

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC



FEB. 18-24, 1980

Bear with it, no winter has failed to end.

What can be better than an evening sleigh ride now ton's Day Feb 18 First quarter of the moon Feb 22 Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 52 minutes Washington Monument dedicated Feb 21 1885 Women admitted to bar Feb Washington No one in this world needs a mink coat except a mink



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OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS New England: Clear and mild at week s start, then snow, 10"-15",

and cold, weekend is clear and mild Greater New York-New Jersey Week begins sunny and mild,

then, cold with rain inid-week, partly sunny and seasonal through Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rainy and mild throughout the week,

weekend brings clouds, showers, and cold Piedmont and Southeast Coastal Clear, very cold, with hard frost

to start, then rain, dwindling into showers, and cold for week's

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Peoria Cattle

Thursday, February 14 Report supplied by USDA

Receipts this week: 3900; last week: 3800; year ago: 4100.

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers 50-1.25 higher. Slaughter heifers 50-75 higher. Cows 1.00-2.00 higher. Bulls firm to 1.00 higher. Receipts about 65 percent slaughter steers, 30 percent slaughter heifers, balance mainly cows. Slaughter steers and heifers worked higher again this week, despite a lower dressed trade at mid-week on Wednesday considerable number slaughter steers and

heifers carrying mud. SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1340 lbs. 67.00-68.00; few loads mostly 4's 66.00-67.00; load 4-5 1400 lbs. 62.50; Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 67.50-68.75; five loads 69.00; load 69.25; mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1300 lbs. 66.00-67.50; Good 2-3 63.50-66.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and Prime 3-4 900-1125 lbs. 67.00-67.75; couple loads 68.00; few 4-5 63 00; Choice 2-4 850-1100 lbs. 66.50-67.50; mixed Good and Choice 2-4 800-1150 lbs. 65.50-66.50; Good 2-3 61.00-65.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 51.00-55.00 few 55.50; Cutter 1-2 46.00-51.00; Canner 41.00-46.00;

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 54.00-61.00; few 62.00-63.00.

Middleburg Auction

Tuesday, February 12 Report supplied by auction CATTLE 210 Choice

slaughter steers 67.00-70.35, Good 65.00-68.75, Standard 63.00-65.00, Utility 58.00-63.00. Choice slaughter heifers 65.00-69.60, Good 62.00-65.00, Standard 60.00-62.00. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 57.00-59.00, Cutters 55.00-58.00, Canner and Low Cutters 45.00-55.00, Shells down to 40.00. Choice slaughter bullocks 65.00-69.75, Good 62.00-65.00. Yield. Grade No. 1, 1200-1900 lbs. 62.00-65.75, #2, 800-1500 lbs. 56.00-62.00. Few Good 400-700 lbs. feeder steers 75.00-87.00.

CALVES 152. Prime vealers 120 00-131.00, Choice 100.00-120.00, Standard and Good 90-110 lbs, 90.00-100.00, 70-90 lbs. 80.00-90.00. Farm Calves: Holsteins bulls 95-120 lbs. 100.00-155.00; Holstein heifers 80-175 lbs. 125.00-255.00.

HOGS 738. (Mon. 2-11-80) US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 40.50-41.50, No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 39.75-40.50, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 39.25-40.00. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 32.00-39.25. Boars 200-600 lbs. 27.00-31.50.

FEEDER PIGS 350. US No. 1-3 10-20 lbs. feeder pigs 10.00-15.00 per head, No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. 15.00-25.00, No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. 25.00-36 00 per head.

SHEEP 4 Not enough of any one grade to establish a market.

Lancaster **Feeder Cattle**

Friday, February 8 Report supplied by USDA

Today Last Friday 75 Last Year 213

TREND. Insufficient volume any one class for a market test

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Livestock market and auction news

East Coast Carlot

Wednesday, February 13 Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's close: prime special fed veal not enough sales reported early to establish trading. Good and Choice boning veal steady to 2.00 lower than Monday's last test. Compared to last week, lamb 55 lbs. down 3.00 to 5.00 higher: 55 to 75 pounds 5.00 to 6.00 higher. Limited sales boneless beef 90 chem lean fresh and frozen firm compared to last week.

VEAL CARCASS HIDE ONE

Prime Special Fed: 180-240 lbs. few 175.00.

BONING TYPE Good and Choice

Northeastern Suppliers: 65-75 lbs. 124.00-128.00, all steady to 2.00 lower than Monday; 55-64 lbs. 122.00-126.00; 45-54 lbs. 120.00-35-44 lbs. 118.00-124.00: 122.00; 34 lbs. down 116.00-120.00.

Inshipped: including late yesterday, 70-80 lbs. 128.00. all stead to mostly 2.00 lower than Monday; 60-70 lbs. 124.00; 50-60 lbs. 122.00, few 126.00; 40-50 lbs. 120.00, few 126.00; 30-40 lbs. 118.00.

