

# Livestock market and auction news



## THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 14-20, 1981  
Rigorous cold takes hold.

Write that letter to an old friend now... Napoleon divorced Josephine Dec. 15, 1809... Last quarter of the moon Dec. 18 (Fri)... Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 5 minutes... First life insurance policy in United States issued Dec 15, 1792... Shortest days and longest nights now... *A wise man changes his mind, a fool never will*



It is the emblem of the squinted eye of a Peeping Tom adopted by an evil-minded elder. Home Hints: Withering cut flowers can be revived by putting very hot water in the vase.

Ask the Old Farmer: I've asked all over but nobody seems to know why out-houses have crescent moons on their doors, as opposed to some other shape? F.R., New Albany, Ind.

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST**  
New England: Mild and rainy, beginning of week, turns cold and cloudy during week's end  
Greater New York-New Jersey: Rain to start week, partly cloudy and colder, rest of week.  
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with rain; clearing mid-week with mild temperatures, weekend is cloudy and cool.  
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Beginning of week is rainy; clear and mild midweek; turning cloudy and cold during weekend.

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### G&M Livestock

Monday, Dec. 7  
Duncansville, Pa.

Report supplied by auction

**DAIRY COWS:** 500.00-1160.00.  
**STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 61.00-64.00; Good to Choice 54.00-60.00; Standard to Good 50.00-54.00; Utility 44.00-50.00.  
**HEIFERS:** High Choice and Prime 60.00-63.20; Good to Choice 52.00-60.00; Standard 46.00-50.00; Utility 40.00-46.00.  
**FEEDER STEERS:** Good to Choice 300-600 lbs. 52.00-58.50.  
**BULLS:** 1100-1842 lbs. 50.00-60.10; 900-1100 lbs. 45.00-54.00.  
**COWS:** High Choice and Prime 40.00-43.75, Couple 55.00-61.00; Good 38.00-40.00; Utility 36.00-38.00; Cutters 32.00-36.00; Cannors Down to 28.00.  
**CALVES:** High Choice 88.00-96.00; Good to Choice 70.00-80.00; Standard to Good 50.00-70.00; Utility Down to 38.00.  
**FARM CALVES:** Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 75.00-97.00; Hol. Heifers 90-120 lbs. 80.00-129.50.  
**FEEDER PIGS:** 15-25 lbs. 12.00-20.00; 25-50 lbs. 20.00-32.00.  
**HOGS:** 200-240 lbs. 41.00-43.85; 170-300 lbs. 39.00-41.00.  
**SOWS:** 37.50-44.75.  
**BOARS:** 35.50-37.50.  
**LAMBS:** 39.00-49.50.  
**SHEEP:** 11.00-26.00.

### Lancaster Feeder Cattle

Friday, Dec. 4

Report supplied by USDA

Today 698  
Last Friday 238  
Last Year 349  
**TREND:** Feeder steers firm to 1.00 higher; feeder heifers and feeder bulls steady. Supply included 308 in graded sale, sold in lots of 10 or more, balance sold mainly in lots of three or less.  
**FEEDER STEERS:** Medium Frame 1: Few lots 595-965 lbs. 58.75-60.00; one lot 1065 lbs. 55.25. Large Frame 1: One lot 860 lbs. 60.00. Medium Frame 1-2: Few lots 690-725 lbs. 55.50-58.00; one lot 850 lbs. 55.00. Large Frame 1-2: One lot 575 lbs. 58.00. Small Frame 1-2: One lot 56.00. Medium and Large Frame 2: One lot 510 lbs. 58.00. Large Frame 2 Holsteins: Several lots 520-840 lbs. 45.60-48.00; one head 10 lot 1060 lbs. 49.35.  
**FEEDER STEERS AND FEEDER BULLS:** Medium Frame 1: One lot 480 lbs. 58.00. Large Frame 1: One lot 435 lbs. 63.25. Small and Medium Frame 1: Couple lots 390-420 lbs. 58.75-61.25.  
**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium Frame 1: Couple lots 400-460 lbs. 46.75-47.50. Large Frame 1: One lot 420 lbs. 43.25. Medium and Large Frame 1: One lot 655 lbs. 47.00. Small and Medium Frame 1: Couple lots 380-410 lbs. 48.75-50.25.  
**FEEDER BULLS:** Medium Frame 1: One lot 425 lbs. 49.60 and one lot 850 lbs. 48.00.

