



# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 22-28, 1979

It's frigid, and lakes are rigid.

Good sledding now Picard descended 37,800 ocean feet Jan 22, 1959 New moon Jan 28 Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 42 minutes On the 29th, the asteroid Juno will be eclipsed by the moon at 9 P.M. (can be observed with an amateur's telescope) Raccoons are mating now One pardons to the degree that one loves



Ask the Old Farmer: From my Vermont family I acquired a tin candle mold. It is in one piece, not split. How do they get the candles out in one piece? A.L., Cherry Hill, N.J.

Wax shrinks slightly as it cools, so candles often could be lifted out. Or the mold could be dipped

briefly in hot water, similar to the way ladies get jello out of those fancy dishes. Most craft shops sell a spray that helps prevent sticking.

Home Hints: To defrost food slowly, place in a styrofoam cooler.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Cold, some heavy snow to start, then clearing for weekend.

Greater New York-New Jersey: First of week, cold and snowy, then partly sunny and cold.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week starts rainy and cold, with freezing rain at midweek, then clear, very cold.

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## Valley Livestock

Stockyards  
Athens, Pa.

Mon., January 15, 1979

Reported receipts of 431 calves, 129 cows, 32 hogs, 15 heifers, 14 lambs, 10 sheep, 13 bulls, and 5 steers. Cattle market very active and calf market steady.

Holstein heifer calves to 115.00; veals 95.00-120.00; bobs, 90 to 110 lbs. 78.00-90.00; bobs, 80 lbs. and down 68.00-75.00; grassers and feeders 48.50-70.00; lambs 60.00-72.00; sheep 20.00-24.50; hogs, 200 to 250 lbs. 49.00-53.50; sows 38.00-42.00; boars 33.00-35.00; pigs 15.00-35.00; heifers 53.00-58.50; steers, good 54.00-57.75; steers, common 48.00-52.00; bulls 52.00-57.00; cows, good 53.00-56.25; cows, medium 48.50-50.00; cows, poor or small 32.00-46.00; ponies 22.50-38.00; goats 15.00-42.00.

## Carlisle Auction

Carlisle, Pa.  
January 16, 1979

CATTLE: Steers higher. Cows higher. Steers: Choice 58.00-65.50; Good 56.75-58.00; Standard 51.00-55.00. Cows: Utility & Commercial 50.00-52.25, Ind. 56.00; Cutter 47.85-50.00; Canner & Low Cutter 43.10-48.00. Bulls: Yield Grade No. 1 58.00-63.60.

CALVES: Choice 87.50-112.00; Good 80.00-95.00; Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 65.00-85.00; Holstein Heifers 119.00-125.00.

HOGS: US No. 1-2 53.50-54.75; US No. 1-3 48.50-53.50. SOWS: US No. 1-3 41.50-46.50.

FEEDER PIGS US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 26.00-35.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 41.00-47.00.

SHEEP: Slaughter lambs Choice 90.00; Good 62.00-78.00.

# Livestock market and auction news

## St. Louis Cattle

National Stockyards  
January 18, 1979

Receipts this week: 5,600  
Week Ago 5,800  
Year Ago 4,800

Compared to the previous weeks close, slaughter steers 2.00-2.50 higher. Slaughter heifers mostly 2.50 higher. Cows mostly 2.00 lower. Bulls fully steady. Slaughter supply mainly Choice 2-4 1025-1200 lbs. steers, around 35 percent heifers and 15 percent cows.

NOTE: The \$64.00 slaughter steers and the \$62.00 slaughter heifers are the highest prices ever paid at National Stock Yards.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 61.50-63.50. Two loads 1175-1225 lbs. 64.00 on Monday, closing weeks sales 61.50 to mostly 62.00. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 60.00-62.50, closing sales 60.50-62.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 59.00-61.00. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 57.50-59.50. Standard to Good 2-3 1025-1325 lbs. Holsteins 56.00-58.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 60.00-62.00, closing week sales 60.00-60.50, several 60.50. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 58.50-61.50, closing 58.50-60.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 700-975 lbs. 57.00-59.00. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 55.00-57.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 45.00-50.00, most closing sales 45.00-48.50. Boning Utility 1-2 49.00-51.50, closing 49.00-50.00. Cutter 1-2 44.00-49.00, closing 44.00-48.00. Canner and low Cutter 1-2 40.00-45.00, closing 40.00-44.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1000-1800 lbs. 55.00-61.00. Yield Grade 1 1600-2380 lbs. 61.00-62.00.

FEEDERS: (Including around 1500 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers steady to 2.00 lower. Feeder heifers steady to 1.00 lower. Supply mainly choice and mixed good and choice 400-800 lb. steers and 400-600 lb. heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice 350-500 lbs. 82.75-90.25; 500-600 lbs. 74.75-83.00; 600-700 lbs. 68.50-75.00; 700-850 lbs. 64.00-66.50, few lots fleshy 900-1000 lbs. 59.00-64.00. Mixed Good and Choice and some Choice compact 425-625 lbs. 69.00-

77.00. Few lots Good 400-450 lbs. 62.25-68.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 300-500 lbs. 68.75-76.00; 500-625 lbs. 63.25-70.50. Mixed Good and Choice 400-475 lbs. 66.50-68.75.

