



THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 19-25, 1981

Waltzing skaters, cocoa later.

Eclipse of the full moon Jan 20 begins at 12:36 AM EST and ends at 5:04 AM EST and will be visible all over North America. Racoon mate now. Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 40 minutes. USS Pueblo captured by North Korea Jan 23, 1968. First beer sold in cans in Richmond, Va., Jan 24, 1935. A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between two cats.



Ask the Old Farmer: I have a family history that reveals that a blacksmith ancestor settled in New Jersey and recorded his earmark March 25, 1707. It goes on to say that his son also "recorded his earmark 17 May 1725 in the same county." What is an earmark? J.C. Madison, NJ. A form of branding livestock, especially sheep, that came over from England with the pioneers. A man's earmark was recorded, same as a land deed. Nobody could copy it and it usually descended from father to son. **Home Hints:** Iron-on mending tapes are wonderful for labeling children's clothes.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Possible flurries beginning of week, then sunny and very cold midweek through weekend.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Clearing, cold nights, then light snow middle of week, week's end is clear and very cold.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Cloudy and cold first of week with possible flurries, midweek brings snowstorm, cold continuing weekend.
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Partly cloudy and warming to start, with showers southwest, midweek mild, then cold snap, showers, flurries weekend.

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60.50-62.00; Yield Grade 2 950-1350 lbs. 52.50-57.00.

VEALERS: Steady to 3.00 lower, some sales high Good and low Choice 60-100 lbs. 8.00 lower. Vealers Prime 265-370 lbs. 104.00-110.00, couple 114.00-117.00; Choice 140-320 lbs. 90.00-100.00, few 100.00-107.00; high Good and low Choice 120-280 lbs. 70.00-90.00, 85-115 lbs. 57.00-63.00, few 105-115 lbs. 63.00-70.00, 60-85 lbs. 49.50-58.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good and Choice 280-400 lbs. 55.00-62.00, few 62.00-68.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: 100-125 lbs. holstein heifers 90.00-100.00, few 100.00-110.00, bulk 85-100 lbs. 70.00-90.00; bulk 85-115 lbs. holstein bulls 64.00-95.00, 150 head 100-125 lbs. 102.00-108.00.

Weekly Summary

Friday, January 16
Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 4846. Compared with 5151 head last week, and 4958 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market Slaughter steers & heifers steady to 1.50 lower, Sl. cows .50-1.00 lower, Sl. bullocks steady to 2.00 higher; Sl. bulls steady to 1.00 lower. Sl. steers. High Choice & Prime No. 3-4, 66.25-67.75; Choice No. 2-4, 64.75-69.75; Good 59.00-65.50; Standard 54.00-59.00. Sl. heifers: Choice 61.00-65.50; Good 58.00-62.00; few Standard 52.00-58.00. Sl. cows: Utility & Commercial 44.50-48.25, with few to 50.50; Cutters 42.00-45.50; Canner & L. Cutter 38.00-43.00; Shells down to 26.50. Sl. bullocks: Choice 63.00-67.60; Good 60.00-63.00; few Standard 54.00-57.50. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2200 lbs

55.00-61.00; Yield Grade No 2, 900-1400 lbs. 50.00-57.00.

CALVES: 3165. Compared with 3979 head last week and 3172 head a year ago. Vealers steady to 5.00 lower. Few Prime 104.00-110.00; Choice 95.00-105.00; Good 78.00-95.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 60.00-70.00; 65-90 lbs. 50.00-62.00; Utility 50-110 lbs. 45.00-58.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-130 lbs. 65.00-110.00, mostly 75.00-100.00; Hol. Heifers 85-150 lbs. 75.00-160.00, mostly 90.00-130.00.

