



THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 17-23, 1979  
Pouring, how boring.

Winter begins Dec 22 at 6 10 A M General Patton died Dec 21, 1945 New moon Dec 19 Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 4 minutes Wreck of the Hesperus Dec 17, 1839 "Branding" horse thieves started in 1792 USS Pueblo seized Dec 23, 1968 Belong not just to the hearth of your home, but the heart of your town



Ask the Old Farmer. Why do those famous New England brick houses I read about last 300 years? T P, Chicago  
Most had slate roofs with plenty of overhang which were good for many years. The brick walls were at least 8 inches thick with the outside layer of brick baked harder than the inside to shed water

Home Hints: Moths won't come into your closet if you keep dried orange peel on the shelf

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Partly cloudy and mild through mid-week, week-end brings northeaster, snow and sleet  
Greater New York-New Jersey: Clearing and mild to start, then rain changing to snow and colder mid-week through weekend  
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins cold and rainy turning sunny and milder mid-week, cloudy, rain south, for weekend  
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Beginning of week brings rain, then cloudy and cold mid-week with rain, snow in mountains, by week's end

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Omaha Cattle

December 13, 1979

Weekly 51' — Cattle — Midweek prices on Slaughter Steers were 25-50 cents higher, instances 75 cents higher, some late sales 1.00-1.50 up. Heifers were 25-75 cents higher. Cows closed 2.00-3.00 higher, and bulls were steady.

Four day receipts 11,900; compared 13,600 week ago; and 17,800 year ago.

Fed cattle trading again followed a rather uneven pattern in view of an unresponsive carcass trade the forepart of week. Mid-week trading was aggressive, however, as buyers competed for numbers on small available supplies. Yield grade was again a major price-determining factor with best demand for choice with a minimal number of yield grade 4. Some cattle carried a modest amount of mud which made dressing percentages uncertain. The overall finish was fairly attractive with a rather liberal percentage choice, although many consignments were mixed 3-4 yield grade. Slaughter Steers made up approximately 44 pct and heifers 29 pct. Cows comprised 13 pct and feeders 11 pct.

STEERS: At midweek high-time, load Choice with end prime 3 1107 lbs. 68.50. Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. ranged 66.75-68.00, some late sales 67.50-68.50; loadlots predominantly 4 1200-1350 lbs., some carrying mud, 65.50-66.75. Load 3-4 1325 lbs. 64.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 65.50-67.00. Good 2-3 63.00-65.00. Good and Choice 2-3 1300-1500 lb. holsteins 61.00-62.00.

Average of LS 214, detailed quotations, for Choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 67.38; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 67.28. Average weight steers for three days this week 1165 lbs. as compared 1149 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers for three days this week 1009 lbs. as compared 1027 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: Four loads and part loads Choice and Prime 3-4 975-1006 lbs. 67.25-67.50, few loadlots same grade large percentage 4 66.75-67.00 Choice 2-4 900-1075 lbs. 65.50-67.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1025 lbs. 64.50-66.00. Good 2-3 58.50-63.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 45.50-48.50, few 49.00. Cutter 43.50-46.00. Canner and Low-Cutter 41.00-43.50.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-2000 lbs. 54.00-60.00, few individual 1 61.00-62.00.

Oklahoma Cattle

Thursday, Dec. 13  
Estimated receipts 3500. Same day last week 863!

