

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 10-16, 1984

A welcome thaw turns blustery and raw.

Seed and nursery catalogues are in the mail now Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 7 minutes Last quarter of the moon Dec 15 (Sat) Emory Dickinson born Dec 10, 1830 New Hampshire's Dublin Lake froze over Dec 12, 1977 Dartmouth College chartered Dec 13, 1769 Argo Merchant oil spill occurred Dec 15, 1976 Everything has an end, except a sausage, which has two



Ask the Old Farmer: I have recently acquired a handsome pair of old snowshoes My problem is with the webbing, which is very dry and brittle Some of the strands are breaking away from the wood edges How should I go about preserving this old leather so I may continue to use the shoes? J D O, Menden, NH

Since the webbing is dry enough to break, I doubt if you can save it But try heating petroleum jelly just a little and rubbing it into the bindings with a piece of terry

cloth Let them set for a day or two, then apply a good coat of saddle dressing Home Hint: Line the bottom of a cake pan with parchment paper to prevent the batter from absorbing fat and forming a soggy bottom while baking

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week warm with light rain; midweek cold, with snow north and showers south; end of week brings severe cold

Greater New York-New Jersey: Cold temperatures and partly cloudy skies at start of week, midweek seasonable, end of week cold with rain, snow in mountains

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Partly cloudy and cold, with sprinkles north at week's beginning, seasonable by midweek, end of week cold with rain, snow in mountains

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Westminster Livestock Auction

Westminster, Pa.

Tuesday, November 27

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SLAUGHTER COWS: Steady prices. High Yield to 40.25; Utility 35.00-39.50; Canners 32.00-36.00; Shelly 31.00 down. Bulls- Medium to Good 39.75-42.00. Fed Steers-Good to Low Choice 61.00-63.50; Standard 42.75-47.25. Fed Heifers-Few Choice to 62.00. Veal Calves-Good to Low Choice. 130-170 lbs. 59.00-70.00; Killers 80-110 lbs. 40.00-46.00; Weak/Rough 20.00 down. Farm Calves- Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs. 55.00-70.00; Holstein Heifers 100-120 lbs. few to 58.00; Butcher Hogs- US 1&2; 215-240 lb. 51.00-51.50; 270-280 lb. 47.00-48.00. Sows-Large run. 500-700 lb. 42.00-44.75; 300-500 lb. 38.00-44.50. Boars- 400-650 lb. 34.75-35.25.

STOCK CATTLE: Steers 300-850 lb.- Good to Choice 50.00-54.50; Medium to Good 45.00-50.00; Holsteins 35.00-40.00. Heifers 300-

500 lbs.- Choice 41.00-47.00; Good 36.00-40.00. Bulls 300-500 lbs.- Good 45.00-51.00. Lambs- Choice 90-95 lbs. 56.00-59.00; Yearlings 20.00-27.00. Sheep- 13.00-20.00. Goats- Strong demand. Large 40.00-57.50; Kids 15.00-31.00. Pigs & Shoats- 100 head. \$3.00 higher. By the Head: 18-25 lbs. 14.00-21.00; 30-45 lbs. 24.00-33.00; 1 lot 82 lbs. 41.00. By the Lb.: 120-180 lb. 41.00-45.50. Stock Boars- 190-260 lb. 38.00-39.00. Hay- 7 loads. Fancy Alfalfa 2.75 per bale; Fair to Good Alfalfa 70.00-87.00 per ton; Timothy 107.00 per ton; New Ear Corn 71.00 per ton.

Standard 30.00-32.00, Utility 28.00-30.00, Cutters 26.00-28.00, Canners down to 22.00. Bulls 1200-2050 lbs. 42.00-48.00, 900-1200 lbs. 40.00-47.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers- Choice 300-600 lbs. 50.00-62.00. Heifers- Choice 300-600 lbs. 46.00-56.00, Medium and Good 300-600 lbs. 42.00-50.00.

CALVES: Vealers- Prime and High Choice 65.00-75.00, Good and Choice 50.00-65.00, Standard 40.00-50.00, Utility down to 30.00. Farm Calves- Holstein Bulls 90-120 lbs. 60.00-78.00, Heifers 90-120 lbs. 50.00-62.00.

HOGS: Barrows and Gilts 210-260 lbs. 49.00-53.20, 170-300 lbs. 42.00-50.00. Sows 300-600 lbs. 42.00-50.25. Boars 28.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 25-35 lbs. 15.00-22.00 per head, 35-50 lbs. 22.00-30.00.

SHEEP: Slaughter Lambs 90-114 lbs. 50.00-62.00. Ewes & Lambs up to 64.00 per head. 1 Spring Lamb 50 lbs. 1.05. Goats 12.00-48.00.

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Duncansville, Pa.

Monday, December 3

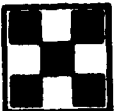
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SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Steers- Choice 60.00-65.60, Good 54.00-60.00, Standard 48.00-50.00, Utility 42.00-48.00. Heifers- Choice 60.00-65.00, Good 52.00-60.00, Standard 44.00-52.00, Utility 36.00-44.00. Cows- Choice 36.00-38.00, Good 32.00-36.00.



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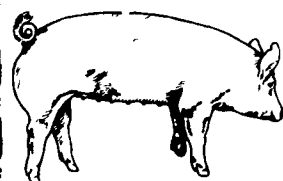
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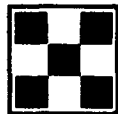
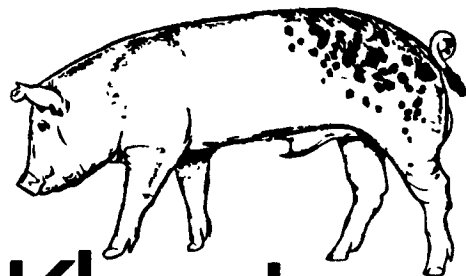
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