THE **OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC**

DEC. 31, 1984-JAN. 6, 1985 With bounteous cheer, conclude the year.

Chimney fire danger now . Nellie Ross became first woman governor of a state (Wyoming), Jan 5, 1925. Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 10 minutes Full moon Jan 6 (Sun). 14°F in Haleakala, Hawau, Jan 2, 1961 Bob Montana, creator of "Archie" comic strip, died Jan 5, 1975 In a calm sea, every man is a pilot



Ask the Old Farmer: We burn candles frequently, and the wax stains are becoming troublesome. Is there any way to remove the wax from my table-cloths? I M, Vineyard Haven, Mass To remove the wax from cloth, place blotting paper

under and over the wax and rub with a hot iron. Home Hints: For best results, separate eggs while they are cold, but whip egg whites when they have reached room temperature

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Week begins with mild temperatures, rain and snow, midweek cold with flurries; end of week mild. Greater New York-New Jersey. Mild temperatures with rain, snow in mountains at week's beginning, midweek brings cold wave, flurries, end of week mild again, with

rain and snow. Middle Atlantic Coastal: Scattered showers and mild temperatures start week, cloudy and cold, with flurries north by midweek, end of week rain changing to snow, colder temperatures

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Showers at week's beginning, midweek cold with frost; rain, warm temperatures by week's end.

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Valley Livestock Athens, Pa. Wednesday, December 26 Report supplied by auction Holstein Hfr. Calves to 65.00. Veal Calves 63.00-71.00. Vealer Bull Calves to 84.00. Slaughter Calves 42.00-56.00. Grassers & Feeders 30.00-49.00. Lambs 52.00-64.00. Sheep 8.00-32.00. Hogs, 200 to 250 41.00-49.00. Sows 32.50-40.00. Boars 30.00-32.00. Pigs each 18.00-33.00. Heifers 36.75-44.75. Steers 43.00-49.00. Steers, feeder 34.00-45.00. Bulls 44.25-49.50. Cows, utility 38.00-42.25. Cows, fat 36.50-40.75. Cows, medium 32.75-38.25 Cows, poor or small 21.75-32.50. Cattle Market stronger on good kind.

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Calf Market steady to stronger. Horses none. Ponies none. Goats each 20.00-47.50. Remarks: Sale next week on Wednesday January 2, 1984.

Jersey Shore Livestock Jersey Shore, Pa. Thursday, Dec. 20

Good Veal 60 to 80. Common Veal 40 to 60; Good Steers 62 to 64.75; Common Steers 43 to 61.75; Commercial Cows 40 to 44; Canners-Cutters 27 to 40; Heifers 35 to 61.50: Feeder Cattle 40 to 62; bulls 45 to 49.25; Good Hogs 50 to 51; Heavies 50 to 51; Sows 43 to 44.75; Lambs 53; Eggs 70 to 75.

Livestock market and auction news

Leesport Livestock Auction Leesport, Pa.

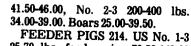
Thursday, December 27 Report supplied by Auction CATTLE 202. Compared with

last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers and cows \$1.00-\$2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls \$2.00-\$4.00 higher. Choice slaughter steers 65.00-69.00, Good 61.00-65.00, Good & Choice holsteins 52.00-56.00, Standard 48.00-52.00, Utility 40.00-48.00. Few Choice slaughter heifers 58.00-64.50, Good 50.00-58.50, Standard 41.00-50.00, Utility 36.00-41.00. Breaking Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 39.50-44.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 37.00-39.00, Canner and Low Cutter 33.50-37.00, Shells down to 28.00. Yield Grade No. 1 1000-1850 lbs. slaughter bulls, 56.00-65.00, Yield Grade No. 2 900-1500 lbs. 47.00-56.00.

CALVES 144. One Good Vealer at 97.00, Standard and Good 95-120 lbs. 50.00-60.00, Utility 70-100 lbs 40.00-55.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs. 60.00-85.00, Holstein heifers 48.00-60.00.

HOGS 279. Barrows and gilts \$1.00-\$2.00 higher. US No. 1-2 220-250 lbs. barrows and gilts 52.50-54.50, No. 1-3 195-220 lbs. 51.00-53.00, No. 2-3 200-250 lbs. 49.50-51.50, No. 1-3 250-300 lbs. 47.50-50.50. Sows: US No. 1-3 300-400 lbs. sows 38.00-41.00, 400-700 lbs. sows



per hundredweight bulk of supply sold to the holiday roaster trade. SHEEP 8. Few Choice 65.00-78.00, Few Good 50.00-60.00. 25-70 lbs. feeder pigs 70.00-143.00 GOATS 12: 20.00-55.00 per head.

Farmers Home Auists 41 Lancaster Co. Farmers

lenders.

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County office of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) assisted 41 county farmers with farm loans during the 1984 fiscal year, FmHA County Supervisor Jeffrey R. Troutman said today.

The loans totaled \$2,482,050 during the 12 months ending Sept. 30. The loans were made to farmers who needed credit but did not qualify for loans from private

Breakdown of the loans for Lancaster County is: farm operating loans, 7 loans totaling \$241,350; farm ownership loans, 9 totaling \$1,216,000; disaster emergency loans, 23 loans totaling \$961,700; economic emergency loans, 2 loans totaling \$63,000.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.







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