

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 24-30, 1984

Christmas is here, then gone for a year.

Keep African violets away from drafty windows Radio City Music Hall completed Dec 27, 1932 Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 5 minutes First quarter of the moon, Dec 30 (Sun.) Train derailed in snowstorm when bridge collapsed in Astabula, Ohio, killing 91, Dec 29, 1876 Ether first used as childbirth anesthetic, Dec 27, 1845 Battle of Wounded Knee, S D, Dec 29, 1890 Envy shooteth at others, and woundeth itself



Ask the Old Farmer: Who in Sam Hill is (or was) Sam Hill? YL, Mt Pleasant, Mich Sam Hill was a judge of probate in the Connecticut colony - 1750 or so Famed for fire, brimstone, and general influence, he was widely known and sworn by - also at, in all probability

Home Hints: Wrap leftover pancakes individually in waxed paper or foil store in the freezer then, when needed, heat up in a toaster oven

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Flurries at week's beginning, cold with snow, then rain by midweek, end of week turns mild with showers
Greater New York-New Jersey: Cold snap with flurries at start of week, and through end of week mild with rain, snow in mountains
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week cold, with rain and snow, midweek rain, mild temperatures, end of week mild with scattered showers

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Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md. Wednesday, December 12 Report supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers- \$1.00 higher. Choice 60.00-61.25; Good 55.00-59.00; Medium 54.00 down. Heifers- Low Choice 53.00-54.75; Good 47.00-52.00; Medium 40.00-46.00. Cows- Large run very active \$3.00 higher. High Yield 40.00-43.00; Average 36.00-39.00; Big Middle 32.00-35.00; Fatty Herf. 30.00-35.00; Shelly 33.00 down. Fat Bulls- \$1.00 higher. Good 44.00-47.00; Medium 41.00-43.00. Veal Calves- Steady prices, Farm Bulls 10.00 higher. Choice 71.00-76.00; Good 63.00-70.00; Medium 55.00-62.00; Farm Hfns. 50.00-62.00; Farm Bulls 75.00-90.00; Light Calves 42.00-51.00; Weak Calves 41.00 down. Lambs- Steady prices. Choice 62.00-64.00; Good 58.00-61.00; Med. 54.00-57.00. Sows- 500-650 lbs. 40.00-41.75; 300-450 lbs. 37.00-40.00.

STOCKER: Steers- 300-550 lbs. Large run \$1.00 higher. Choice 59.00-63.00; Good 53.00-58.00; Medium 47.00-52.00; Culls 46.00 down. Steers 600-850 lbs.- Choice 56.00-59.00; Good 50.00-55.00; Medium 49.00 down. Heifers (All Weights)- Choice 48.00-52.00; Good 42.00-47.00; Medium 37.00-41.00. Dairy Cows- to 555.00. Reg. Hol. Bull at 79.50. Bulls- Choice 51.00-

54.00; Good 45.00-50.00; Medium 40.00-44.00. Pigs, Hd. Steady prices. 20-35 lbs. 14.00-25.00; 40-60 lbs. 26.00-37.00. Shoats by Lb.- 43.00-46.00. Slaughter Hogs- Steady prices. 200-230 lbs. 50.00-51.50; 240-260 lbs. 50.75-51.00; 290-350 lbs. 42.00-47.00.

Next week Dec. 19 will have Registered Angus Bull 5 yrs. old, good breeder all 1984 calves dropped in 50 days. We will have our regular sales Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Hatfield will not be here on Tuesdays Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, but will take in hogs on Thursday Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. These two weeks only. Hatfield tops this week was \$52.00.

Westminster Livestock Auction

Westminster, Pa.

