

# Livestock market and auction news

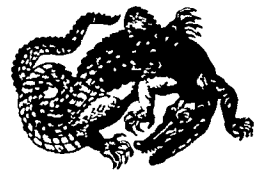


## THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 15-21, 1980

Don't let your fire expire

Winter begins Dec 21 at 11 56 AM Chicago's Mayor Richard Daley died Dec 20, 1976 Full moon Dec 21 Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 4 minutes Last Civil War veteran died Dec 19, 1959 Battle of the Bulge began Dec 16 1944  
Keep your tastes aristocratic your actions democratic



Home Hints A piece of charcoal in your toolbox will help prevent tools from becoming rusty

Ask the Old Farmer Could you help me locate the origin of the superstition of looking over one's left shoulder at a crescent new moon and wishing? MC Santa Fe, N.M.  
Prehistoric instinct In looking to the left a man is in a better position to heave a spear at a skulking enemy

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**  
New England: Sunny and cold to start, snow north, weekend brings 8" to 12" snow  
Greater New York-New Jersey: Cold at week's start, with snow midweek changing to rain, weekend is warmer  
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with few showers southeast, snow west, lighter east, and warming midweek, weekend brings rain  
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Cold, cloudy, flurries west beginning of week, middle through end of week is clearing and mild  
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nesday, mostly YG 4, few 5, 62.00-63.00 Monday; 63.75 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 62.50-64.00 Monday; 62.00-63.50 Wednesday Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 61.50-62.75 Monday; 60.50-62.00 Wednesday

**COWS** Cutter & Utility 1-3 38.00-43.00 Monday, 36.00-41.00, few 41.50 Wednesday

### Omaha Cattle

**Thursday, December 11 Report supplied by USDA**  
Midweek prices on slaughter steers were 50-1.00 lower with mixed 3-4 usually showing greatest decline. Heifers were 50-75c lower, instances 1.00 off. Cows closed 3.00-4.00 lower and bulls were 1.00-2.00 lower.

Four day receipts this week 14,500; last week 14,400; year ago 11,800.

The fed cattle trade followed a rather uneven pattern; prices advanced moderately on the opening session as supplies were reduced by hazardous roads over the trade area. The early upturn was more than erased on later sessions, however, as marketings expanded and carcass trading turned bearish yield grade was again often the major price determining factor with best demand for consignments with a minimum of yield grade 4. Marketings were slightly larger than the previous week, but were somewhat better distributed over the trading period. The overall finish of the steer and heifer supply was mixed 3-4 and some carried a moderate amount of mud. Steers made up approximately 43 pct., heifers 31 pct., cows 9 pct. and feeders 15 pct.

**STEERS:** Early, four loads Choice and Prime 3 with end 4 1200-1246 lbs. 66.50-66.75. At midweek, load Choice and Prime 3 with end 4 1205 lbs. 65.50, two loads Choice 3 1146 lbs. 65.25. Choice 2-4 predominantly 3, 1050-1250 lbs. 64.00-64.75. Consignments large share 4 1125-1275 lbs. 61.00-63.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 1025-1250 lbs. 63.00-64.00 Good 2-3 61.00-63.00. Good and Choice 2-3 1200-1350 lbs. holsteins 60.00-60.50.

**HEIFERS:** Several loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1000-1204 lbs. 64.00-64.50 forepart of week. At midweek, Choice 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 61.75-63.00, some with increased percentage 4 61.00-61.50 Mixed

Good and Choice 2-4 875-1025 lbs. 61.00-62.00. Good 2-3 59.00-60.50.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lbs steers 64.75, 1100-1300 lbs. 64.55, average cost steers this week 64.71, average weight 1187 lbs as compared 63.87 and 1190 lbs. a week ago. Average cost heifers 62.79, average weight 1039 lbs. as compared 62.09 and 1035 lbs. a week ago

**COWS:** Utility and Commercial 2-4 39.00-41.00, few 41.50-42.00. Cutter 38.00-40.00, Canner and Low Cutter 35.00-38.00.

