

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 31-FEB. 6, 1983

Touch up the fire, sire. Should have half your hay and half your wood left. Four chaplains went down with torpedoed *Dorchester* Feb. 3, 1943. Last quarter of the moon Feb. 4 (Thurs.). Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 5 minutes. Patricia Hearst abducted Feb. 4, 1974. Love is the reward of love.



Ask the Old Farmer: I have been trying to find out over the years why a boat is called a "she." Do you know why? D.H., Washington, DC.
It's old English colloquial. Boats, tools, and carts favored by men are called "she" because they are close to a man's heart.

Home Hints: If your cold, hard-boiled eggs are difficult to peel, place them in a pan of hot water for 20 seconds, then peel.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Most of week, warming and clearing; week ends partly cloudy and cold.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Cloudy and cold; then clearing and warming; end of week, partly sunny, cold, snow in mountains
Middle Atlantic Coastal: To begin week, unseasonably cold but clearing; light snow towards week's end.
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week starts clear and cold; at very end, sunny and seasonal.

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Carlisle Auction

Carlisle, Pa.
Tuesday, Jan. 25

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE: Steers were steady; Heifers were 2.00 lower; Cows were .75 higher; Bullocks were 1.00 lower; Bulls were 1.00 lower. Steers: Nice run. Choice 57.85-61.50; Good 53.00-56.00; Standard 50.25-52.85; Utility 49.00 down. Heifers: Low Choice to Choice #2; 53.50-56.25; Standard & Good 49.00-51.25; Utility & Low Standard 48.85 Down. Cows: Earlybird Pen 2.00 higher. Utility & Commercial 39.00-43.85; Cutter 38.50-40.10; Canner & Low Cutter 34.75-38.00; Shells 34.00 Down. Large run of cows with a very strong demand! Bullocks: (Beef Bulls) 51.00-54.85. Bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 49.50-51.50; Yield Grade No. 2, 43.75-46.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers were steady; Heifers were steady; Bulls were 10.00 higher; Light run. Steers: Good 400-515 lbs. 55.50-

56.00; Medium 695-850 lbs. 45.00-46.00. Heifers: Medium 435-500 lbs. 44.00-48.00; Bulls: 415-505 lbs. 60.00-63.50 for Good; Medium 485-615 lbs. 53.50-54.00; Medium 705 lbs. 49.00.

CALVES: Vealers were 11.00 higher; back to the farm calves were 1.00 higher for Hol. Bulls; active bidding with a very strong demand for vealers and farm calves. Vealers: Choice 90.00-106.00; Good 75.00-90.00; Standard & Good 60.00-75.00; Standard & Light 65.00 down.

Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90.00-106.00; Hol. Heifers 90-96.00.

HOGS: Very strong demand! Large run. US No. 1-2, 59.25-62.50; US No. 1-3, 56.25-59.00; Sows: 6.00 higher! US No. 1-3, 51.00-57.00; No. 2-3, 45.00-48.00. Boars: Average 42.25-49.55, 6.00 higher than last week.

FEEDER PIGS: US No. 1-3, 30-35 lbs. 30.00-37.00 head. US No 1-3, 44-50 lbs. 40.00-47.00 head.

LAMBS: Choice to 73.00; Good 53.00-57.00; Goats: 26.00-50.00 head.

Livestock market and auction news

Keisters Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa.
Tuesday, Jan. 25

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 272: Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter steers mostly .25-1.00 higher. Slaughter cows strong to 1.00 higher. Few High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 63.10-63.50, Choice No. 2-4 1000-1400 lbs. 59.00-62.25, couple to 63.00, Good 55.50-58.00, Standard 50.50-54.50, few Standard & Good holsteins 52.00-54.25. Choice slaughter heifers 55.50-60.50, one at 61.85, few Standard 48.00-51.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 39.25-43.85, couple to 48.75, cutters 38.00-40.50, Canner & Low Cutter 34.00-38.00, few Shells down to 30.00. Few Good slaughter bullocks 54.50-55.00. Few Yield Grade #1 1290-1645 lbs. slaughter bulls 52.85-54.75. Few Medium Frame #1 400-600 lbs. feeder steers & bulls 49.00-54.00.

CALVES 176: Choice vealers 90.00-106.00, few Good 70.00-85.00, Standard & Good 70-100 lbs. 51.00-60.00, Utility 50-85 lbs. 44.50-51.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 60.00-90.00, couple to 96.00; few holstein heifers 85-130 lbs. 83.00-92.00.

