

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 22-28, 1986

Christmas cheer this time of year.

Christmas Day Dec 25 American frontiersman and soldier Christopher Kit Carson born in Madison Co Ky Dec 24 1809 Last quarter of the moon Dec 24 (Wed) Hanukkah festival begins Dec 27 Average length of days for the week 9 hours, 5 minutes Vice president John C Calhoun resigned Dec 28, 1832 Earthquake in Messina, Sicily, killed 80,000 Dec 28 1908 A change of fortune hurts a wise man no more than a change of the moon



Ask the Old Farmer: Why do we have what is called plum pudding when to my knowledge no plums have been included in this recipe? I T Barnstead N.H. Old-time New Englanders always called raisins "plums." Plum pudding, plum porridge and plum cake were all made with raisins.

Home Hints Turn house plants regularly to assure even growth. Some plants reach out toward the sun others grow away from it.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Week begins cloudy with mild temperatures midweek sunny snow possible north end of week snowstorm with cold temperatures
Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week sunny with seasonable temperatures cloudy and very cold mid through end of week
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week sunny with mild temperatures mid week cold with freezing rain end of week clear

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Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa. Monday, Dec. 15

CATTLE 502. SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice & Prime 58.00-61.50, few to 62.85; Good & Choice 52.00-58.75; Good & Choice - Holstein 45.00-51.00; Standard & Good Holstein - 40.00-45.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 57.00-61.00, few to 63.00; Good & Choice 50.00-57.50; Standard & Good 43.00-50.25.

COWS: Utility & Commercial 35.50-38.50, few to 40.00; Cutter & Boning Utility 33.50-38.00, few to 39.75; Canner & Low Cutter 34.00 & down.

BULLS-ALL WEIGHTS: Yield Grade 1 45.00-50.00, few to 53.00; Yield Grade 2 39.00-45.50.

STOCKER CATTLE-ALL WEIGHTS. Steers - Medium & Good 47.00-54.50; Heifers - Medium & Good 45.00-51.50; Bulls - Medium & Good 40.00-50.00;

Steers - Holstein 35.50-41.50.

CALVES 460. Good & Choice - 125 to 250 pounds 65.00-85.00, few to 93.00; Medium & Good - 125 to 250 pounds 55.00-65.00; Medium & Good - 80 to 120 pounds 48.00-60.00; Light & Cull - all weights 48.00 & down; Holstein Bulls - return to farm up to 104.00; Holstein Heifers - return to farm up to 63.00.

LAMBS, SHEEP & GOATS 102. Choice Lambs 64.00-66.00; Medium & Good Lambs 58.00-64.00; Light & Lambs 60.00-68.50; Sheep, Ewes & Bucks 18.00-25.00; Goats - all sizes (by head) 15.00-40.00.

HOGS 139. No. 1-3 Butcher Hogs - 190-225 pounds 50.00-54.00; No. 1-3 Butcher Hogs - 225-250 pounds 53.50-54.00; No. 1-3 Butcher Hogs - 250-300 pounds 51.00-53.60; Good Butcher Sows - 400 pounds down 43.00-48.50; Good Butcher Sows - 400 pounds up 45.00-50.00; Heavy Boars - over 300 pounds 37.50; Pigs-all sizes (by head) 25.00-45.00.



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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1986

Report Supplied by Auction

CATTLE: Steers: Low Choice 59.00-60.25; Medium-Good 52.00-58.50; Good & Choice Holsteins 47.00-51.50; Medium Holsteins 43.75-46.50. Heifers: Good-Choice 53.75-56.00; Holsteins 43.00 & Down. Cows: Large Run - Steady Prices. High Yield None Offered; Good 36.00-38.00; Medium 33.50-35.85; Big Middle 31.00-37.00; Shelly 30.00 & Down. FAT Bulls: Medium-Good 41.50-47.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good Run of Heifers and Bull: Too few steers to establish a market. Feeder Heifers (all weights) 1.00 higher. Good 45.00-47.50; Medium 41.00-44.50. Feeder Bulls (all weights) 1.00 higher. Choice 53.00-55.00; Good 46.00-49.50; Medium 40.00-44.50.

VEAL CALVES: Demand Stronger! Choice 75.00-90.00; Good 63.00-74.00; Medium 45.00-62.00; Few Light/Weak 44.00 & Down; Farm Bulls 80.00-110.00.

HOGS: Barrows & Gilts Steady .50 lower. (US No. 1-3) 210-250 lbs. 53.60-54.60; Over 260 lb. 49.00-52.00.

SOWS: 1.00 to 2.00 lower than last week. Over 450 lbs. 40.75-45.00; under 450 43.00-46.50; 2 & 3's 33.50-39.00; Boars Heavy 35.75-36.50 (250-325 lbs. 44.50-48.00).

FEEDER PIGS: (by the hd.) Large Run. (15-22 lbs. 20.00-22.00); (25-35 lbs. 28.00-32.00); (35-50 lbs. 42.00-49.00) (55-65 lbs. 56.00).

SHEEP: Lambs Light 85.00-110.00; Choice 69.00-81.00; Good 52.00-64.00; Medium 51.00 & Down.

EWES: Mostly 24.00-35.00. Goats- (Lg) 44.00-47.50 (hd); Sm./Med. 17.00-31.00 (hd).

There will be a sale Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 - Regular Hours.

Farmers Livestock Auction

Duncansville, Pa. Monday, Dec. 15, 1986

LIVESTOCK HAULING

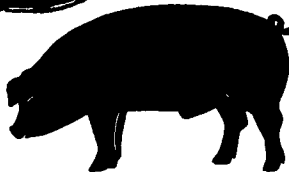
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At this glittering time of the year we send wishes for your happiness, glowing with bright hope for the future.

We look forward to serving you again

FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF NEW HOLLAND SALES STABLES, INC.

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 214. STEERS: Good 52.50-55.00; Standard 49.50-52.75.

HEIFERS: Good 48.50-53.75. COWS: Utility & Commercial 34.50-38.50; Cutters 32.00-36.00; Canner & Low Cutter 28.50-32.50.

BULLOCKS: Good & Choice 47.50-48.50. BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 43.00-45.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers 48.00-55.00; Bulls 42.00-48.00; Heifers 40.00-45.00.

CALVES 385. Choice 65.00-78.00; Good 59.00-66.00; Standard & Good 52.00-59.00; 90-110 lbs. 48.00-54.00; 65-90 lbs. 48.00-52.00; Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs. 100.00-128.00; Holstein Heifers 100-110 lbs. 56.00-62.00.

HOGS 122. US No. 1-2 54.50-55.50; US No. 1-3 53.50-54.00.

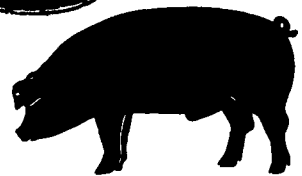
SOWS: US No. 1-3 43.50-45.00. FEEDER PIGS 92. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 30.00-35.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 38.00-45.00.

SHEEP 40. Choice 60.00-62.00; Good 59.00-60.50. Sl. Ewes 18.00-22.00.

6 Loads Hay 88.00-118.00.



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We Will Be Closed Dec. 24, 25, Jan. 1. Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

RECEIVING HOGS: LANCASTER COUNTY FARMERS

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 ON THE FARM MONTHLY

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1:00 P.M.

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NEXT SALE DATE FEBRUARY 13, 1:00 P.M.