

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 15-21, 1979

Deserted is the field, the river congealed

Keep New Year's resolutions Democratic Donkey born Jan. 15, 1870
 Last quarter of the moon Jan. 21 Average length of days for the week, 9 hours 31 minutes Kiwanis International organized Jan. 21, 1915 Boston's big Brink's holdup Jan. 17, 1950
If you can't use your hands, use your head.

Ask the Old Farmer I have heard the expression "you can bet your bottom dollar many times but I can't say that I know what a bottom dollar is. Do you know this expression?" E. J. Wilmington, Del.

Silver dollars, used to be stacked during poker games. The bottom dollar was the last one in the stack. Today it would be your bottom chip.

Home Hints Protect your glasses when painting by covering the lenses with plastic wrap.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS
 New England: Rain then snow to start, cloudy and cold with some flurries for last part of week.
 Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins with light freezing rain, rainy and mild at midweek then snow.
 Middle Atlantic Coastal: Partly sunny and mild with some showers then rainy and cold.

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Joliet Cattle

January 11, 1979

CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 6,400, 4 days last week 3,989, same period last year 7,317. Trading moderately active for the week. Slaughter Steers closed the week 2.50-3.00 higher than Friday of last week. Slaughter Heifers 2.50-3.75 higher than Wednesday of last week. Cows 2.00-3.00 higher than Friday of last week.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4, few 5, 1150-1300 lbs. 59.50-60.00, 1 load 4-5 1300 lbs. 58.50, 1 load 4-5 1520 lbs. 58.50 Monday; 61.00-61.75 Wednesday, 2 loads 62.00, load mostly 4, few 5, 1250 lbs. 60.00 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 58.50-59.50 Monday, 60.00-61.50, mostly 60.50-61.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1200 lbs. 57.50-58.50 Monday; 59.00-60.00 Wednesday. Few Good Holsteins 1350 lbs. 54.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4, few 5, 900-1100 lbs. 57.50-58.75 Monday; 58.50-60.75, 4 loads 60.75 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 56.25-57.25 Monday; 57.50-58.50 Wednesday.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 50.00-53.00 Monday. Cutter and Utility 51.50-54.00.

Western Maryland Market

Western Maryland Stockyards, Inc. Westminster, Md. January 9, 1979

BUTCHER CATTLE: Good run mostly cows. Fat steers few offered \$2.00 higher; top 61.50; Good-choice 57.00-61.50; Standard 54.00-57.00; Heifers good to 55.00; Cows good run very

active \$3.00 higher! Good cows 53.50-55.85; Standard & Utility 50.00-53.00; Canners 47.50-50.00; Shelly 47.50 down; bulls no heavy bulls offered, medium weights to 57.75.

BUTCHER HOGS: Good run prices \$1.50 higher! Top Hogs 51.60; Bulk 200-225 lbs. 51.00-51.60; 230-260 lbs. 50.50-51.50; 170-190 lbs. 48.00-50.50; Heavy weights to 46.50; sows to 46.00 bulk 40.00-44.00.

VEAL CALVES: Good Run active & steady prices. Tops individual 265 lb. at \$121.00; good-choice 90.00-120.00; standard 80.00-95.00; light calves 60.00-80.00; weak & rough 60.00 down. Farm heifers to \$137.00 bulls to 106.00.

LAMBS: Few offered strong demand. Good & Choice to \$67.50; medium to 60.00.

STOCK CATTLE: Strong demand \$3.00 higher! Stock steers 55.00-77.50; stock heifers 50.00-78.00; stock bulls 55.00-76.50.

PIGS AND SHOATS: Good run prices lower. By the head 10.00-40.00 shoats to 44.50; by the lb. 42.50-56.00 one lot 88 lb. at 67.00.

Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa. January 9, 1979

CATTLE 229. Choice slaughter steers 62.00-64.10, Good 58.00-63.85, Standard 56.00-58.00, Utility 54.00-56.00. Choice slaughter heifers 58.75, Good 55.00 59.75, Standard 52.00-55.00, Utility 50.00-52.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 51.00-55.60, Cutters 48.00-53.75, Canner & Low Cutter 45.00-48.00, Shells down to 38.00. Good slaughter bullocks 60.00-65.75. Yield Grade #1 1200-2260 lbs. slaughter bulls 58.75-67.10; yield grade #2 800-1200 lbs. 52.00-58.00. Good 400-775 lbs. feeder steers 65.00-79.00.