HOGS 412: (Monday, January 24, 1983). Barrows & gilts 2.50 higher. US No. 1-2 215-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 60.50-61.50, few to 62.00, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 59.85-60.50, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 57.00-59.85. US No. 1-3 285-600 lbs. sows 48.00-53.00, No. 2-3 260-500 lbs. 44.00-48.00. Boars 43.75-47.25. (Tuesday 75). One lot US No. 1-2 215 lbs. barrows & gilts at 59.10.

FEEDER PIGS 283: US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 38.00-48.00 per

head, No. 1-3 35-55 lbs. 48.00-62.00, few Lots No. 1-3 75-85 lbs. 69.00-71.00 per head.

SHEEP 29: Choice 80-105 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs and some shorn 58.00-66.50. Slaughter ewes 25.00-35.00.

Morrison Cove Auction

Martinsburg, Pa.
Monday, Jan. 24

Report supplied by Auction

CATTLE 260: High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 60.25-61.75, Choice 59.25-60.75, Good 58.25-59.00, Standard 52.50-57.25, Utility 44.50-50.25. Choice slaughter heifers 57.00-57.25, Good 55.25-58.50, Standard 48.25-54.25, Utility 38.50-45.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 44.75-47.25, Commercial 41.50-43.75, cutters 39.25-41.25, Canner & Low Cutter 36.50-39.25, Shells down to 31.25. Good slaughter bullocks 51.75-54.25, Standard 46.50-49.75, Utility 40.25-45.25. Yield Grade #1 slaughter bulls 52.00-54.25; yield grade #2 45.00-49.00. Choice feeder steers 54.50-57.50, Good 50.50-53.25, Medium 42.50-50.00; Good feeder heifers 52.50-56.50, Medium 42.50-50.25; Good feeder bulls 51.50-54.00, Medium 42.50-48.50.

CALVES 309: Prime vealers 94.50-100.00, Choice 86.50-92.50, Good 78.50-82.50, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 60.50-67.50, 90-110 lbs. 55.00-60.50, 70-90 lbs. 50.00-55.00, Utility at 44.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 65.00-101.00; holstein heifers 90-130 lbs. 62.50-102.00.

HOGS 236: US No. 1-2 200-260 lbs. barrows & gilts 58.25-60.25, No. 1-3 200-240 lbs. 58.00-59.25, No. 2-3 200-250 lbs. 54.50-56.50, No. 2-3 250-300 lbs. 52.50-54.00. US No. 1-3 450-500 lbs. sows 52.50-54.25, No. 2-3 350-450

lbs. 48.25-51.25. Boars 40.25-44.50, light weights 44.50-54.00.

FEEDER PIGS 75: US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 27.50-49.00 per head, No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. 49.00-55.00 per head.

SHEEP 3: Few Choice 110-120 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 50.25-61.00. Few Slaughter ewes 19.50.

GOATS 12: 26.00-38.00 per head.

Peoria Cattle

Thursday, Jan. 27

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to last week Slaughter Steers closed steady. Heifers steady to .50, instances 1.00 higher. Cows 1.00 higher. Bulls steady to firm. Trade during the week fairly active with Good demand on all classes. Buyers remain cautious in lieu of an unsettled carcass beef trade and liberal amount of consignments carrying mud. Majority of supply Good and Choice Steer and Heifers with 18% Cows and Bulls. Receipts this week 2100. Compared to 2472 last week and 2554 last year.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 950-1300 lbs. 58.50-60.00, bulk 59.00-59.50. Package 1125 lbs. carrying mud 58.00. Good and Choice 2-3 950-1300 lbs. 57.50-59.00. Good 57.00-58.00. Holsteins: Standard to Good 2-3 1150-1300 lbs. 46.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 925-1075 lbs. 58.00-59.50, load 1000 lbs. 60.00. Several part loads YG 3-4's 57.00 58.00. Good to Choice 2-3 875-1000 lbs. 57.00-58.00. Good 55.00-57.00.

COWS: Utility 1-3 37.00-41.25, Cutter 35.00-37.00. Canner and low Cutter 30.00-35.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1250-2050 lbs. 45.00-50.00, bulk 45.00-48.00. 1000-1300 lbs. 42.00-45.00.

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