

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 17-23, 1984

Snowstorm in the north, no time to sally forth.

Sow seed of shamrock now for St. Patrick's Day First day of Chanukah, Dec 19
Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 4 minutes New moon Dec 22
(Sat) -50°F in Bloomfield, VT, Dec 30, 1933 Howard Hughes born Dec 24,
1905 Missouri levied tax on bachelors Dec 20, 1820 Winter solstice 11 23 AM
EST, Dec 21 (Fr) James H. Nason patented the coffee percolator, Dec 26, 1865
Tolerance should spring from charity, not indifference



Ask the Old Farmer: Have you ever heard that burning fresh potato peelings on top of the logs in a fireplace will help clean the chimney? I have tried it but can't tell whether it works. H.K. Auburn, N.Y.
A very old custom — and so far as we know, it works. Of course, older folks ate more potatoes than we do today, so the doses of peelings were frequent and liberal.
Home Hints: When ironing woolen garments always leave the wool slightly damp and then hang at once.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Week begins with a snowstorm north and rain south, mid through end of week brings flurries

Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins cold and rainy, with snow in mountains, midweek clearing and milder, end of week brings cold snap and flurries

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Cold temperatures and rain to start week, snow in mountains, sunny by midweek, with cold nights and mild days, end of week brings cold again with rain and snow

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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.

Tuesday, December 11

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE: Steers: Good Holsteins 56.00-58.75; Medium Holsteins 53.50-55.00. Heifers: 1.00 higher. Good 54.25-56.00; Medium 45.00-50.00; Few Utility 33.50-37.00. Cows: Mostly 1.00 higher; Earlybird Pens 2.00 higher. High Yield 36.00-38.00; Average 34.00-36.00; Big Middle 32.00-36.35; Shelly 32.00 down. Fat Bulls: Good

48.00-55.00; Medium 44.75-47.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good run with good demand. Steers (300-550 lb.) 2.00 higher. Choice 59.50-64.00; Good 52.00-58.00; Medium 46.00-51.00; Culls 35.00-45.00. Steers (600-850 lb.) Mostly steady to 1.00 higher. Good 52.00-55.50; Medium 42.00-50.00. Heifers (all weights) steady. Choice 45.00-46.00; Good 41.00-44.00; Medium 33.00-40.00. Bulls (all weights) 2.00 higher. Choice 51.00-55.00; Good 46.00-50.00; Medium 43.50-45.00.

VEAL CALVES 3.00 higher. Choice 73.00-80.00; Good 63.00-72.00; Medium 51.00-62.00; Light/weak 50.00 down. Farm Bulls 75.00-85.00. Farm Heifers 70.00-79.00.

HOGS: Barrows & Gilts 1.00 lower. 210-250 lbs. 50.50-52.25; over 260 lb. 41.00-48.10; Under 210 43.75-45.25.

SOWS: 3.00 higher. Over 450 lb. 41.50-45.25; under 450 42.00-44.50. Boars: Large run. 31.00-35.50.

FEEDER PIGS: (by the hd) 2.00 higher. (20-25 lbs. 17.00-25.50 hd.) (30-40 lbs. 26.00-35.00 hd.) Shoats (by the lb.) 45.00-55.00.

SHEEP: Lambs: Individual 95.00, 2.00 higher. Choice 60.00-64.00; Good 55.00-59.00; Med. 54.00 down. Ewes 15.50-26.00 lb. Goats: (Lg) 29.00-34.00 (hd); Sm./Med. 18.00-24.00 (hd).

No Sale Christmas Day — There Will Be A Sale Jan. 1st.

Oklahoma Cattle

Wednesday, December 12

Report supplied by USDA

Estimated Receipts 5,500
Same Day Last Week 3,189

Feeder Steers and Heifers near steady. Trade moderately active.

Demand moderate. Bulk supply Medium Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 400-800 lb. Feeder Steers and 400-650 lb. Heifers. Several consignments consist of mixed lots of Feeder Steers, Heifers, and Bulls.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large Frame 1 package 370 lb. 75.00; 400-500 lb. 70.10-73.50; 500-520 lb. few 69.75-70.75; 600-700 lb. 70.60-72.20; 700-800 lb. 68.50-70.30; 800-875 lb. 64.80-67.50. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 few 375-400 lb. 67.50-70.25; 400-475 lb. 63.00-70.25; 500-600 lb. 65.80-70.00, few 60.50-65.80; 600-700 lb. 64.80-69.30; few 730-745 lb. 66.30-68.75; package 815 lb. 62.75. Medium and Large Frame 2 385-485 lb. 61.20-64.10; package 660 lb. 61.75. Large Frame No. 2 Holsteins 625-680 lb. 50.00-52.25; 700-740 lb. 49.20-50.90.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium, few Large Frame 1 365-385 lb. 58.50-59.00; 430-460 lb. 57.10-59.25; package 530 lb. 61.30; few 650-675 lb. 60.25-62.25; package 715 lb. 62.25. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 lot 370 lb. 56.40; few 435-475 lb. 57.70-58.10; few 500-550 lb.

59.00-59.10; package 615 lb. 58.00. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 few 380-530 lb. 48.10-52.40.

For the Week: Feeder Steer and Heifer yearlings firm; calves firm to 2.00 higher with 450-550 lb. weights showing the most advance. Slaughter Cows 1.00-3.00 higher most advance on Utility and Commercial. Bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

New Holland Horse

New Holland Sales Stables
Monday, December 10

Report supplied by auction

Report receipts of 288 head of horses, mules and ponies. Market: steady.

LOCAL:
Driving horses 200.00-750.00.
Riding horses 200.00-450.00, few 500.00-585.00.

Lightweight killers 150.00-225.00;
Heavyweight killers 250.00-300.00.

Mare ponies 30.00-75.00; Colts 10.00-25.00; Gelding ponies 30.00-75.00.

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WAGNERCREST IVANHOE ASTRONAUT due with 1st calf 2/27/85 to Rip Valley Elevation Napoleon.

VINCENT-VIEW MOLLY CHIEF due with 1st calf 1/17/85 to Arlinda Jet Stream-Twin.

ARLINDA CINNAMON due with 1st calf 1/31/85 to Crescent Mead Pinto.

REGISTERED HOLSTEIN BULL

S-W-D Valient born 8/12/83. Dam-VG 86 Ivanhoe Jerry, 2-2 365 21,393M 760F 3.6. 2nd Dam-VG 88 Elevation 8-8 305 25,820 919 3.6.

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Closed Mon., Dec. 24, 1984
and Mon., Dec. 31, 1984

WE WILL BE OPEN

Wed., Dec. 26th & Wed., Jan. 2nd

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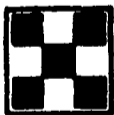
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