

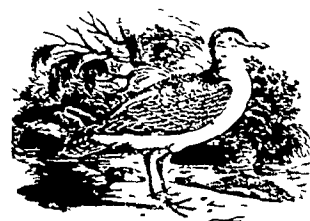


THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

FEB. 11-17, 1980

Some sun will do to form a shovellers' crew

Time to replace your missing tools Lincoln's Birthday Feb 12
New moon Feb 16 Average length of days for the week 10
hours, 33 minutes Total eclipse of the sun Feb 16, but will not
be visible from US Geese are laying Lots of crows around
now It is a wise father who knows his own child



Ask the Old Farmer Can you tell me how 'lunkhead' originated? E A, Lancaster, Pa
Probably was 'lump' instead of lunk. And then there is 'blockhead' which was the original name for the wooden form which hatters have used for centuries in shaping the crowns of headgear. Made of solid wood it was no compliment then or now to be called one.

Home Hints Spikes attached to ladder legs prevent slipping on ice

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Light snow and rain east at week's start, then cloudy and cold middle through end of week

Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week brings snow changing to rain and becoming milder mid-week, weekend is sunny and mild

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain, heavy west, and warm through end of week, weekend clear, bringing cold temperatures

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Partial clearing and warm spell starts the week, then rain, by week's end, clear, very cold, and hard frost

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Oklahoma Cattle

Thursday, February 7
Estimated receipts 6400, same day last week 3384.

Limited test feeder steers and heifers under 500 lbs. fully steady, demand good. Weights over 500 lbs. steady to 2.00, mostly steady to 1.00 lower than Wednesday's sharp advance. Moderate demand for feeders above 500 lbs. Bulk supply Medium Frame 1 500-900 lbs. feeder steers and 500-750 lbs heifers.

FEEDER STEERS
Medium Frame 1 315 lbs. thru 115.00, two lots 410-430 lbs. 104.50-108.25, package 475 lbs. 101.75; 500-600 lbs. 84.00-94.00 Lot 505 lbs. 99.25, package 500 lbs. 102.00; 600-700 lbs. 79.25-87.25, several 81.00-86.00, 700-800 lbs. 77.00-82.00, load 710 lbs. 82.50; 800-900 lbs. 75.25-78.75, load 975 lbs 72.75 Large Frame 1 485 lbs 97.50; 550-600 lbs 89.00-91.75, 700-750 lbs 76.00-79.75; 850-900 lbs 74.00-76.00; 900-1000 lbs 70.75-74.00. lot 1200 lbs. 64.10 Medium Frame 1-2 340 lbs 100.00, 500-600 lbs. 78.25-85.75, 600-700 lbs 77.50-82.00; 700-800 lbs 73.00-77.75, lot 710 lbs 79.75 Large Frame 1-2 850-975 lbs 69.00-74.75 Medium Frame 2 350-500 lbs 89.25-100.25, 500-525 lbs 77.25-83.75 Large Frame 2 Holsteins 625-665 lbs. 70.00-70.30, 785 lbs 65.00, 945 lbs 64.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS
Medium Frame 1 330 lbs. thru 97.00, 365 lbs. 90.75, 490 lbs fleshy 75.50, couple lots 410-445 lbs 79.00-79.50, 500-600 lbs 75.00-78.80; 600-700 lbs 72.00-77.00, very fleshy 635 lbs. 69.30, 700-800 lbs. 69.75-74.50, mostly 71.50 up. Large Frame 1 825 lbs. 72.75; 860 lbs 67.25. Medium

Frame 1-2 365 lbs. 86.00; 520 lbs. 75.25; 600-750 lbs. 63.50-70.00.

FOR THE WEEK: Feeder steers and heifers under 500 lbs. 4.00-7.00 higher; over 500 lbs. 2.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher, late sales of Utility and Commercial 2-3 48.75-53.50, YG 3-4 and low dressing 2-3 44.00-47.25 Slaughter bulls steady; YG 1-2 1100-1500 lbs. 60.25-64.00, few 1700-1800 lbs. 65.00-66.00. This week salable receipts near 13,100 head compared with 5921 head last week and 7160 head the same period one year ago Feeder cattle and calves made up 92 percent of this week's receipts and cows and bulls with 8 percent.

Valley Livestock

Valley Stockyards
Athens, Pa.