ACTIVE. Feeder steers and heifers over 600 lb. steady to 1.00 higher average offerings under 600 lb. steady. Supply largely medium frame 1 400-800 lb. feeder steers and 400-700 lb. feeder heifers. Moderate buyer attendance.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium frame 1 two lots 366-368 lb. 101.00-103.50; 400-500 lb. 85.25-94.25, lot 434 lb. 95.50; 500-600 lb. 79.75-86.75, lot 539 lb. 90.95, package 587 lb. fleshy 78.75; 600-700 lb. 78.75-84.00, part load 617 lb. 86.40; 700-800 lb. 77.00-80.75; 800-875 lb. 75.25-77.25. Large frame 1 few 550-560 lb. 82.75-83.50; 600-650 lb. 78.75-79.50; Package 705 lb. 79.25; package 806 lb. 75.10; lot 907 lb. 67.10. Medium and large frame 1 500-600 lb 79.00-83.00; lot 615 lb. 78.60. Medium frame 1-2 few 300-400 lb. 88.25-93.00, package 307 lb. thin 100.00; 400-500 lb. 82.75-85.50; 550-650 lb. 76.75-78.75; package 732 lb. 74.75; two lots 806-883 lb. 67.00-68.75. Large frame 1-2 few 595-730 lb. 77.25-77.75. Large frame 2 Holsteins two lots 775-795 lb. 69.00-69.70.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium frame 1 375-500 lb. 75.00-80.00; 500-600 lb. 72.50-75.75; 600-700 lb. 72.75-74.50; 70-750 lb. 68.00-73.00, part load 722 lb. very fleshy 65.90. Large frame 1 450-520 lb. 74.75-77.00; lot 669 lb. 72.10; 700-730 lb. 70.75-71.50. Medium frame 1-2 325-425 lb. 72.50-77.50; package 505 lb. 72.10; 600-700 lb. 63.25-69.00; two lots 722-729 lb. 62.30-63.75. Medium frame 2 325-400 lb. 70.00-74.00; 475-500 lb. 71.50-73.25; 500-605 lb. 64.00-68.50.

FOR THE WEEK: Feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 higher; late sales utility and commercial 2-3 46.00-51.25; cutter 1-3 46.50-48.25. Slaughter bulls steady; YG 1-2 1200-1600 lb. 58.00-64.00, individual 2165 lb. at 66.50. Salable receipts this week near 14,200 head compared with 23,266 head one week ago and 12,014 head the comparable period one year ago. Feeder steers and heifers comprised 89 per cent of this week receipts; cows and bulls 11 per cent.

Chambersburg Auction

Thurs., December 13, 1979

CATTLE 397. Compared with last Thursday's market, sl. cows 150-4.50 higher, sl. steers couple Choice 69.00-69.25, few Good 63.60-67.50, few Standard 60.00-64.00; few Choice sl. heifers 60.00-66.10, one at 68.50; few Good 61.50-65.50, few Standard 58.00-61.25. Utility & Commercial cows 49.00-57.00, Cutters 48.50-56.50; Canner & L. Cutter 45.50-51.00, Shells down to 44.00. Choice sl. bullocks, few Utility 58.00-59.50. Yield Grade #1, 1150-2000 lbs. 59.35-68.75, one at 71.10.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good, few Large Frame No. 1 bulls 61.00-64.50.

CALVES 477. Vealers \$2.00 higher, mostly 7.00-10.00 higher. Prime vealers 123.00-128.00, Choice 108.00-126.00, Good 95.00-107.00; Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 78.00-85.00, 70-85 lbs. 72.00-79.00, Utility 50-100 lbs. 50.00-68.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 85-95 lbs. 80.00-110.00, 95-135 lbs. 100.00-135.00, couple 144.00. Hol. Heifers 75-140 lbs. 125.00-175.00, few to 190.00.

HOGS 107. Barrows and gilts 2.50 higher. No. 1-3 200-240 lbs. 41.50-42.60, 1 lot No. 2-3 350 lbs. 31.00. SOWS US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 29.00-33.25, No. 2-3 300-550 lbs. 23.00-26.00. BOARS 22.75-24.50.

FEEDER PIGS 45. Few US No. 1-3 30-60 lbs. feeder pigs 10.50-17.00 per head.

SHEEP 40. Woolled sl. lambs Choice 80-115 lbs. 60.0-64.25, few Slaughter ewes 21.00-38.00.

New Holland Horse

Monday, December 10

New Holland

Sales Stable:

Reported receipts of 356 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market steady than last week's market.