Tuesday, December 11

Report supplied by auction
SLAUGHTER COWS: \$2.00 higher. Utility High Yield 40.00-41.75, One to 46.25; Utility 36.00-39.50; Cannerns 31.00-35.00; Shelly 31.00 down. Bulls- Few offered. Good to 45.00; Medium to 42.00. Fed Steers- Good demand. Choice 62.00-64.75; Good 55.00-60.00. Fed Heifers- Few Choice 57.75; Commercial & Good 43.00-49.00. Veal Calves- 4.00 higher. Good & Low Choice 60.00-72.00; Standard 50.00-60.00; Stocky/Thin 15.00-35.00; Killers 80-100 lbs. 42.00-50.00;

Weak/Rough 25.00 down. Farm Calves- Holstein Bulls 95-125 lbs. 55.00-80.00. Butcher Hogs- \$1.50 higher. US #1&2 250 lbs. at 49.60; US #2&3 220-260 lbs. 46.00-46.50. Sows- Over 500 lbs. 39.00-40.00; 300-500 lbs. 34.00-39.50.

STOCK CATTLE: Smaller run, no fair test. Steers Good Choice 50.00-56.00; Good 45.00-50.00. Heifers Few Good 38.00-43.50. Bulls- Good 42.00-48.00. Lambs- Choice 95-125 lbs. 60.00-63.00; 80-95 lbs. 52.00-57.00. Sheep- Few to 15.00-20.00. Goats- Mature 20.00-36.00; Big Billies 50.00-55.00; Kids 13.00-28.00. Pigs & Shoats By the Head- 20-30 lbs. 18.00-29.00; 30-50 lbs. 25.00-35.00; 60 lbs. 40.00-42.00. Stock Boars- 300 lbs. to 33.00. Boars- 500-750 lbs. 31.00-31.50. Hay- 9 loads. Alfalfa & Grass 90.00 per ton; Clover 67.00 per ton; Mixed Hay 65.00-90.00 per ton.

Holiday Schedule

Closed December 25th

Open January 1, 1985

State Graded Feeder Pig Sale will be the usual day December 28th.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Monday, December 17, 1984

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 293. Compared with last Monday's market, Choice slaughter steers 2-4 1085-1284 lbs. 63.25-67.00, Holsteins 58.50-62.50, Good 57.00-63.00, Good Holsteins 54.00-57.50, Few Standard 48.50-52.75. Few Choice slaughter heifers 63.00-65.00. Breaking Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 36.75-40.00, Couple 40.85, Cutter and Boning Utility 33.50-37.25, Couple 38.00, Canner and Low Cutter 29.50-34.00, Shells down to 25.00. Individual Good Slaughter Bullocks 53.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1100-2150 lbs. slaughter bulls 43.75-50.00, Few Yield Grade No. 2 840-1035 lbs. 30.00-39.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers Medium Frame #1 375-675 lbs. 45.00-52.00

CALVES 254. Few Choice Weaners 75.00-80.00, Good 55.00-65.00, Standard & Good 70-100 lbs. 45.00-52.00, Utility 60-90 lbs. 40.00-46.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 54.00-84.00.

HOGS 214. Few US No. 1-2 210-230 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.85-52.30 one Lot at 53.00, No. 1-3 195-255 lbs. 49.75-51.75, One Lot No. 2-3 270 lbs. at 47.10, Light No. 1-3 150-190 lbs. 40.50-46.00. Sows. US No. 1-3 300-820 lbs. sows 38.00-42.25, Medium 195-320 lbs. 25.00-35.75. Boars 30.00-34.25.

FEEDER PIGS 272. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 22.00-34.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-55 lbs. 32.50-40.50 per head.

SHEEP 68. Choice 70-100 lbs. Woolled Slaughter Lambs 55.00-63.00, few 73.00, Good & Choice 50-75 lbs. Woolled Slaughter Lambs 62.00-86.00, Couple 91.00.

KING'S AUCTION, KIRKWOOD

Hay, Straw and Grain Auction

EVERY TUESDAY

12:00

Please note: There will be no sale conducted on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day Jan. 1.

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Lloyd H. Kreider, Auctioneer
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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

MELVIN M. LEHMAN - Owner
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