

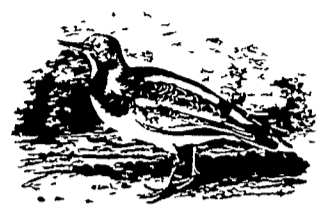


THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 10-16, 1979

Sleet and snow to zero or below

Time to get your Christmas tree Grandma Moses died Dec 13, 1961 Last quarter of the moon Dec 11 Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 6 minutes Indiana admitted to Union Dec 11, 1816 Battle of the Bulge began Dec 16 1944 What a day may bring, a day may take away



come off clothing easily if you run an ice cube over them for a couple of minutes

Ask the Old Farmer Horses and oxen used to wear "caulks" What are they? F Y Knoxville Blunt metal pieces Four were inserted into each horseshoe to prevent slipping An ox shoe in order to fit a split hoof, was in two pieces and was just bent down on each end to serve the same purpose

Home Hints Chewing gum or tar will

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England Clear and cold west, freezing rain coast, to start, by end of week heavy rain coast, light snow inland
Greater New York-New Jersey Clearing then heavy rain through mid-week, cloudy and cold through weekend, possible heavy rains
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week brings heavy rain cloudy and cold, cold and rainy through end of week
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal Clearing and mild beginning of week, then rain and snow west, cold, with rain through week's end

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Four States Livestock

Wed., November 28, 1979

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers steady prices. Choice 65.00-67.00; Good 62.00-64.00; Medium 61.00 Down. Heifers Choice to 57.00; Good 52.00-56.00; Medium 51.00 Down. Cows large run, \$2.00 higher. High Yield 51.50-54.00; Average 48.00-51.00; Big Middle 43.00-47.00; Shelly 45.00 Down. Fat Bulls good run, higher prices. Good 57.00-60.25; Medium 52.00-56.00. Veal Calves \$3.00 to 6.00 higher. Choice 105.00-109.50; Good 98.00-104.00; Medium 85.00-97.00; Farm Hfns. to 160.00; Farm Bulls to 109.00; Light & Weak 65.00 Down. Lambs steady prices. Good 57.00-59.50; Medium 56.00 Down. Sows 300-550 lbs. 28.00-34.00; Thin Sows 24.00-27.00.

STOCKER: Steers 300-550 lbs. very active, \$3.00 higher. Choice 84.00-87.50; Good 78.00-83.00; Medium 71.00-77.00; Culls 70.00 Down. Steers 600-850 lbs. Choice 69.00-72.00; Good 63.00-68.00; Medium 62.00 Down. Heifers (All Weights) Dairy Type to 88.00; Choice 64.00-69.50; Good 58.00-63.00; Medium 57.00 Down. Bulls Choice 80.00-90.00; Good 70.00-79.00; Medium 69.00 Down. Dairy Cows to 680.00. Springing Heifers to 1180.00. Pigs, Hd. large run, steady prices. 20-30 lbs. 8.00-17.00; 40-60 lbs. 18.00-29.00. Shoats by Lb. to 29.00. Slaughter Hogs 50 cents higher. 210-230 lbs. 40.00-40.75; 240-260 lbs. 39.00-40.00; 180-205 lbs. 35.00-38.00; 270-350 lbs. 35.00-39.00