Livestock market and auction news

CALVES 115. Prime vealers 110.00-128.00, Choice 100.00-110.00, Good 90.00-100.00, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 80.00-90.00, 90-110 lbs. 75.00-80.00, 70-90 lbs. 65.00-75.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 95-115 lbs. 90.00-115.00; holstein heifers 90-150 lbs. 90.00-128.00.

HOGS 616. (Monday, January 8, 1979). US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 52.85-53.75, No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 52.00-52.85, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 49.75-52.00. US No. 1-3 340-750 lbs. sows 40.50-48.50. Boars 375-700 lbs. 32.75-40.50.

FEEDER PIGS 174. US No. 1-3 10-20 lbs. feeder pigs 15.00-22.00 per head, No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. 22.00-45.00, No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. 45.00-62.50 per head.

SHEEP 0. No sales on offer.

Belleville Auction

Belleville, Pa. January 10, 1979

CATTLE 141. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows \$1.50 to \$3 higher. One Good slaughter steer at 60.25, couple Standard 56.75 and 57.10. One Standard slaughter heifer at 55.00, few Utility 50.00-53.10. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 47.50-53.85, couple 55.10, Cutters 48.50-52.10, Canner & Low Cutter 45.10-49.00. Few Yield Grade #1 1450-2050 lbs. slaughter bulls 58.35-64.10.

CALVES 148. Vealers grading Standard & Good 70-110 lbs. \$4 to \$6 higher. Choice vealers 98.00-118.50, few Good 89.50-110.00, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 75.00-82.00, 70-85 lbs. 72.00-78.00, few Utility 50-100 lbs. 50.00-65.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 82.00-105.00; few holstein heifers 90-130 lbs. 79.50-126.00.

HOGS 277. Barrows & gilts 75 cents to \$1 lower. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 53.40-53.90, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 52.50-53.50. Few US No. 1-3 400-450 lbs. sows 44.25-46.50. Few Boars 34.00-41.00.

FEEDER PIGS 380. US No. 1-3 25-40 lbs. feeder pigs 30.50-43.00 per head, No. 1-3 40-55 lbs. 36.00-52.00, few lots No. 1-3 60-85 lbs. 48.50-55.00 per head.

SHEEP 7. One Choice 105 lbs. woolled slaughter lamb at 65.00. Few Slaughter ewes 25.00-47.00.

Valley Livestock

Valley Stockyards Athens, Pa.

MON., January 8, 1979

Reported receipts of 350 calves, 106 cows, 37 hogs, 9 heifers, 2 sheep, 9 lambs, 12 bulls, and 4 steers. Cattle market very active and calf market steady.

Holstein heifer calves to 115.00; Veals 90.00-114.00; bobs, 90 to 110 lbs. 89.00-93.00; bobs, 80 and down 70.00-75.00; grassers and feeders 50.00-65.00; lambs 55.00-66.00; sheep 25.00-33.00; hogs, 200 to 250 lbs. 48.25-50.50; sows 38.00-42.00; boars 32.00-38.00; pigs 15.00-38.00; heifers 45.00-57.50; steers, good 57.00-60.00; steers, common 52.00-56.00; bulls 48.50-56.50; cows, good 52.00-53.75; cows, medium 47.00-48.50; cows, poor or small 42.00-45.00; 1 pony 47.50.

Hunter's Auction

January 8, 1979 Rising Sun, Md.

FEEDER HEIFERS: High Choice and Prime 50.00-55.00.

FEEDER STEERS: Good to Choice 68.50-69.00.

COWS: High Choice to Prime 52.50-53.75; Good to Standard 51.50-52.00; Utility 46.75-51.00; Cutters 46.50-48.25; Canners 40.50-44.25.

CALVES: Prime 180-240 lbs. 75.00-89.00; High to Choice 140-180 lbs. 82.00-90.00; Good to Choice 120-140 lbs. 75.00-82.00; Standard to Good 90-110 lbs. 67.00-88.00; Utility 70-85 lbs. 52.00-64.00; Low Utility 65-75 lbs. 42.00-56.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 30-35 lbs. 32 to 37 by hd.; 40-50 lbs. \$37 to \$41 by hd.

HOGS: 140-180 lbs. 42.00-47.00.

SOWS: 38.50-42.00.
BOARS: 38.00-40.50.

