

Livestock market and auction news

Four States Livestock

Wednesday, December 26
SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers \$1.50 higher. Choice 67.00-70.50; Good 63.00-66.00; Medium 62.00 Down. Heifers Choice 63.00-65.76; Good 59.00-62.00; Medium 58.00 Down. Cows large run, very active \$2.00 higher. High Yield 55.00-58.00; Average 50.00-54.00; Big Middle 46.00-49.00; Shelly 48.00 Down. Fat Bulls \$1.00 higher. Good 62.00-65.75; Medium 57.00-61.00. Veal Calves large run, \$2.00 higher. Choice 110.00-119.00; Good 100.00-109.00; Medium 85.00-99.00; Farm Hfns. to 170.00; Farm Bulls to 130.00; Light & Weak 72.00 Down. Sows 300-550 lbs. 34.00-39.00; Thin Sows 28.00-32.00.
STOCKER: Steers 300-550 lbs. light run, mostly steady prices. Choice 87.00-90.00; Good 80.00-86.00; Medium 73.00-79.00; Culls 72.00 Down. Steers 600-850 lbs. Choice 72.00-78.00; Good 65.00-71.00; Medium 64.00 Down. Heifers (All Weights) Dairy Type to 100.00; Choice 69.00-72.00; Good 62.00-68.00; Medium 61.00 Down. Bulls Choice 72.00-75.00; Good 66.00-71.00; Medium 65.00 Down. Dairy Cows to 940.00. Springing Heifers to 1170.00. Pigs, Hd. mostly steady. 20-30 lbs. 10.00-17.00; 40-60 lbs. 18.00-22.00. Shoats by Lb. to 47.00. Slaughter Hogs \$1.00 under last week. 210-230 lbs. 40.25-41.50; 240-260 lbs. 40.00-41.35; 180-205 lbs. 36.00-39.25.

Baltimore USDA

Monday, December 31
CATTLE 250: Supply mostly cows firm to 50 cents higher. Not enough sales other classes to establish a market trend.
SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 995-1185 lbs. 68.00-70.75; few Good 1020-1250 lbs. 63.00-66.00.
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Individual Choice 3 935 lbs. 66.50; couple Good 2-3 950-1200 lbs. 59.60-62.00.
COWS: Utility 2-3 49.00-54.85; couple 55.00-55.50. Cutter 46.75-51.10.
BULLS: YG 1-2 1000-1820

lbs. 57.00-66.75; Individual 1 1720 lbs. 72.60.
FEEDER CATTLE: Steers - Medium Frame #1 muscle thickness 750-975 lbs. 66.50-69.75; 275-450 lbs. including some bulls 80.00-93.50. Heifers - Medium Frame #1 250-475 lbs. 64.00-73.00.
HOGS 500: Barrows & Gilts \$2.00 lower. US 1-2 200-240 lbs. 39.50-39.75, few early 40.00; US 2-3 230-260 lbs. 38.75-39.50.
SOWS: 50 cents - \$1.25 higher. US 1-3 300-600 lbs. 28.50-30.25.
FEEDER PIGS, WESTMINSTER, MD., FRIDAY, DEC. 28, 1979, 1190 head. Pigs weighed upon arrival sold on per cwt basis. 70 head US 1-2 30-40 lbs. 52.00-57.00; 122 head US 1-2 41-50 lbs. 54.00-63.00; 183 head US 1-2 50-60 lbs. 46.00-59.00; 198 head US 1-2 60-80

lbs. 39.00-50.00; 71 head US 1-2 80-95 lbs. 38.50-41.50.
MIXED 2's and US 2-3: 44 head 20-30 lbs. 51.00-57.00; 132 head 31-40 lbs. 46.00-55.00; 42 head 40-55 lbs. 41.00-47.00; 101 head 60-80 lbs. 36.00-43.00.
VEAL AND CALF AUCTION 35: Choice 130-250 lbs. 94.00-101.00; Good and Choice 115-200 lbs. 71.00-87.00; 70-110 lbs. 60.00-74.50; few calves returned to farm 71.00-78.00.

82.00-86.00; Medium 77.00-82.00; Plain 72.00 and down; Holsten Steers 47.50-69.00; Good Light Heifer Calves 68.00-72.00; Medium 63.00-68.00; Plain 58.00 and down; Good Heavy Heifers 58.00-63.00; Medium 53.00-58.00; Plain 48.00 and down; Slaughter Cows 48.00-53.00; Utilities 43.00-48.00; Canners & Cutters 35.00 and down; Milk & Stock Cows 600.00 and down; Stock Bulls 54.50-69.00; Slaughter Bulls 66.75 and down.

