

## THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

NOV. 2-8, 1981  
Overcast won't last.

Bank your cellars now... James Naismith, inventor of basketball, born Nov. 6, 1861... First quarter of the moon Nov. 4 (Wed.)... U.S. Embassy seized in Teheran, Iran, Nov. 4, 1979... Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 8 minutes... TV quiz scandals reached climax Nov. 2, 1959... *Arrogance diminishes wisdom.*

**Ask the Old Farmer:** Could you tell me what a "Pinder" was? In biographical notes of one of my husband's ancestors, the following statement is made: "He was a Pinder for the Northeast field 1670-71." F.D., Villanova, Penn.

*Old English — a poundkeeper, charged with the handling of stray animals.*  
**Home Hints:** Red cedar chips kept in closets keep out moths

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST**  
**New England:** Week begins cloudy, cold, and rainy; by end clear and seasonal.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Showers, rain on coast, mild; midweek clearing and cool, turning warmer; then partly cloudy and warm.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Temperatures cool with light rain; then clearing, warm days and cold nights; cloudy near end.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Cloudy and mild; showers north becoming clear and warm throughout, then cloudy.

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### Shenandoah Valley Livestock

Harrisonburg, Va.  
Saturday, October 24

Report supplied by auction  
**STOCKER, FEEDER, AND SLAUGHTER CATTLE:** Good Light Steer Calves 60.00-65.00; Medium 55.00-59.75; Plain 54.00 and down; Good Heavy Steers 58.00-62.00; Medium 53.00-57.75; Plain 50.00 and down; Holstein Steers 45.50 and down; Good Light Heifer Calves 47.00-51.50; Medium 42.00-46.75; Plain 41.00 and down; Good Heavy Heifers 50.00-56.00;

Medium 45.00-49.75; Plain 40.00 and down; Slaughter Cows 38.00-42.50; Utilities 33.00-37.75; Cutters & Canners 32.00 and down; Stock Bulls 46.50 and down; Slaughter Bulls 48.50 and down.

**CALVES:** Veal Calves 78.00 and down; Baby Calves 91.00 and down.

**SHEEP & LAMBS:** Choice Blue O 51.75; Good Red O 43.25; Feeder Lambs 47.25; Slaughter Ewes 13.00 and down.

**HOGS:** Top 44.90; Heavy 44.50; Medium 42.50; Sows 51.50; Boars 35.00.

### Lebanon Valley Auction

Tuesday, October 27  
Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 209.** Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter cows weak to \$1.25 lower, spots to \$3 lower. Few Choice 2-4, 1115-1240 lbs. slaughter steers 62.85-64.10, few Good 57.75-62, one 63.25, Standard 52.25-58, few Good & Choice holsteins 57.25-60.10; Utility & Low Standard 43.35-48.75. Few Choice 3-4, slaughter heifers 46.75-54, few Good 58-61.85, individual 1500 lbs. at 49.00, one Standard 52.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 39.50-43, few 45.10, one 48.50, Low Dressing Utility 34.25-39, Cutters 38-40.25, few 41.75, Canner & Low Cutters 34-38.25, Shells down to 29-33.25, few down to 22.00. Individual Standard slaughter bullocks 47.25 & 49.50. Few Yield Grade #1, 1355-1825 lbs. slaughter bulls 50-55.75, individual #2, 1300 lbs. at 52.00.

**CALVES 240.** Vealers grading Standard and Good \$1-\$3 higher. Good and Choice vealers 73.00-89, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 63.00-67, few 72.00, 65-85 lbs. 58.00-63, Utility 40-150 lbs. 35.00-52. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 80-145 lbs. 67.00-99; Hol. Heifers 80-110 lbs. 88.00-112, few down to 63.00.