Peoria Cattle

December 6, 1979

Receipts This Week 5600
Last Week 6200
Year Ago 6300
Compared with last week's close, slaughter Steers and Heifers 1.00-1.50 higher, except yield grade 4's 1.00 lower. Cows 3.00-5.00 lower. Bulls 1.00-2.00 lower. Receipts about 65 percent Slaughter Steers, 30 percent Slaughter Heifers, balance mainly cows. Slaughter Steers and Heifers worked higher this week, except for increased supply of yield grade 4's under pressure.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice and Prime 3-4 1125-1225 lbs. 66.50-67.00; several loads mostly 4's 63.00-64.00; Choice 2-4 1000-1200 lbs. 66.00-67.50; several loads 68.00, including load 1250 lbs. and load 68.25; 3-4 1150-1250 lbs. 64.00-65.50; Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1300 lbs. 65.00-66.00; Good 2-3 61.00-65.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and Prime 3-4 900-1125 lbs. 66.00-66.50; three loads 66.75-67.00; 4's 62.00-63.00; load 4-5 1150 lbs. 58.00; Choice 2-4 850-1100 lbs. 65.00-66.00; 750-850 lbs. 64.00-65.00; Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 800-1150 lbs. 63.50-65.00; Good 2-3 59.00-63.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 40.00-44.50; Few 45.00; early 48.00; cutter 1-2 38.00-40.00; canner 35.00-38.00.

BULLS Yield grade 1-2 1100-1700 lbs. 52.00-55.00; individual 56.00

St. Louis Cattle

December 6, 1979

Receipts this week 6,300: Week Ago 6,600 Year Ago 7,000. Compared with last week close, slaughter steers fully steady, instances .50 higher. Slaughter heifers fully steady. Cows fully 5.00-6.00 lower. Bulls 1.00 lower Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime slaughter steers, around 35 percent heifers and 25 percent cows.

Note The supply of slaughter cows increased substantially, resulting in sharp price declines during the period.

SLAUGHTER STEERS Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 67.50-68.50, several 68.00; Scattered lots 3-4 1100-1250 lbs. 66.00-67.00. Choice 2-4 950-1300 lbs. 66.00-68.00, mostly 66.00-67.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 65.00-66.00. Good 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 63.00-65.00. Standard to Good 2-3 1050-1300 lb. Holsteins 59.50-62.50, mostly 59.50-62.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS. Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 65.00-66.00. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 63.50-65.50, mostly 63.50-65.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-975 lbs. 62.50-63.50. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 61.00-62.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 40.00-46.00, closing 40.00-43.00. Boning Utility 1-2 43.00-48.00, closing week sales 43.00-45.00. Cutter 1-2 38.00-45.00, closing 38.00-42.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 34.00-41.00, closing sales 34.00-38.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1050-1800 lbs. 53.00-58.00, closing sales 53.00-57.00. Few yield grade 1 early in the week at 59.00.

FEEDERS: (including around 2,300 at the regular Thursday Auction.) Feeder steers and heifers 2.00-4.00 lower, most decline generally on steers weighing under 600 lbs. and heifers under 500 lbs. Supply mainly medium frame 1-2 400-700 lb steers and 300-600 lb heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1 325-500 lbs. 82.25-91.50; 500-600 lbs. 75.00-84.00; 600-725 lbs. 72.00-78.25; lot thin 700 lbs. 81.25, 825-900 lbs 69.00-73.25 Medium Frame 1-2 375-500 lbs 75.00-81.50; 500-600 lbs. 69.00-75.00. Couple Lots Large Frame 2 920-1010 lb. Holsteins 58.75-59.50

FEEDER HEIFERS. Medium Frame 1 300-400 lbs. 71.50-77.50; 400-500 lbs 70.00-76.75; 500-600 lbs 69.75-75.00; few lots 700-825 lbs. 59.50-64.50

STOCK COWS: Couple lots small and medium frame 1-2 young and middle aged 50.25-52.75.

Joliet Cattle

December 6, 1979

CATTLE Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 5,200; 5 days last week 5,491, same period a year ago 7,419 Trading slow for the week on steers, slow on Monday to moderately active on Wednesday for heifers Mixed high choice and prime and yield grade 4 and 5 steers and steers weighing over 1300 ended the week 50 to 2.00 lower than Wednesday of last week Good to average choice steers yield grade 2-3 ended the week mostly steady. Slaughter heifers closed the week 25 to 75 higher. Cows ended the week 3.00 to 5 00 lower.