## Joliet Cattle

January 18, 1979

Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 4,200, 5 days last week 6,750, same period last year 8,480. Trading moderate for the week. Slaughter steers closed the week 50 higher than Friday of last week. Heifers closed the week 1.00 higher than Friday of last week. Cows 2.00 lower than Friday of last week.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed high Choice and Prime 3-4, few 5, 1150-1300 62.50-62.75, 2 loads 63.00 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 2 loads 63.50 Tuesday; 62.00-62.50 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 61.00-62.25 Tuesday; 61.00-62.00 Wednesday.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4, few 5, 1000-1100 lbs. 2 load 62.50 Tuesday; load 62.25, 2 loads 62.50; load 4-5 1150 lbs. 60.50 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. load 62.50 Tuesday; 61.50-62.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 800-1000 lbs. 60.50-61.50 Wednesday.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 49.00-50.00 Tuesday; 48.50 Wednesday.

## Omaha Cattle

January 18, 1979

CATTLE: Compared late previous week's close - prices on slaughter steers were steady to 25 cents higher, limited late sales 50-1.00 higher, and heifers closed 25-50 cents higher. Cows were weak to 50 cents lower, bulls firm, instances 50-1.00 higher.

The fed cattle trade followed a very uneven pattern as weather was again the dominating factor the fore part of week. Severe blizzard conditions in eastern Iowa and across Illinois paralyzed traffic and virtually halted movement of carcass beef into the Chicago area and beyond till midweek. Local packers were forced to reduce

slaughter quotas as coolers filled and trucks were tied up at the eastern end of the run. Prices were forced downward the forepart of the week under a restricted demand despite modest marketings, but the early downturn was more than offset in an aggressive later trade as weather conditions improved and traffic again began moving. Slaughter steers made up approximately 44 pct. and heifers 32 pct. cows comprised 12 pct. and feeders 10 pct.

STEERS: On Thursday, load Choice and Prime 3-4 1168 lbs. 62.75, load Choice and Prime 3-4 1144 lbs. 61.75 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1000-1275 lbs. closed 60.50-61.75, some carrying rather heavy coating of mud but mostly Choice 59.50-60.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 59.00-61.00. Good 2-3 54.50-58.50, Holsteins included at 55.00-56.00.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 60.88; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 60.95. Average weight steers for three days 1159 lbs. as compared 1149 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers for three days 984 lbs. as compared 1013 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: At midweek, three loads Choice and Prime 3-4 935 lbs. 61.00 load Choice with end Prime 3-4 1000 lbs. 60.50. Choice 2-4 875-1050 lbs. closed 58.75-61.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1000 lbs. 58.00-59.00. Good 2-3 54.00-57.50.

COWS: Utility and

Commercial 2-4 46.00-48.50, Cutter 43.00-46.00. Canner and Low-Cutter 39.00-43.00. BULLS: 1-2 1400-2100 lbs. 52.00-58.00. few individual 1 59.00-60.00.

## Peoria Livestock

January 18, 1979

Estimated Receipts this snow-week 2397  
Actual Receipts last week 6100  
Actual Receipts last year 5900

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers 2.00-2.50 higher. Slaughter heifers 2.25-2.50 higher. Cows mostly steady. Bulls steady. Slaughter steers and heifers reached an all-time high for Peoria, as heavy snow greatly reduced receipts. Receipts about 75 slaughter steers 20 slaughter heifers and the balance mainly cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice and Prime 3-4, 1150-1225 lbs. 63.50. Choice 2-4, 950-1210 lbs. 62.50-63.50. Mixed good and choice 2-4, 950-1350 lbs. 61.00-62.50. Good 2-3, 59.00-61.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and Prime 3-4, 900-1100 lbs. 61.50-62.75, few 63.00. Choice 2-4, 850-1050 lbs. 60.00-61.50. Mixed good and choice 2-4 800-1075 lbs. 58.00-60.00. Good 2-3, 56.50-58.00.

COWS: Utility and commercial 47.00-51.00, few high-dressing utility 51.50-52.50. Cutter 43.00-47.00. Canner 38.00-43.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1100-1830 lbs. 55.00-62.00.

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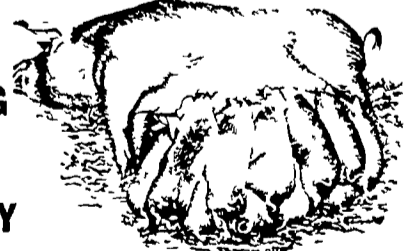
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