Shenandoah Valley Livestock

Harrisonburg, Va.
Saturday, December 29
STOCKER, FEEDER, AND SLAUGHTER STEERS: Good Light Steer Calves 90.00-95.00; Medium 85.00-90.00; Plain 80.00 and down; Good Heavy Steers

97.00 and down; Baby Calves 125.00 and down.
SHEEP & LAMBS: Choice Blue O 69.00; Good Red O 62.00; Feeder Lambs 62.00 and down; Slaughter Ewes 20.00 and down.
HOGS: Top 38.25; Heavy 32.00-35.00; Sows 35.00 and down; Boars 20.00; Butcher Hogs 32.50 and down.



JAN. 7-13, 1980
 A sunny treat, but watch for sleet.

Cut pussy willows now Agatha Christie died Jan. 12, 1976
 Last quarter of the moon Jan. 10 Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 18 minutes B & O horse-drawn railroad began Jan. 7, 1830 Standard Oil Co. organized this week in 1870 Eat to live, not live to eat



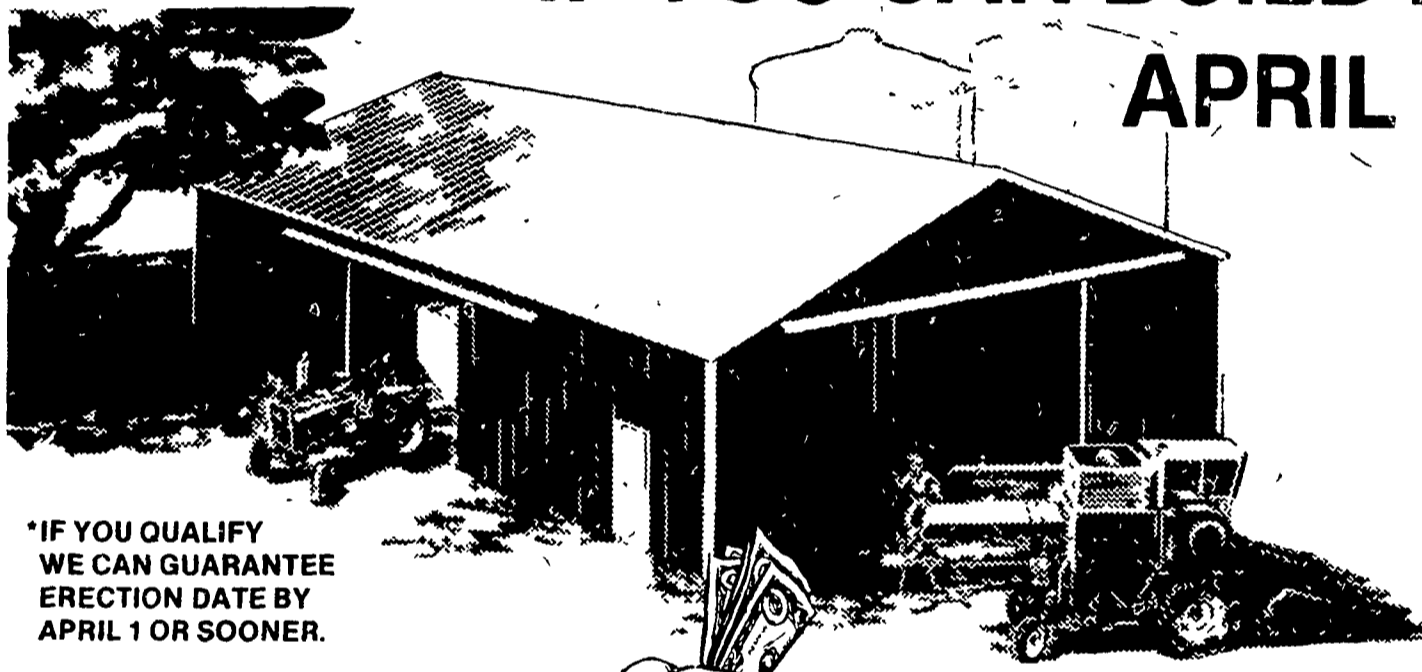
Ask the Old Farmer: Who originated the term "Yankee Clipper" and when was it first used to describe the New England-built sailing ships? K.V., Pasadena, Calif.
 It might be difficult to pin this down but the term was probably applied to the schooner-rigged privateers of the Revolution to distinguish them from the Baltimore clippers, which came first

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New England: Rain coast, sleet and snow inland at week's start, then cloudy and cold toward week's end
Greater New York-New Jersey: Mild with heavy rain south through mid-week, then cloudy and cold until end of week
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins mild and rainy, then cold, rain east, snow west by weekend
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