**BULLS:** 1-2 1200-2100 lbs. 48.00-52.00, few individual 1 53.00-54.00.

62.00-70.00. Utility 50-100 lbs. 45.00-60.00.

**FARM CALVES** Hol. Bulls 80-130 lbs. 70.00-114.00, mostly 85.00-105.00; Hol. Heifers 90-250 lbs. 94.00-150.00

**HOGS** 110 Barrows and gilts 1.00-1.50 lower. No 1-3 210-240 lbs. 45.75-46.35, one lot No. 2-3 270 lbs. at 40.00. US No. 1-3 300-475 lbs. 36.00-40.00. Boars 31.00-35.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 114 US No 1-3 20-35 lbs. 16.00-24.00 per head; No 1-3 40-45 lbs. 25.00-28.50.

**SHEEP:** 17. Few Good & Choice 70-80 lbs. 53.50-56.00

### Indiana Auction

**Thursday, December 11 Report supplied by PDA**

**CATTLE:** 130. Compared with Thurs. market, SI cows 2.00-3.00 lower. SI steers: couple Choice at 64.50, Good 58.00-62.00; few Standard 52.00-54.00; few Utility 45.00-48.00. SI cows: Utility & Commercial 42.00-45.00, Cutters 38.00-42.50; Canner & L. Cutter 35.00-39.50. SI bulls: few Yield Grade No. 1, 1050-1450 lbs. 52.00-56.50.

**CALVES** 120. Vealers steady. Few Choice 95.00-97.00; few Good 80.00-90.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 65.00-78.00; 70-90 lbs. 60.00-68.00; Utility 55-130 lbs. 40.00-50.00. **FARM CALVES:** Hol. Bulls 80-125 lbs. 85.00-105.00; Hol. Heifers 75-120 lbs. 85.00-117.00.

**HOGS:** 145. Barrows and gilts 1.00-2.00 lower. No. 1-3 200-240 lbs. 44.00-46.25; No. 2-3 250-290 lbs. 40.00-43.75; No. 1-3 130-170 lbs. 35.00-38.00; Sows US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. 42.00-45.00. Boars 30.00-32.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 30. US No. 1-2 30-39 lbs. 61.00-77.00; 40-49 lbs. 63.00-71.00; 50-60 lbs. 56.00-72.00; 60-70 lbs. 53.00-64.00 US 2-3 30-40 lbs. 42.00-46.00, 40-50 lbs. 46.00-55.00; 50-60 lbs. 48.00-60.00.

1-3 30-35 lbs. 8.00-13.00 per head; No. 1-3 45-55 lbs. 14.00-16.00.

**SHEEP:** 20. Wool: Sl lambs one lot Choice 65.00, Good 80-90 lbs. 57.00-59.00. SI ewes. 9.00-14.50.

### New Holland Dairy

**New Holland, Pa. Wednesday, December 10 Report supplied by auction**  
Reported receipts of 135 cows, 73 heifers, and 5 bulls. Load of Wisconsin fresh cows, 1600.00-1675.00; Load of Virginia fresh cows, 1175.00-2000.00, springers 1300.00-1600.00; Load of Pennsylvania fresh cows, 1650.00-1700.00, springers 1180.00-1500.00; Load of Pa cows, 980.00-1425.00. 51 head - all stages of production 510.00-1700.00.

Locally consigned cows 650.00-1250.00, a few better to 1575.00; Springing heifers 850.00-1280.00; Open heifers 360.00-700.00; Bulls 460.00-830.00. Several other heifers 1325.00-1375.00.

### New Holland Feeder Pigs

**Wednesday, December 10 Report supplied by USDA**  
Today 1273  
Last Wednesday 1113  
Last Year 1559

Compared to last Wednesday feeder pigs 5.00-10.00 lower, instances 10.00-20.00 lower on US 2-3 grades. All pigs weighed on arrival and sold by the hundred weight.