### Central U.S. Carlot

Wednesday, Dec. 9  
Report supplied by USDA  
Compared to Tuesday's 4:00 report: Steer and heifer beef generally steady. Demand and trading moderate, supplies moderate. The boxed beef carcass cutout value declined \$.64 to an estimated \$98.38 per cwt. Sales reported on 98 loads of steer and heifer beef.

#### STEER BEEF

68 Loads  
FOB Omaha Basis  
Choice 3: 600-900 lbs. 93.00, steady.  
Choice 4: 600-900 lbs. 83.00-84.00, mostly 83.00, steady.  
Choice 5: 600-900 lbs. 79.00.  
Good 2-3: 600-900 lbs. 92.00.  
Choice 2-3: 600-900 lbs. 88.00 (Hols type).  
Good 2-3: 600-900 lbs. 86.00 (Hols type).

#### FOB Amarillo Basis

Choice 3: 600-700 lbs. 95.50-97.50.  
Choice 2: 600-700 lbs. 96.50-99.50.  
Choice 4: 600-900 lbs. 85.50-86.50 (West).  
Good 2-3: 600-900 lbs. 92.00.

#### HEIFER BEEF

30 Loads  
FOB Omaha Basis  
Choice 3: 550-700 lbs. 92.00, steady.  
Choice 4: 500-700 lbs. 83.00-84.00, mostly 83.00, steady.  
Choice 5: 500-700 lbs. 79.00.  
Good 2-3: 550-700 lbs. 88.00-89.00.  
Good 2-3: 500-550 lbs. 88.00.  
Good 2-3: 400-500 lbs. 87.00.

#### FOB Amarillo Basis

Choice 4: 500-700 lbs. 85.50-86.50 (West).  
Cow beef 1.00-3.00 lower. Demand moderate, supplies heavy.

#### COW BEEF

35 Loads  
FOB Amarillo Basis  
Brkg Utility 3-4: 450/up lbs. 65.50 (West).  
Brkg Utility 3-4: 450/up lbs. 61.00 (Midwest).  
Bng Utility 1-2: 400/up lbs. 67.50 (West).  
Cnr & Cutter 1-2: 350/up lbs. 69.00-70.00 (Midwest).  
Cnr & Cutter 1-2: 350/up lbs. 68.50 (West).

#### BULL BEEF

1 Load  
FOB Omaha Basis  
Bull 1-2: 500/up lbs. 82.50.  
**PRIMAL BEEF CUTS**  
6 Loads  
FOB Omaha Basis  
HINDS (H): 120-170 lbs. 101.00-102.00.  
FORES: 130-210 lbs. 84.50.  
SHORT PLATES: 53.00.  
**BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/BEEF TRIMMINGS**  
FOB Omaha Basis  
90% chem lean fresh 100.00.  
85% chem lean fresh 95.50.

75% chem lean fresh 81.00.  
50% chem lean fresh 44.00-46.00, mostly 45.00.  
50% chem lean fresh 47.00 boxed.  
Compared to Tuesday's 4:00 report: Fresh pork loins 14-17 lbs. 1.50-2.00 higher; 17-22 lbs. steady to .50 higher, 22/up lbs. steady to mostly 3.25 lower. Picnics steady to .50 higher. Boston Butts 4-8 lbs. firm. Spareribs 3.5-5.5 lbs. steady. Fresh hams steady to 3.00 higher, instances 17-20 lbs. 4.00-5.00 higher. Sdls bellies steady to .50 higher. 42% and 72% trimmings 1.75-2.00 lower. Trading active. Demand moderate to good. Sales reported on 77½ loads plus 20½ loads of trimmings.

#### FRESH PORK CUTS

**LOINS:** 14/dn lbs. 83.50; 14-17 lbs. 82.50, 1.50-2.00 higher; 14-17 lbs. 82.50-84.00 frozen, bulk 82.50; 17-22 lbs. 80.00-80.50, steady-.50 higher; 22/up lbs. 74.75, pt id 78.00, stdy-mstly 3.25 lwr.  
**PICNICS:** 4-8 lbs. 46.50, .50 higher; 8/up lbs. 40.00, steady.  
**BOSTON BUTTS:** 4-8 lbs. 65.00 frozen; 4-8 lbs. 65.00 fresh, firm.  
**SPARERIBS:** 3.5/dn lbs. 85.50 frozen; 3.5-5.5 lbs. 73.50 frozen, steady.  
**SKINNED HAMS:** 14-17 lbs. 95.00, steady; 17-20 lbs. 77.00 frozen; 17-20 lbs. 82.25-mostly 85.00, load late 87.00, 2.00-3.00 higher than late Tuesday, inst. 4.00-5.00 up; 20-26 lbs. 66.00 frozen; 20-26 lbs. 75.00, 1.00-1.50 higher; 26-34 lbs. 75.00.

