choice 3 400-500 lbs. 79.75.

Choice 4 500-700 lbs. 75.25.

COW BEEF

No Sales Reported

PRIMAL BEEF CUTS

Choice 3

HINDS: 145-190 lbs. 93.75 (Steer)

FORES: 130-210 lbs. 75.00, load 73.00 sliced.

ARM CHUCKS 75-120 lbs. 75.25.

BRISKETS: 52.75.

PRIMAL BEEF CUTS

Good 3

ARM CHUCKS: 75-120 lbs. 76.25-78.50.

BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/BEEF TRIMMINGS

85 per cent chemical lean, frozen 112.00.

75 per cent chemical lean, fresh 91.00.

50 per cent chemical lean, fresh 46.00

Compared to Tuesday's close: Fresh pork loins for late week and next week shipment 1.00 higher than last Friday; clear channel loins steady with late Tuesday. Skinned hams 75-2.00 higher. Bellies steady 3.25 lower. Pork trimmings 1.25-2.00 lower. Spareribs 2.00-2.75 lower. Trading slow to moderate; demand light except for skinned hams. Sales reported on 75 loads, including 5 loads of trimmings.

FRESH PORK CUTS

LOINS: 14/dn lbs. 92.00 late week and next week shipment, 1.00 higher than Friday; 14-17 lbs. 91.00 late week and next week shipment, 1.00 higher than Friday; 14-17 lbs. 90.50 immediate shipment 95.00-95.25 clear channel, steady with Tuesday.

SPARERIBS: 3-5 lbs. 76.25-77.50 frozen, 2.00-2.75 lower.

SKINNED HAMS: 14-17 lbs. 111.00, 1.50 higher; 17-20 lbs. 104.00-mostly 105.00, 75-1.75 higher; 20-26 lbs. 95.00-96.00; 26 & up lbs. 80.00.

BELLIES, SDLS: 12-14 lbs. 58.00-60.00, load 61.50,

steady 2.00 lower; 14-16 lbs. 58.00-60.00, steady 2.00 lower; 16-18 lbs. 55.00-57.50, 75-3.00 lower; 18-20 lbs. 51.50-52.00.

JOWLS: Fresh 31.00-32.50.

PORK TRIMMINGS/BONELESS PROCESSING PORK: (chemical lean) 42 per cent trimmings 35.50, 1.25-1.50 lower fresh/boxed; 42 per cent trimmings 38.00-38.75, 1.50-2.00 lower frozen/boxed; 72 per cent trimmings 83.50, 1.50 lower fresh/bags.

Market courtesy of USDA.

Lancaster Feeder Cattle

Lancaster, Pa.
Fri., December 1, 1978

Feeder Cattle

Today	500
Last Friday	506
Last Year	518

TREND: Bulk of supply sold in lots of three or less, no comparison available.

FEEDER STEERS: Two lots Choice and Prime 96-1000 lbs. 58.10-58.25; two lots Choice 505-151 lbs. 68.10-71.50, few lots 630-785 lbs. 61.25-65.75, few lots 850-1095 lb. 55.10-59.50; lot mixed Good and Choice 605 lb. 64.85 two lots 805-840 lbs. 57.35-58.50; lot Good 640 lbs. 59.25; lot Standard and Good Holsteins 915 lbs. 49.75.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Lot mixed Good and Choice 455 lbs. 56.75

FEEDER BULLS: Lot Choice 670 lbs. 55.75; few lots Good 605-960 lbs. 50.60-53.50; lot Good Holsteins 425 lbs. 58.75.

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