HOGS: 7096. Compared with 6892 head last week and 7113 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts 1.00-2.00 lower. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 44.00-46.00, with few to 48.00; No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 43.00-45.00, No. 2-3 190-265 lbs. 41.00-43.00, No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 34.00-42.00. Sows unevenly steady US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. 37.00-42.00, with few to 44.00, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 33.00-38.00. Boars 28.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 1705. Compared with 1531 head last week and 1592 head a year ago. Steady to 3.00 lower. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 8.50-16.50 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 16.00-25.00; No. 1-3 50-95 lbs. 26.50-34.00; Utility 20-40 lbs. 5.50-12.00.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS: 2352. Compared with 2719 head last week and 2390 head a year ago. All sales by CWT Feeder Pigs mostly 3.00-8.00 lower although some US 1-2 strong to 11.00 higher. US No. 1-2 30-40 lbs. 46.00-65.50, 40-50 lbs. 53.00-78.50, 50-60 lbs. 53.00-68.00, 60-80 lbs. 41.00-53.50; US No. 2-3 25-40 lbs. 39.00-49.00; 40-60 lbs. 38.00-52.00, 60-95 lbs. 31.00-39.00.

SHEEP: 472. Compared with 506 head last week and 362 head a year ago. Woolled sl. lambs steady to 3.00 lower. Choice 65-110 lbs. 54.00-60.50 with few to 71.00, Good 55-100 lbs. 47.00-58.00. Sl. ewes. 15.00-34.00.

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Livestock market and auction news

Leesport Auction

Wednesday, January 14
Report supplied by PDA
CATTLE: 292 Compared with last Wednesday's market. Slaughter steers steady to strong, Sl cows strong to 2.00 higher. Sl steers Choice 1000-1350 lbs. 65.00-66.25; few 68.00; Good 61.75-65.60; Standard 57.00-62.00; Utility 54.00-56.85. Sl heifers choice 930-1170 lbs. 61.10-65.35; Good at 60.00, few Standard 50.00-53.50. Sl cows Utility & Commercial 46.50-48.60, few to 50.00; Cutters 44.50-47.75; few Canner & L. Cutter 40.00-43.25; Shells down to 35.00. Sl bullocks; Good 60.00-64.25 with one at 64.75; few Standard 55.75-57.50. Sl bulls. Yield Grade No. 1, 1250-2110 lbs. 56.25-61.00 with few to 63.75; few Yield Grade No. 2, 800-1300 lbs. 48.50-55.60.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers Large Frame No. 2 500-1100 lbs. 47.00-53.25; one lot of Medium Frame No. 2, 505 lbs at 64.00. Bulls few Large Frame No. 1, 560-700 lbs. 50.50-54.25, Medium No. 1, 385-900 lbs. 45.50-52.25.
CALVES: 170 Vealers grading Standard & Low Good Steady. Choice 92.00-97.50; few Good 80.00-91.50. few Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 70.00-76.00; 90-110 lbs. 60.00-65.00; 70-85 lbs. 50.00-61.00; Utility 60-105 lbs. 40.00-51.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-140 lbs. 71.00-110.00, mostly 90.00-107.00. few Hol. Heifers 100-110 lbs. 76.00-91.00.

HOGS: 447 Barrows and gilts 3.50-4.00 lower US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. 43.75-44.25 with few to 45.10, No. 1-3 195-265 lbs. 43.00-44.00. few down to 41.00, few No. 2-3 265-285 lbs. 40.50-41.50, few No. 1-3 175-185 lbs. 32.00-38.75; Sows 1.00-2.00 lower. US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. 38.00-42.25, few to 42.75; Utility 250-435 lbs. 30.00-38.00. Boars 31.50-32.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 218. US No. 1-3 25-60 lbs. 39.00-47.00 per head; No. 1-3 70-110 lbs. 34.00-38.00; few Utility 30-45 lbs. 35.00-37.00.

SHEEP: 11 few choice 80-120 lbs. 58.50-60.00 with one at 66.00. few Sl ewes 15.00-29.00.

GOATS: 17 37.00-59.00 per head.

Belleville Auction

Wednesday, January 14
Report supplied by PDA
CATTLE: 105 Compared with last Wednesday's market. Sl. cows 1.50 higher. Sl steers one Choice at 62.85; few Standard 52.00-57.00. Sl heifers one Good 58.00. Sl cows: Utility & Commercial 42.50-46.00, couple 47.85. Cutters 41.50-44.75; Canner & L. Cutter 37.50-41.50. Sl bulls. Yield grade No. 1, 950-1900 lbs. 45.10-56.00 with one at 59.60.
CALVES: 143 couple Choice 94.50-95.50; few Good 72.00-80.00, Standard & Good 70-100 lbs. 53.00-61.00.
FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 85-130 lbs. 70.00-108.00.
HOGS: 362. Barrows and gilts 1.75-2.25 lower US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 44.10-44.85, one lot at 45.00. No. 1-3 200-

