

Livestock market and auction news



THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 21-27, 1981
Merry Christmas to all!

Farewell to fall, winter begins Dec. 21 (Mon.) at 5:51 P.M. E.S.T. ... Darryl F. Zanuck died Dec. 22, 1979 ... New moon Dec. 26 (Sat.) ... Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 5 minutes ... FDR appointed Eisenhower Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, Dec. 24, 1943 ... The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.



Ask the Old Farmer: For several years we have been bothered with "carpenter bees" under a face board of our house. We have tried spraying with a hornet spray, gasoline, a termite spray, and a few other remedies, but to no avail. Can you help us get rid of these pests? E.W., Mt. Holly, NJ

Try spraying them with a hair spray, which will stiffen their wings and make them unable to fly
Home Hints: Use a net onion bag to store the baby's bath toys. Hang on a hook on the back of the bathroom door to air-dry

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Cloudy and cold, with snow flurries, all week
Greater New York-New Jersey: Freezing rain, snow in mountains until weekend, then cold temperatures and flurries.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with light snow north and west, becoming cold, weekend brings rain, sleet and snow.
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Beginning of week, cloudy and cold; cold and rainy, with snow in mountains, through weekend
Florida: Week brings clear warm days and cold nights

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Shenandoah Valley Livestock

Harrisonburg, Va.
Saturday, Dec. 12

Report supplied by auction

STOCKER, FEEDER, AND SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Good Light Steer Calves 55.00-59.75; Medium 50.00-54.75; Plain 49.00 and down; Good Heavy Steers 52.00-57.70; Medium 47.00-51.75; Plain 46.00 and down; Holstein Steers 35.00-44.25; Good Light Heifer Calves 41.00-46.50; Medium 36.00-40.75; Plain 35.00 and down; Good Heavy Heifers 40.00-45.50;

Medium 39.00-39.75; Plain 34.00 and down; Slaughter Cows 34.00-39.00; Utilities 29.00-33.75; Cutters & Canners 28.00 and down; Milk & Stock Cows Not enough to quote; Stock Bulls 49.00 and down; Slaughter Bulls 36.75-43.00.

CALVES: Veal Calves 74.00 and down; Baby Calves 60.00 and down.

SHEEP & LAMBS: Choice Blue O 48.50; Good Red O 43.75; Feeder Lambs 41.00-43.00; Slaughter Ewes 13.25 and down; Stock Ewes 42.00 and down.

HOGS: Top 41.50; Heavy 49.00; Sows 34.50 and down; Boars 27.50; Butcher Hogs 46.00 and down.

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, December 17
Report supplied by USDA

WEEKLY CATTLE. Through midweek, steers 1.00-2.00 lower, heifers weak to 50 cents lower. Cows 5.00-6.00 higher, bulls steady to firm. Steers and heifers trended lower Monday on fairly liberal receipts recovered some Tuesday but pressured down again Wednesday's receipts of 3500 head despite snow-storm conditions. Heifers held up well in relation to steers as heifers made up smaller percentage of receipts. Cow beef turned upward following downtrends last week. Slaughter steers constituted 51 pct. of the week's receipts; heifers 34 pct.; cows 9 pct.; feeders 4 pct.

STEERS: At midweek, five loads Choice 2-3 1125-1375 lbs. 58.65-58.75. Choice, including prime 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 57.50-58.50, some late 57.00-58.00, load mostly Choice 3 muddy 56.50. Few Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 57.00-58.00, few Good 55.00-57.00. Few lots Good and Choice 2-3 Holsteins during week 53.00-54.00, several loads Good 52.00-52.25, few Standard and mostly Good 5.50-52.00.

HEIFERS. Load Choice 2-3 1075 lbs. 58.00, load Choice and Prime 3 930 lbs. 57.75. Choice including Prime 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 56.00-57.50, load 57.60, bulk 56.50-57.50, some 3-4 54.00-55.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 55.50-56.50; Good 53.00-55.00.

Average of detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. steers 58.30; 1100-1300 lbs. 58.20. Average cost steers 57.87, average weight 1168 lbs. compared 59.14 and 1167 lbs. a week ago. Average cost heifers 56.65, average weight 1018 lbs. compared 57.17 and 1021 lbs. a week ago.

COWS. High cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 36.50-38.50, few

39.00-40.00. Cutter 33.00-36.50, Canner and Low Cutter 30.00-33.00.
BULLS. 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 40.00-44.00, few high dressing 1 46.00, low dressing or yield grade 2 38.00-40.00.

East Coast Carlot

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's close: Prime special fed veal steady. Good and Choice boning veal 1.00 to 4.00 lower; unshipped steady. Lamb market, lightly tested as buyers adopt a wait and see attitude in response to light demand for heavy supplies. Boneless beef not fully established. Undertone firm.

VEAL CARCASS

Prime (Special Fed)
HIDE-ON
285 Head

180-240 lbs. 165.00-170.00, steady, few 172.00.