Monday, February 4

Reported receipts of 429 calves, 118 cows, 30 heifers, 22 bulls, 14 steers, 163 hogs, 6 sheep, and 10 lambs. Cattle market reported much steady, calf market reported unsteady

Holstein Heifer Calves to 247.50; Veal Calves 90.00-107.00; Bobs, 90-110 lbs 90.00-110.00; Bobs, 80 and down lbs. 70.00-85.00, Grassers & Feeders 60.00-90.00, Lambs 55.50-60.00; Sheep 22.00-28.00, Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 35 to 39.00 Top 40.00, Sows 26.00-32.00, Boars 22.00-28.00; Pigs 8.00-20.50, Heifers 52.00-55.50; Steers, 53.50-58.00, Steers, feeder 65.00-88.00; Bulls 58.00-64.00; Cows, good 55.00-58.50; Cows, medium 48.00-51.00; Cows, poor or small 38.00-45.00; Horses to 550.00; Ponies to 152.50; Goats to 44.00

Livestock market and auction news

Belknap Auction

Wednesday, February 6

CATTLE 124. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows \$1 to \$2 lower. Good slaughter steers 59.00-63.75, Standard 53.00-58.00. Few Choice slaughter heifers 61.00-65.50, Standard 51.00-57.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 52.00-57.50, one at 58.75, Commercial No. 4-5 48.50-53.25, Cutters 49.00-53.25, Canner & Low Cutter 44.00-49.25. Few Standard slaughter bullocks 51.00-56.50. Few Yield Grade #1 1010-1525 lbs. slaughter bulls 63.00-67.00. Few Medium Frame #1 350-490 lbs. feeder heifers 65.00-68.00, few large frame #2 holsteins 300-415 lbs. 78.00-90.00.

CALVES 89. Vealers steady. Few Choice vealers

119.00-124.00, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 80.00-98.00, 70-90 lbs. 60.00-81.00, few Utility 45-85 lbs 40.00-60.00. Farm calves very active. Holstein bulls 100-130 lbs. 120.00-163.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-85 lbs. 78.00-93.00.

HOGS 326 Barrows & gilts 50 cents to \$1 higher. US No. 1-2 100-240 lbs barrows & gilts 42.20-42.90, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 40.60-42.25, No 2-3 210-265 lbs. 39.50-40.50, few No. 1-3 135-175 lbs 33.25-35.00. Sows \$2 to \$4 higher. US No. 1-3 300-560 lbs. sows 32.50-39.75. Boars 27.25-34.50

FEEDER PIGS 88. US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 12.00-22.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 28.00-30.00 per head.

SHEEP 2. Not enough of any one grade to establish a market.

Joliet Cattle

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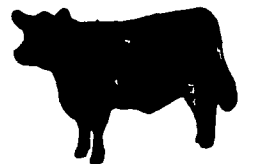
CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 4,100; 5 days last week 5,117; same period a year ago 4,543 Trading slow for the week Slaughter steers ended the week mostly steady to 50 lower than Wednesday of last week Slaughter heifers ended the week mostly steady to 50 higher than Wednesday of last week. Cows closed the week steady to firm

SLAUGHTER STEERS
Mixed high Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1300 lbs. 66.50-67.50 Monday; 67.00-68.00 Wednesday, 4-5 1375-1450 lbs. 64.00 for 1 load Monday, load 62.50 Wednesday. Choice 2-3 1075-1150 lbs. 67.50-68.00 Monday; 2 loads 68.00 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 66.50-67.50

Monday; 66.00-67.50 Wednesday; 1250-1325 lbs. 65.50-66.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs 65.50-66.50. Load Choice Holsteins 1600 lbs. 61.50

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS
Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4 950-1200 lbs 66.25-66.75 Monday, 67.00-67.25 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1125 lbs 65.00-66.25 Monday, 65.50-67.00 Wednesday Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 64.00-65.00 Monday, 64.50-65.50 Wednesday

COWS Utility & Commercial 1-3 48.00-51.00, few outstanding individuals Wednesday 52.00.



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Mary K Longenecker with her steer purchased by Hamilton Bank at the Southeast District 4 H Baby Beef Show on November 21 1979 and donated to the Red Rose 4 H Baby Beef and Sheep Club Banquet conducted on February 7 at the Farm and Home Center With Mary are Patrick N McCoy partner in McCoy Cattle Company and John E Moose Assistant Director of the Agri Finance Department Mary is the daughter of Mr & Mrs Forney F Longenecker 820 Woodcrest Avenue Lutz



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