**FEEDER PIGS:** US 1-2 30-39 lbs. 61.00-77.00; 40-49 lbs. 63.00-71.00; 50-60 lbs. 56.00-72.00; 60-70 lbs. 53.00-64.00 US 2-3 30-40 lbs. 42.00-46.00, 40-50 lbs. 46.00-55.00; 50-60 lbs. 48.00-60.00.

### Belleville Auction

Belleville, Pa.

**Wednesday, December 10 Report supplied by PDA**

**CATTLE** 137. Compared with last week's market, slaughter cows \$1-\$2.50 lower. Individual Good slaughter steer at 60.75, few Standard 52.50-55.00. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 41.75-45.85, couple to 47.60, Cutters 40.50-43.85, Canner and Low Cutters 37.00-40.00, Shells down to 31.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-1660 lbs. slaughter bulls 45.00-56.00. Few Medium Frame #2, 4-450 lbs. feeder steers 47.50-53.00.

**CALVES** 152. Bulk of supply returned to the farm. Individual Choice vealer at 98.00, few Good 75.00-86.00, Standard and Good 70-95 lbs. 62.00-68.00. Farm Calves. Hol. Bulls 85-135 lbs. 70.00-113, mostly 90.00-105.00; few Hol. Heifers 100-125 lbs. 137.50-175.00.

**HOGS** 291. Barrows and gilts \$1.25-\$1.75 lower. US no. 1-2 2-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 37.00-47.35, No. 1-3 2-240 lbs. 45.35-46.50, No. 2-3 240-260 lbs. 43.85-44.60. US No. 1-3 3-650 lbs. sows 40.00-48.00, No. 2-3 275-635 lbs. 38.00-41.00. Few Boars 31.50-35.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 446 US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 17.50-25.50, per head, No 1-3 35-55 lbs. 23.50-32.00, No 2-3 60-100 lbs. 29.50-35.00 per head.

**SHEEP** 9. Few Choice 100 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 57.00-60.50. Few Slaughter ewes 15.50-27.00. **HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS** \$750-\$1440, couple to \$1590.00.

### Joliet Cattle

**Wednesday, December 10 Report supplied by USDA**

**CATTLE:** Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 7,000; 5 days last week 5,161 Slaughter Cattle, 244 Feeders; same period a year ago 6,338 Trading was slow for the week. Slaughter Steers ended the week mostly 1.25 to 2.00 lower Slaughter Heifers ended the week mostly 1.00 to 1.50 lower. Cows ended the week 2.00 to mostly 3.00 lower

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Mixed high Choice and Prime 3-5 1150-1300 lb 64.50-65.50 Monday, 64.00-65.00 Wednesday, mostly TG 4, few 5, 64.00-64.50 Monday, 63.50-64.00 Wednesday Choice 2-3 1100-1225 lbs. 3 1/2 loads 66.00 Monday, 64.75-65.00, 2 loads 65.25 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 64.50-65.50 Monday, 64.00-65.00 Wednesday Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 63.00-64.50 Monday and Wednesday Choice Holsteins 1225-1475 lbs 59.00-60.00 Monday, few 58.50 Wednesday

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS** Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4 900-1100 lbs. 63.00-64.00 Monday, 63.50-63.75 Wed-

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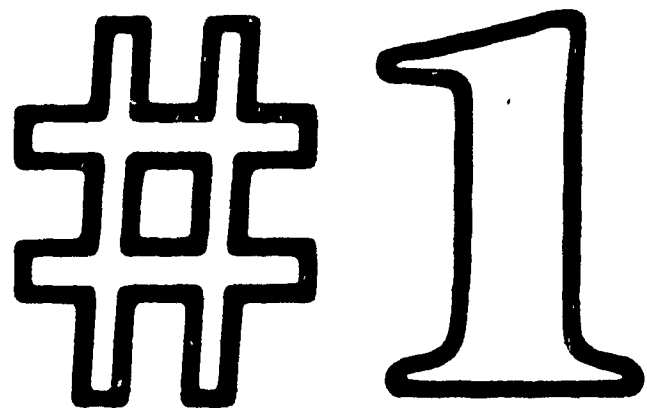
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