**HOGS 221.** Barrows and gilts 25 cents lower. US No. 1-2 2-250 lbs. barrows and gilts 46.46.75, No. 1-3 195-250 lbs. 45.25-46.10, No. 2-3 215-275 lbs. 44.50-45.85, No. 1-3 140-185 lbs. 38.00-43. US No. 1-3 250-555 lbs. sows 43-45.75, one 46.35, few Utility 250-335 lbs. 32.00-35.50. Few Boars 35.50-36.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 10.** Two Lots US No. 1-3 62 & 111 lbs. feeder pigs 64.00 & 70.00 cwt.

**SHEEP 18.** Few Choice 50-100 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 63.00-66, one 56.00, few Good 45-100 lbs. 45.00-61. Few Slaughter sheep 18.00-25, one 35.00.  
**GOATS 3.** \$31.00-\$38 per head.

Average of detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lbs. steers 59.45; 1100-1300 lbs. 59.90. Average cost steers 59.71, average weight 1167 lbs. compared 61.53 and 1164 lbs. a week ago. Average cost heifers 58.01, average weight 1027 lbs., as compared 59.06 and 1017 lbs. a week ago.

**COWS:** High-cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 36.50-39.00. Canner and Cutter 32.00-36.50.

**BULLS:** 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 45.00-50.00, some low-dressing 44.00-45.00.

### Omaha Cattle

Thursday, October 29  
Report supplied by USDA

Through midweek, steers 1.50-2.00 lower, heifers .50-1.50 lower. Cows closed 1.00-1.50 lower, bulls weak to 1.00 lower.  
Four Day Receipts 11,326  
Last Week 10,894  
Year Ago 11,772

Steers made up 39 pct and heifers 29 pct of the week's estimated five day total. Feeding weather continues Good and Choice cattle make up liberal share of supply with Yield Grade 4 under considerable price pressure. Cows made up 7 pct.; feeders, including Friday's auction 25 pct.

**STEERS:** At midweek, few loads Choice 2-3 1200-1250 lbs. 60.50-61.00, one load at 61.00. Choice 2-4, mainly 3 1050-1250 lbs. 59.00-60.25. Choice and Prime 3-4 1100-1325 lbs. 58.00-59.00, larger percentage 4 56.50-58.00. Few Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 58.50-60.00, few Good 56.00-59.00. Few loads Good and Choice 2-3 holsteins during week 57.00-58.00, mostly 57.00.

**HEIFERS:** Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 57.00-59.00. Early Thursday, few loads Choice 3 59.25-59.50, one load Choice and Prime 3 60.00. Choice and Prime 3-4 56.00-58.00, larger percentage 4, some 5 1050-1200 lbs. 54.00-55.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1000 lbs. 56.00-57.00, few Good 54.00-56.00.

### Joliet Cattle

Thursday, October 29  
Report supplied by USDA

Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 3,400; 5 days last week 3,968, same period a year ago 4,361. Trading slow on Monday, moderately active on Wednesday. Slaughter steers ended the week mostly steady. Slaughter heifers ended the week steady. Cows steady.

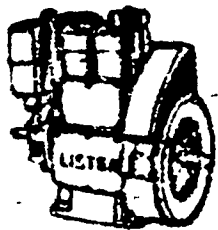
**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1300 lb. 62.00-62.50, 2 load 63.00 Monday; 61.50-62.00 Wednesday, mostly 4, few 5, 1200-1325 lb. 61.00. Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lb. 60.50-62.25 Monday; 60.50-62.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1100 lb. 59.00-60.00. Choice 2-3 1600 lb. Holsteins 59.00 Monday.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 950-1100 lb. 60.00, load 60.50. Choice 2-4 900-1000 lb. 59.00-60.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lb. 57.00-58.50.

**COWS:** Cutter and Utility, Few Commercial 1-3 36.00-39.00.

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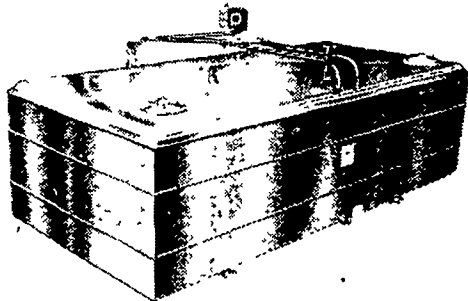
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