250 lbs. 42.75-44.25; Lights No. 1-3 170-180 lbs. 33.00-36.00. Sows US No. 1-3 350-650 lbs. 37.00-41.00, couple 41.75, few No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 33.75-36.00. Boars 28.00-33.25.
FEEDER PIGS: 486. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 10.00-21.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 16.00-25.00; No. 1-3 60-75 lbs. 26.50-32.00; Utility 20-40 lbs. 6.50-12.00.

SHEEP: 34. Choice 80-105 lbs. 54.00-58.00; few Good 70-100 lbs. 49.50-51.00; few Utility 60-80 lbs. 44.00-49.00.
HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS: 670.00-1150.00.

New Holland Horse

Friday, January 9
New Holland Sales Stables
Report supplied by auction
Reported receipts of 325 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market lower.

Load of Iowa draft horses 1450-1925 pairs. Load of Iowa draft horses 875-1125 singles. Load of Michigan draft horses 2200-3425 pairs. Load of Michigan draft horses 825-1400 singles. Load of Tennessee draft 1775-3500 pairs. Load of Tennessee draft 925-1375 singles. Load of Canada draft 1175-2000 singles. Load of Virginia draft 825-1275, 1950-2225 pairs.

Mules 1850-2000 pairs; Mules 1200-2000 pair, 675-1650 singles.

Monday, January 12
Report receipts of 241 head of horses, mules and ponies. Market lower.

Better horses 550-830; Driving horses local driving 400-750; Riding horses 375-500; Lightweight 375-500; Heavyweight 550-750; Colts 15-40; Geldings 45-100; Larger ponies 150-280; More Ponies 45-100.

Tested hog sale to run Tuesday

WEST FRIENDSHIP, Md. — Seventy pigs fed the same measured daily rations since last September will be judged in the show ring next Tuesday, January 20, to determine which ones gained weight better and faster.

The judging in the Eastern National Spring Hog Show will be held at the stockyards in West Friendship, Md., beginning at 12.00 Noon. The pigs each weighed

between 40 and 60 pounds when they were taken to a Carroll County farm on September 28. Some weigh as much as 265 pounds today.

All were given the same amount of feed each day in a program designed to test their genetic ability to grow.

The animals were entered in the controlled test by 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America boys and girls as well as adult hog breeders from four states.

Following the live judging, which will be done by Dave Kilmer, of Monticello, Indiana, the 70 hogs will be taken to the Esskay meat-packing plant in Baltimore where they will be carcass evaluated by professors from the Department of Animal Science, University of Maryland.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded in both the live and carcass judging contests.

Ice strength depends on kind, thickness

NORRISTOWN — Farm ponds are a tempting site this time of the year for skating and recreation.

They are particularly inviting because they are close to home and can be reached with little or no use of gasoline. The thickness of the ice is not always an accurate measure of its strength, cautions Paul Reber, Montgomery County Agent.

Slush ice, for example, is about half as strong as clear, blue ice. New ice is stronger than old ice, and ice formed by direct freezing or pond water is stronger than that formed from melting snow, explains Cardenuto.

Generally two inches of ice

will support one man on foot. Three inches will support a group of people single file, and seven to eight inches are required to support a car, says Reber.

Exercise caution with ice covering spring-fed bodies of water, or that on streams with fast-moving current.

Thickness of ice on these may vary considerably.

Many farm ponds will be providing excellent ice skating, but always make a test of ice thickness and other safety factors.

Keep a straight ladder or coil or rope handy for rescue purposes.

HAY AUCTION

EVERY FRIDAY - 1:30 P.M.

HORSE AUCTION - 7:30 P.M.

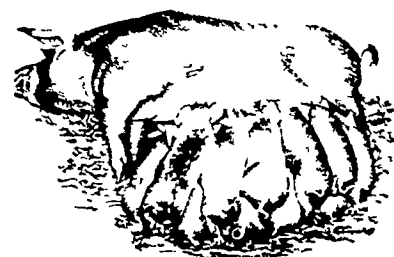
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