Local of Maine driving horses 650.00-1100.00; Local load of driving horses 250.00-850.00; Local load of riding horses 250.00-450.00; better horses 475.00-725.00; light-weight killers 250.00-425.00; heavyweight killers 450.00-710.00; mares 25.00-65.00; colts 10.00-30.00; geldings 25.00-60.00; larger ponies 100.00-210.00.

Thomasville Auction

December 12, 1979

CATTLE. 114 head. Choice sl. steers 68.75-70.00; Medium Good 64.00-66.00; Choice sl. heifers 68.00-70.00; Medium Good 62.00-66.00; Utility & Commercial sl. cows, good 49.00-51.75; Utility 45.00-48.00; Canner & L. Cutter 42.00-43.50. Holstein steers 62.75-67.75; Yield Grade #1 bulls, one 78.25; Medium good bulls 55.00-67.00.

CALVES: 61 head Choice vealers 160-220 lbs. 128.00-135.00; 140-160 lbs. 120.00-124.00; 125-140 lbs. 105.00-109.00. Medium Good vealers 75.00-90.00; Hol. Bulls 90-115 lbs. 100.00-108.00 Hol. Heifers 100-135 lbs. 125.00-152.00.

HOGS: 257 head. Private treaty 200-230 lbs. 41.50; Good-Choice butcher hogs 275-300 lbs. 35.00-39.00; Good-Choice butcher sows 400 lbs. and up 28.0-32.00; Good Choice butcher sows 400 lbs. and lower 32.00-36.00.

LAMBS: Medium Good 80-95 lbs. 58.00-62.00.

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3 63.50-67.50, few Standard 1-2 56.50-61.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 850-1050 lbs. 63.50-66.50, few 66.50-67.76; Good 2-3 850-1000 lbs. 61.50-64.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 50.50-55.50, several 55.50-58.00, Cutter 1-2 48.00-54.00, few 54.00-55.50, Canner and low Cutter 44.50-49.00.

BULLOCKS: Choice 1000-1300 lbs. 65.50-67.50, couple 68.00-71.00; Good 1000-1250 lbs. 61.00-65.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1300-1800 lbs. 63.50-66.50, one lot 1300-1600 lbs. 70.00-74.50, Yield Grade 2 1000-1350 lbs. 61.00-64.50, few 950-1060 lbs. 57.00-61.00.

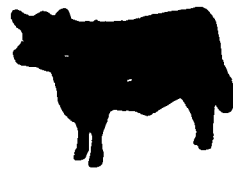
VEAL CALVES: Vealers uneven, Choice and Prime steady to weak, instances 3.00 lower, high Good and low Choice 3.00-5.00 lower. Demand fair for calves returned to farm.

VEALERS: prime 190-320 lbs. 117.00-125.00, couple 125.00-130.00; Choice 140-280 lbs. 105.00-112.00 with few 112.00-118.00; 120-140 lbs. 95.00-102.00; high Good and low Choice 120-250 lbs. 75.00-95.00, 80-115 lbs. 62.00-76.00, 60-85 lbs. 50.00-65.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Bulk 90-115 lbs. holstein heifers 98.00-125.00, several 125.00-150.00 with 40 head 157.50-172.50; bulk 90-115 lbs. holstein bulls 90-120.00, around 150 head 122.00-130.50.

Indiana Auction

No report available.



SPECIAL NOTICE  
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Will have all regular sales except will be CLOSED CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas

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BRED GILT SALE

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Every 4 weeks

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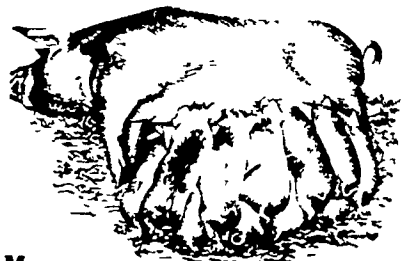
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