BONING TYPE

HIDE-ON

Good & Choice

Northeastern Suppliers: 65-75 lbs. 880.00-81.00, all 1.00 to 4.00 lower; 55-64 lbs. 78.00-79.00; 45-54 lbs. 76.00-77.00; 35-44 lbs. 74.00-75.00; 34 lbs. down 72.00-73.00.

Inshipped: 71-80 lbs. 84.00-86.00, all steady; 61-70 lbs. 82.00-84.00; 51-60 lbs. 80.00-82.00; 41-50 lbs. 78.00-80.00; 30-40 lbs. 76.00-78.00.

LAMB CARCASS

Choice & Prime 3-4

1 1/2 Loads

55 lbs. dwn 108.00, part load; 60 lbs. dwn 105.00, part load.

BONELESS BEEF

2 Loads

90 pct chem lean, fresh 109.00.
85 pct chem lean, fresh 102.00.

CURED AND PROCESSED MEATS

6 Loads

Semi-Boneless Hams: 14-17 lbs. 113.00 weak.

No. 1 Sliced Bacon, Vacuum Pack 1 lb. pkg. 106.00 steady.

Franks, 70 beef, 30 pork, 1 lb. pack 82.00 steady.

Eighty-four Auction

Eighty-four, Pa.
Monday, Dec. 14

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 282. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter steers \$1 to mostly \$2 lower. Slaughter cows steady to weak. One Choice slaughter steer at 57.00, few Good 51.00-55.00, Standard 46.00-50.00, few Utility 40.00-44.00. One Choice slaughter heifer at 54.25, few Good 49.00-51.00, Utility 40.00-43.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 35.00-37.75, Cutters 33.00-36.00, Canner & Low Cutter 24.00-33.50, Shells down to 17.00. Yield Grade #1 1100-1500 lbs. slaughter bulls 44.00-47.00; one yield grade #2 1300 lbs. at 41.75. Few Medium Frame #1 450-700 lbs. feeder steers 48.00-49.00, Medium #2 550-700 lbs. 45.50-47.75; Medium Frame #1 300-700 lbs. feeder heifers 40.00-43.25; Medium Frame #1 400-600 lbs. feeder bulls 45.00-47.75.

CALVES 358. Vealers grading Good & Choice \$5 to \$10 lower, Standard & Good \$4 to \$5 lower. Choice vealers 85.00-91.00, Good 63.00-75.00, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 51.00-62.00, 90-110 lbs. 46.00-53.00, 60-85 lbs. 39.00-47.00, few Utility 50-80 lbs. 32.00-39.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 70.00-85.00; Slaughter calves, grading Good & Choice 250-350 lbs. 50.00-63.00.

HOGS 130. Barrows & gilts 75 cents to mostly \$1 lower. US No. 1-3 200-260 lbs. barrows & gilts 41.00-42.75, few to 44.50, No. 1-3 100-170 lbs. 35.00-39.00. US No. 1-3 400-600 lbs. sows 31.50-37.00, one No. 2-3 670 lbs. 29.00. Boars 20.00-30.75.

FEEDER PIGS 14. Few Utility 25-40 lbs. feeder pigs 9.00-17.00 per head.

SHEEP 217. Woolled slaughter lambs \$3 to \$4 lower. Choice 75-90 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 49.00-51.00, shorn 80-100 lbs. 48.50-50.25, Good 75-90 lbs. 45.00-47.00; Good 65-70 lbs. feeders 43.00-45.00. Slaughter sheep 10.00-20.00.

GOATS 5. 13.00 per head.

Be cautious adding 'N'

ATLANTA, Ga. — Nitrogen availability under no-till systems should be judged with caution if systems have been in place for short time periods, a University of Nebraska professor of agronomy reports.

No-till systems maintain a protective cover on the soil surface year round to improve water infiltration and decrease erosion potential.

Research during an initial five-year period at the High Plains Ag Lab near Sidney, Neb., indicated that nitrate-nitrogen was 25 to 35 percent less under no-till conditions compared to conventional systems.

However, after 10 years under no-till, nitrate-nitrogen levels are now equivalent to those in conventional systems. These new findings are important, Peterson said, because they show that no-till does not necessarily have a higher nitrogen fertilizer requirement.

In addition, findings suggest that it is not wise to draw definite conclusions concerning nitrogen behavior in a drastically different system such as no-till, until the system has been in place at least eight to 10 years.

Holiday Schedule For NEW HOLLAND SALES STABLE, INC.

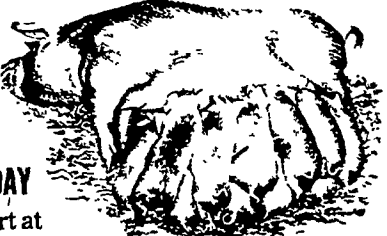
New Holland, PA

Monday, Dec. 21 - Sales as usual
Wednesday, Dec. 23 - Sales as usual
Thursday, Dec. 24 - No Sales
Monday, Dec. 28 - Sales as usual
Wednesday, Dec. 30 - Sales as usual
Thursday, Dec. 31 - Bull, steer & cow sale w/no supper hour break. NO SHEEP, CALF OR GOAT SALE AT 3:30

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