LAMB CARCASS Choice & Prime 3-4

9 Loads Mixed weights compared to last week, 55 lbs. down 135.00, 3.00 to 5.00 higher; 55-65 lbs. 120.00, few 117.00, 5.00 to 6.00 higher; 65-75 lbs. 115.00, few 112.00 5.00 to 6.00 higher; 60 lbs. down 128.00, part load.

BONELESS BEEF 3 Leads

Compared to last week, 90 pct chem lean, fresh 148.00 late yesterday firm; 90 pct chem lean, frozen 147.00

BEEF TRIMMINGS 50 pct chem lean, fresh 50.00-51.50, part loads.

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Dewart Auction

Monday, February 11 Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 186. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter steers grading Standard & Good 50 cents to \$1 higher. Slaughter cows uneven, 50 cents higher to \$2 lower. Choice No. 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. slaughter steers 67.75-70.85, one 71.85, Good 64.00-67.00, Standard 61.35-64.00. One Choice slaughter heifer at 67.25, one Good at 65.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 51 00-54.50, Cutters 53.00-55.25, Canner & Low Cutter 49.00-53.25, Shells down to 45.00. Few Good slaughter bullocks 62.50-66.60. Few Yield Grade #1 1190-1980 lbs. slaughter bulls 61.00-67.10. Few Large Frame #2 400-800 lbs. feeder steers 62.00-67.00.

CALVES 216. Vealers grading Standard & Low Good \$2 to \$3 higher. Few Prime vealers 127.00-136.00, Choice 110.00-130.00, few Good 100.00-105.00, Standard & Good 70-100 lbs. 85.00-98.00. Farm Calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 100.00-135.00; few holstein heifers 90-120 lbs. 100.00-180.00.

HOGS 675. Barrows & gilts 75 cents higher. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 40.40-41.00, one lot 41.50, No. 1-3 200-260 lbs. 39.10-40.30, No. 2-3 220-270 lbs. 37.90-38.70, few lots No. 1-3 170-185 lbs. 35.00-38.80. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 29.00-35.50, No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 24.00-29.00. Boars 25.00-31.00.

FEEDER PIGS 184. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 10.50-18.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 16.00-22.50 per head.

SHEEP 0. No sales on

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Baltimore **USDA**

Report supplied by USDA Monday, February 11

CATTLE 350: Slaughter steers firm to 50 cents higher. Heifers scarce. Cows firm to 50 cents higher. Few bulls \$1.50-2.00 higher. Supply 20% slaughter steers and heifers, 60% cows, balance few feeders and bulls.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1175-1350 lbs. 66.60-68.60; Good 2-4 1100-1400 lbs. 61.50-64.35; Standard and Good Holsteins 2-3 1175-1500 lbs. 58.10-62.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few Good 2-3 950-1060 lbs. 58.10-60.00.

COWS: Utility 2-3 51.00-57.25; few 57.60-58.10. Cutter 47.00-53.00.

BULLS: YG-1 1260-1475 lbs. 63.00-67.85; YG-2 950-1600 lbs. 54.35-57.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers - Medium Frame #1 975-1025 lbs. 63.00-68.00; package bull calves 308 lbs. 89.50.

HOGS 700: Barrows & Gilts steady. US 1-2 200-240 lbs. 39.50-39.75, few 40.00; US 2-3 230-260 lbs. 38.75-39.50.

SOWS: 50 cents - \$1.00, instances \$2.00 higher. US 1-3 300-600 lbs. 30.00-32.00, few 32.25-33.00.

VEAL AND CALF AUCTION 35: Several Choice 160-220 lbs. 111.00-124.00; few 100-140 lbs. 101.00-108.00; Good and Choice 70-95 lbs. 76.00-87.00; few calves returned to farm 86.00-96.00. Individual Holstein heifer \$138.00; couple Choice calves 295-330 lbs. 95.00-101.50.

Martinsburg **Apples**

Friday, February 8 Martinsburg, W. Va. Report supplied by VDA

Prices FOB shipping point basis. Apples: Demand for CA Storage, Red Delicious good, others fairly light market steady cartons 12-3 lb. film bags. US Fancy or Better 2¼" minimum CA Storage Red Delicious \$7.50occasionally \$7.75-8.00. Regular Storage Red Rome \$6.00, few best \$6.25-6.50, occasionally low as \$5.00. Red Stayman \$6.00-6.25, mostly \$6.00. Winesap occasionally low as \$5.00. Winesap \$6.00, occasionally \$6.25-6.50. Red York \$5.50-6.00, few \$5.00, occasionally \$6.25. Cartons traypack US combination Extra Fancy & Fancy CA Storage Red Delicious 88-113's \$10.00-10.50, few \$9.50. 125's \$10.00. US Extra Fancy 88-113's \$11.00. Regular Storage Red Rome 64-113's \$7.00-7.50, few \$8.00, occasionally \$8.50. Red Stayman supplies light 72-113's \$9.00. Red York 64-113's \$8.00-8 50, occasionally \$9.00. 125's \$7 50-8.00.

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