

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 3-9, 1985

Travel is slow in the rain and snow.

Make sure cellar windows are shut tight. Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 13 minutes. Last quarter of the moon, Dec 5 (Thurs.) Daniel Stillson patented pipe wrench, Dec 5, 1876. Thornton Wilder died Dec 7, 1975. Tornado in Vicksburg, Miss, killed 38, left \$25 million in damages, Dec 5, 1953. Delaware became first state to ratify new federal constitution, Dec 7, 1787. *Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it*



Ask the Old Farmer: Reading an 1850 Census, I found many heads of households listed as "mechanics." Can you tell me what this term implied? V M, Topeka, Kansas
A mechanic was a man whose occupation involved working with hand tools rather than farming

Home Hint: For ease of peeling, remove shells from hard-boiled eggs while they are still warm

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Week begins cold, with light snow, snow continues through mid-week, end of week cloudy with flurries
Greater New York-New Jersey: Cold temperatures with rain and snow at beginning of week, midweek rain, milder temperatures, end of week cold wave
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week cold temperatures, sleet, cloudy and continued cold mid through end of week

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Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Monday, November 25
 Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 229...PDA—Compared with last Monday's market, Slaughter cows .50-1.50 higher, Few Choice slaughter steers 1000-1400 lbs. 60.00-65.25, Good 50.50-60.00, Few Good & Choice holsteins 45.00-52.00, Few Standard 40.75-44.00. Individual Choice slaughter heifers at 60.00, Few Good 52.00-56.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 34.75-37.85, Few to 42.75, Cutter & Boning Utility 33.50-36.50, Canner & Low Cutter 28.00-33.25, Shells down to 20.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1275-2435 lbs. slaughter bulls 42.25-50.25.
FEEDER CATTLE: Steers Few Medium Frame #1, 400-600 lbs. 54.00-60.00; Heifers Medium Frame #1 350-600 lbs. 40.00-47.00.
CALVES 224: Individual Prime vealers at 107.00, Few Choice 81.00-89.00, few Good 60.00-72.00, Standard & Good 70-105 lbs. 43.00-50.00, Few Utility 55-80 lbs. 35.00-45.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 55.00-88.00, mostly 65.00-80.00.

HOGS 106: Barrows & gilts 1.00-2.00 higher. Few Lots US No. 1-2 275-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 46.80-47.00, No. 2-3 235-255 lbs. 45.70-46.70. Sows US No. 1-3 300-630 lbs. 35.00-38.50. Couple Boars 28.00 and 31.00.

FEEDER PIGS 126: US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 24.00-30.00 per head, No. 1-3 50-60 lbs. 31.50-35.00 per head.

SHEEP 19: Few Low to average Choice 75-100 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 60.00-68.00. Slaughter ewes 20.00-25.00.

Valley Livestock

Athens, Pa.

Monday, November 25

Report supplied by auction
 Holstein Hfr. Calves to 50.00-55.00.

Veal Calves 65.00-89.00.
 Vealer Bull Calves 65.00-89.00.
 Slaughter Calves 50.00-57.00.
 Grassers & Feeders 32.00-42.00.
 Lambs 55.00-70.00.

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PLEASE BRING YOUR NICEST TOBACCO TO THE FIRST AUCTION AS THIS WILL STIMULATE AND MAINTAIN BUYER INTEREST IN YOUR CROP.

It is still important that you get your name and other information to us for scheduling. Do not wait til the last minute.
 We have scheduled an open house for you to inspect the facilities, see how tobacco will be prepared for auction and educate you on how to strip and grade your tobacco.

OPEN HOUSE WILL BE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1985 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

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Sheep 21.00-33.00.
 Hogs, 200 to 250 42.00-45.50.
 Sows 32.00-35.50.
 Boars 25.00-32.00.
 Pigs, each 15.00-28.50.
 Heifers 34.00-40.75.
 Steers, medium 36.00-42.00.
 Steers, feeder 35.00-50.00.
 Bulls 38.00-44.75.
 Cows, utility 35.00-37.50.
 Cows, fat 34.00-37.00.
 Cows, medium 32.50-34.00.
 Cows, poor or small 25.00-30.00.
 Cattle Market real active.
 Calf Market steady to higher.
 Horses To 180.00.
 Ponies None.
 Goats, each 15.00-44.00.
 Remarks: Cattle Market real active. Should be good next Monday (Deer Season.)
 Feeder Sale 1st Monday of Each Month.
 Dairy Sale 3rd Thursday of Each Month.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.
 Monday, Nov. 25