Special Draft and Mule Sale

New Holland Sales Stables January 5, 1979 Total 258 head.

Load of Canada work horses, pairs 1550-2050, singles 850-1625; load of Tennessee work horse, pairs 2100-2625, singles 1000-1250;

load of Tennessee mules, pairs 1875-3100, singles 825-1175; load of Illinois work horses, pairs 1875-2300, singular 750-1550; load of Tennessee work horses, pairs 1900-2850, singles 1075-1675; load of Virginia work horses, pairs 1575-2500; load of Kentucky driving horses 575-1125; load of Pa. driving horses 475-775; local mules, pairs 1450-1950, singles 500-1225; work horses, singles 800-1450; local driving horses 450-1150.

Leesport Auction

Leesport, Pa. January 10, 1979

CATTLE 247. Supply included 24 head feeder cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers \$1.50 to \$2 higher. Slaughter cows 50 cents to \$1 higher. Few High Choice & Prime 1200-1350 lbs. slaughter steers 62.25-64.50, Choice 900-1350 lbs. 60.00-63.85, Good 57.60-61.25, few Standard 55.35-57.75, one Utility at 54.25. Choice 950-1200 lbs. slaughter heifers 58.85-62.25, one 62.60, few Good 56.50-58.50, few Standard 50.25-51.60. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 51.00-54.00, few 55.75, Cutters 49.75-51.50, Canner & Low Cutter 46.60-50.00. Few Good & Choice slaughter bullocks 61.00-63.25, few Standard 55.50-58.50. Few Yield Grade #1 1400-1800 lbs. slaughter bulls 59.50-64.00; few yield grade #2 950-1200 lbs. 56.75-59.00.

CALVES 118. Vealers grading Good \$3 to \$6 higher, Standard & Low Good steady to strong. Few Choice 98.00-119.00, Good 89.00-99.00, few Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 84.50-87.00, 90-110 lbs. 74.00-

80.00, few 70-85 lbs. 69.00-74.00, Utility 60-100 lbs. 40.00-70.00. Farm calves active, holstein bulls 100-115 lbs. 101.00-114.00, few 90-95 lbs. 81.00-96.00; holstein heifers 85-135 lbs. 90.00-140.00.

HOGS 382. Barrows & gilts \$1.50 lower. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 53.35-53.85, one lot 19 head 54.60, No. 1-3 190-255 lbs. 52.00-53.50, few No. 2-3 285-295 lbs. 50.35-50.50, No. 1-3 135-190 lbs. 48.00-51.35. Sows \$1.25 to \$2 higher. US No. 1-3 280-550 lbs. sows 44.00-46.25, one at 46.75, No. 2-3 500-650 lbs. 43.50-44.50. Few Boars 35.00-38.00, few light weights 40.50-42.00.

FEEDER PIGS 162. ALL PRICES CWT. US No. 1-3 25-50 lbs. feeder pigs 97.00-114.00, few down to 75.00, few No. 1-3 65-75 lbs. 88.00-89.00 cwt.

SHEEP 14. Few Choice 70-105 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 75.00-84.00. Few Slaughter ewes 36.00-41.00.

Carroll's Sales Co., Inc.

Felton, Delaware January 10, 1979

COWS: Utility 51.00-54.00, Cutter 48.00-51.00.

STEERS: Choice 58.00-61.00, Good 54.00-58.00, Standard 50.00-54.00.

BULLS: 49.75-57.75

VEAL CALVES: Prime 95.00-105.00, Choice 85.00-95.00, Good 75.00-85.00, Standard 65.00-75.00. Monkeys returning to farm - 70.00-88.00, Few 60.00-70.00.

LAMBS: No Test. HOG 200-240 lbs. 51.00-52.50.

SOWS 300-600 lbs. 40.50-42.75, under 300 lbs. 39.00-45.00.

BOARS 300 lbs Up - 37.50-39.25.

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SPECIAL NOTICE: Jan. 17 Sale will have 10 bred Gilts, Yorkshires bred to Poland China Boar, consigned by Ivan Weaver.

We Will Receive Your Pigs Anytime From 7 A.M. Wed. Morning State Graded Until 12 Noon.

All pigs inspected by State Approved Veterinarian. State tags available at our office for you to tag pigs at home to save 25 cents tagging charge. Tags delivered if you call 717-354-4341 our office in advance.

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