**BELLIES, SDLS:** 12-14 lbs. 47.00 steady; 14-16 lbs. 47.00-47.50; 16-18 lbs. 45.50, .50 higher; 16-18 lbs. 42.00; 18-20 lbs. 42.00; 20-25 lbs. 41.00.  
**SKINLESS BELLIES:** 11-13 lbs. 55.00.

**PORK TRIMMINGS**  
**BONELESS PROCESSING PORK (Chemical Lean)**  
42% lean trimmings fresh 32.00, 1.75 lower.  
42% lean trimmings frozen 34.00.  
72% lean trimmings fresh 67.00, 2.00 lower.  
72% bnl picnics fresh 67.00-69.00.  
Skinned Jowls fresh 30.00.  
Skinned Jowls frozen 30.00-mostly 32.00.

### New Wilmington Auction

New Wilmington, Pa.  
Monday, Dec. 7

Report supplied by PDA  
**CATTLE** 385. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter cows 50 cents to \$1 lower. Choice slaughter steers 58.00-60.50, Good 53.00-58.25, Standard 48.00-53.50, few Utility 39.50-45.00. Few Good & Choice slaughter heifers 53.00-57.25, Standard 38.50-47.00, Utility 36.50-39.00. Utility & Commercial

slaughter cows 36.00-40.75, one at 43.50, Commercial No. 4-5 33.00-36.25, Cutters 34.00-38.00, Canner & Low Cutter 25.00-34.25, Shells down to 20.00. Few Standard slaughter bullocks 44.50-45.00. Yield Grade #1 1105-1555 lbs. slaughter bulls 45.00-48.75, few 52.00-55.00; few yield grade #2 945-1010 lbs. 38.00-42.75. Few Medium Frame #1 350-430 lbs. feeder steers 59.00-62.00, 450-650 lbs. 47.00-53.00; Medium Frame #1 425-650 lbs. feeder heifers 39.50-47.50.

**CALVES** 340. Vealers grading Good & Choice \$5 to \$10 higher, Standard steady. Couple Prime vealers 105.00 and 106.00, Choice 92.00-99.00, Good 78.00-92.00, Standard & Good 90-125 lbs. 45.00-60.00, 65-85 lbs. 35.00-45.00, Utility 50-80 lbs. 20.00-25.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 95-135 lbs. 54.00-76.00; holstein heifers 70-110 lbs. 46.00-70.00.

**HOGS** 583. Barrows & gilts 50 cents to \$1 lower. US No. 1-2 210-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 42.40-43.00, few to 45.25, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 41.50-42.60, No. 2-3 200-305 lbs. 39.50-41.50, No. 1-3 160-195 lbs. 39.30-43.25. Sows unevenly steady. US No. 1-3 280-615 lbs. sows 38.00-46.00, No. 2-3 300-310 lbs. 30.00-40.00. Boars 28.00-33.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 84. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 15.00-22.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-45 lbs. 20.00-25.00 per head.

**SHEEP** 128. Choice 70-105 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 47.00-59.50, Good 60-95 lbs. 35.00-44.00. Slaughter ewes 18.00-36.00.

### Valley Livestock

Valley Stockyards  
Athens, Pa.

Monday, Dec. 7

Report supplied by auction  
Reported receipts of 348 calves, 131 cows, 31 bulls, 44 heifers, 25 steers, 90 hogs, 21 lambs, 6 sheep. Cattle market steady, calf market real good.  
Holstein Heifer Calves to 127.50; Veal Calves, to 91.00; Bobs, 90-110 lbs. 55.00-96.00; Bobs, 80 and down 46.00-52.00; Grassers & Feeders 34.00-50.00; Lambs 32.00-51.00; Sheep 12.00-25.00; Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 39.00-43.50; Sows 38.00-44.50; Boars 32.50-37.00; Pigs 8.00-30.00; Heifers 36.00-43.25; Steers 48.00-51.00; Steers, feeder 46.00-51.00; Bulls 38.50-46.00; Cows, utility 37.00-40.25; Cows, fat 36.00-38.00; Cows, medium 32.00-34.00; Cows, poor or small 25.00-31.00; Horses small to 260.00; Ponies none; Goats to 45.00.

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