SLAUGHTER STEERS. Mixed high choice and prime 3-4 1100-1300 68.00-68.50 Monday; 67.50-68.50, 2 loads 68.75 Wednesday; Yield Grade 3-5 1250-1400 63.00-67.50 Monday; 62.00-65.00 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1050-1300 67.50-68.75 Monday; 67.00-68.50 Wednesday Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 66.50-67.50 Monday; 66.00-67.00 Wednesday. Load choice holsteins 1500 62.00 Monday.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Mixed choice and prime 3-4 950-1100 66.25, 1 load 66.50, 1 load 66.75 Monday; 66.75, 1 load 67.00, 2 loads 67.25 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1100 65.25-66.00 Monday; 65.75-66.75 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 64.00-65.00 Monday; 64.50-65.75 Wednesday.

COWS: Cutter & Utility, few commercial, 1-3 45.00-48.00, few 48.50 Monday; 41.00-45.00, few 46.00 Wednesday.

Sechrist Auction

Stewartstown, Pa.

December 3, 1979

CATTLE 100. Steers Good Choice 65.00-68.75; Holsteins Good 55.00-60.00. Heifers High Choice and Prime 60.00-64.00; Good to Choice 58.00-60.00. Feeder Steers Good and Choice 70.00-85.00; Standard Good 60.00-70.00; Utility 50.00-60.00. Bulls Good and Choice Commercial 58.00-65.00; Standard to Good 55.00-59.00; Utility to Standard 50.00-55.00. Cows High Yearling Commercial 48.75-53.75; Cutters 46.00-48.75; Canners Low Cutters 43.50-46.00; Shells 40.00-44.00.

CALVES 118. Calves Choice and Prime 100.00-120.00; Good and Choice 90.00-100.00; Standard and Good 75.00-90.00; Bulls Good 100-120 lbs. 85.00-128.00; Hfns. 90-150 lbs. 90.00-150.00; Culls 40.00-75.00.

HOGS 271. Sows 250-375 lbs. 31.00-34.00; 400-500 lbs.

Hunter's Auction

Rising Sun, Md.
December 3, 1979

BULLS: 1000-1150 lbs 51.00-62.00.

COWS High Choice and Prime 53.75-54.50; Good to Standard 51.75-53.00; Utility 48.50-50.75; Cutters 46.75-48.00; Canners 40.75-45.00

CALVES: Prime 240-300 lbs. 92.00-111.00; High to Choice 140-180 lbs 82.00-96.00; Good to Choice 120-140 lbs. 90.00-105.00; Holstein Heifers 100.00-135.00, Standard to Good 90-110 lbs 82.00-96.00; Utility 75-85 lbs 68.00-81.00; Low Utility 60-75 lbs 55.00-70.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 20-25 lbs \$10 to \$14 by hd ; 30-35 lbs \$16 to \$19 by hd.

SOWS: 24 50-31.00

BOARS: 28.50.

SHEEP 24.00-27.00, Lambs 55.00-61.00.

GOATS: Kids \$22 to \$28 by hd ; Nannies \$15 to \$35 by hd ; Billies \$28 to \$45 by hd.

Lancaster Feeder Cattle

November 30, 1979

Today 435
Last Friday 902
Last Year 500

TREND: Compared to last Friday few feeder steer sales 1.00-2.00 lower on 700-900 lb. weights.

FEEDER STEERS MEDIUM FRAME NUMBER 1: Lot 270 lb. 107.00; two packages 385 lb. 90.00-92.50; 350-475 lb. 72.25-78.00, lot 350 lb. 82.50; 650-900 lb. 66.50-70.25; couple lots 785-900 lb. 72.75-76.00.

LARGE FRAME NUMBER 2: 760-985 lb. 65.25-70.25.

HOLSTEINS LARGE FRAME NUMBER 2: 700-900 lb. 58.25-61.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS MEDIUM FRAME NUMBER 1: 220-400 lb. 70.50-77.00.

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