CATTLE 501. SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice & Prime 61.00 to 64.00, few to 65.50; Good & Choice 53.00 to 60.00, few to 61.10; Good & Choice-Holstein 48.50 to 52.75; Standard & Good-Holstein 43.50 to 48.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 59.00 to 63.25, few to 65.25; Good & Choice 53.00 to 60.00; Standard & Good 45.00 to 54.75.

COWS: Utility & Commercial 34.75 to 39.00, few to 43.35; Cutter & Boning Utility 32.50 to 37.85; Canner & Low Cutter 33.50 & Down.

BULLS-ALL WEIGHTS: Yield Grade 1 45.00-50.50, few to 52.25; Yield Grade 2 39.00 to 45.75.

STOCKER CATTLE-ALL WEIGHTS: Steers-Medium &

Some markets not covered by PDA due to deer season

Good 45.00-60.00, few to 62.50; Heifers-Medium & Good 38.00-50.00, few to 53.50; Bulls-Medium & Good 40.00-51.50, few to 56.00; Steers-Holstein 35.50-44.75, few to 46.75.

CALVES 486. Good & Choice-125 to 250 pounds 75.00-85.00, few to 89.00; Medium & Good-125 to 250 pounds 58.00-76.00; Medium & Good-80 to 120 pounds up to 56.00; Light & Cull-all weights up to 50.00; Holstein Bulls-return to farm up to 110.00; Holstein Heifers-return to farm up to 57.50.

LAMBS, SHEEP & GOATS 63. Choice Lambs None offered; Medium & Good Lambs 60.00-72.50; Light & Cull Lambs 50.00-62.50; Sheep, Ewes & Bucks up to 26.00; Goats-all sizes (by head) 10.00-47.00.

HOGS 139. No. 1-3 Butcher Hogs-190-225 pounds 43.25-45.50; No. 1-3 Butcher Hogs-225-250 pounds 44.50 to 46.75; No. 1-3 Butcher Hogs-250-300 pounds 41.75 to 45.75; Good Butcher Sows-400 pounds down 36.00 to 41.00, few to 43.00; Good Butcher Sows-400 pounds up 36.00 to 41.50, few to 42.50; Heavy Boars-over 300 pounds 31.00; Pigs-all sizes (by head) 15.00-32.50.

Sale every Monday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Hay & straw sale every Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Peoria Cattle

November 27, 1985

Report Supplied by USDA

Trading moderately active on moderate supply. Demand moderate. Slaughter steers 2.50 higher, except Holsteins steady. Slaughter heifers 2.00 higher. Cows 3.50 to 5.00 higher. Bulls 1.00 higher. All reported sales Monday with not enough sales Wednesday for a market test. Supply mainly good to average choice slaughter steers and heifers with 14% cows estimated receipts this holiday shortened period about 1850 as compared to 1820 a week ago and 2714 a year ago.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4, mostly 3 1050-1200 lbs. 64.50-66.00, part load 66.50; 1000-1050 lbs. 63.50-65.00. Choice 3-5 1050-1225 lbs. 64.00-65.00. Mixed and good choice 2-3 1000-1200 lbs. 62.50-64.50. Good 2-3 900-1050 lbs. 60.00-63.00. Mixed good 2-3 Holsteins 1250-1510 lbs. 53.00-56.00. Standard and good 2-3 Holsteins 1250-1350 lbs. 50.00-53.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4, mostly 3 950-1100 lbs. 62.50-63.50, load 64.00; 900-950 lbs. 61.50-62.50. Choice 3-5 1000-1150 lbs. 60.50-63.00 mixed good and choice 2-3 900-1100 lbs. 60.00-63.00. Good 2-3 800-950 lbs. 59.00-62.00

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-3 34.00-36.00. Cutter and Boning Utility 1-2 32.00-34.50. Canner and Low Cutter 30.00-32.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1500-2180 lbs. 43.00-46.00.

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NEXT SALE DATE JAN. 17