

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 29, 1986-JAN. 4, 1987

Don't let your New Year's resolve dissolve.

New Year's Day Jan 1 More than 200 Sioux Indians massacred at Wounded Knee, S.D., by soldiers of the U.S. Seventh Cavalry, Dec 29, 1890 New moon Dec 30 (Tues) Union ironclad ship *Monitor* sank in a storm off Cape Hatteras, N.C., Dec 30, 1862 Average length of days for the week 9 hours, 8 minutes Elizabeth Gracom, better known as Betsy Ross, born in Philadelphia, Jan 1, 1752 Earth at perihelion, the point in its solar orbit nearest the sun, Jan 4 *Secret pride is like a nettle in the arbor*



Ask the Old Farmer: I recently bought glass doors for my fireplace. How can I clean them without damaging or cracking the glass? L.D., Sarasota, Fla.
Mix fine ashes from the stove with water to a thin paste and apply with a piece of toweling. Then wipe off with clear water and a soft cloth.

Home Hints: Use mayonnaise to rub off pine pitch or grease stains from your car's body paint.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Week begins cold, midweek mild temperatures, snow north, rain south, end of week sunny and cold
Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week cloudy with cold temperatures, midweek mild with heavy rain, snow inland, end of week sunny and very cold
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with freezing rain and cold temperatures, midweek sunny and mild, end of week snowy and cold

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New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
New Holland, PA
Monday, Dec. 22, 1986
Report supplied by auction
 Registered receipts of 260 head of horses, mules and ponies.
Market: steady.
Local
 Driving Horses 250.00-1000.00.
 Riding Horses 150.00-500.00.
 Lightweight Killers 125.00-200.00.
 Heavyweight Killers 250.00-345.00.
 Mare Ponies 25.00-65.00.
 Colts 10.00-20.00.
 Gelding Ponies 25.00-65.00.
 Larger Ponies 100.00-150.00.

Frederick Livestock

Monday, Dec. 22, 1986
BUTCHER COWS: Good run \$1.00 higher. Good 38.00-41.00; Standard & Utility 33.00-37.00.
BULLS: Steady. Good & Medium 39.00-40.25.
STEERS: Good & Choice 42.75-43.75.
BUTCHER HOGS: 240-260 lbs. 49.75-50.50.
SOWS: 300-450 lbs. 37.00-41.00; 500-700 lbs. 42.00-44.00.
VEAL CALVES: Mostly steady. Good-Choice 60.00-67.00.
HOLSTEIN HEIFERS: 90-120

lbs. 52.00-56.50.
HOLSTEIN BULLS: 95-120 lbs. 95.00-107.00.
LAMBS: Good & Choice 60.00-67.00.
STOCK CATTLE: Light run steady prices. Steers Medium 47.00-49.00. Heifers Choice 45.00-47.00; Good 40.00-43.00; Medium 37.00-39.00. Bulls Choice 52.00-55.00; Good 48.00-51.00; Medium 44.00-47.00.
SPRINGING HEIFERS: 485.00-650.00.
PIGS & SHOATS: Not enough offered to quote.

Valley Livestock

Athens, Pa.
Monday, Dec. 22
Report supplied by auction
 Holstein Hfr. Calves to 77.00.
 Veal Calves 70.00-96.00.
 Vealer Bull Calves 85.00-120.00.
 Slaughter Calves 50.00-60.00.
 Grassers & Feeders 35.00-40.00.
 Lambs 50 to 70 New Crop to 140.00.
 Sheep 15.00-20.00.
 Hogs, 200 to 250 47.00-49.00.
 Sows 40.00-45.00.
 Boars 27.00-28.00.
 Pigs each 35.00-49.00.
 Heifers 36.00-41.00.
 Steers, medium 36.00-41.50.

Steers, feeder 38.00-45.00.
 Bulls, no top bulls, 38.00-41.75.
 Cows, utility 37.00-39.00.
 Cows, fat 36.00-38.00.
 Cows, medium 32.00-34.00.
 Cows, poor or small 25.00-30.00.
 Cattle Market steady.
 Calf Market higher.
 Goats each 25.00-56.00.
Remarks: Expect a good market next week on all livestock. Happy Holidays!
Feeder Sale 1st Monday of Each Month.
Dairy Sale 3rd Thursday of Each Month.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland
Saturday, Dec. 20, 1986
Large: 60-80; Medium: 48-54.
HOGS: Top Barrows & Gilts 51.00-53.50; Heavy Butcher 49.00-52.75; Light Butcher 40.00-48.00; Butcher Sows 40.00-45.00; Feeder Shoats 20.00-63.50.
VEAL: Good 65.00-79.00; Standard 55.00-64.00; Utility 40.00-54.00; Bull 65.00-100.00.
SHEEP & LAMBS: Good 62.00-75.00; Utility 50.00-60.00; Slaughter Ewes 20.00-32.00.
SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Steers: Good 56.50-58.50; Standard 50.00-54.00; Utility 42.00-48.00.
HEIFERS: Good 52.00-55.00; Standard 42.00-49.00; Utility 30.00-40.00.
COWS: Commercial 33.50-39.50; Utility 31.00-32.00; Canner & Cutter 30.00-down.
BULLS: Commercial & Good 42.00-45.50; Cutter & Utility 38.00-40.00.
STOCK-FEEDER CATTLE: (Yearling Steers) Good 52.00-58.00; SHEEP 0.

Medium 40.00-50.00.
STEER CALVES: Good 55.00-60.00; Medium 42.00-52.00.
HEIFER CALVES: Good 45.00-56.00; Medium 30.00-40.00.

Penns Valley Livestock

Centre Hall, Pa.
Tuesday, Dec. 23
Report supplied by Auction
Beef Cows: Utility and Commercial 36.50-39.75; Cutters 33.50-36.00; Canners 30.50-33.00; Shells 28.00 low.
Heifers: Commercial 37.50-46.50.
Steers: Standard 42.75-49.50.
Bulls: Good 44.00-46.50; Standard 40.50-43.50.
Veal Calves: Choice 70.00-82.00; Good 53.00-69.00; Standard 42.00-52.00; Utility 31.00-41.00.
Farm Calves: Bulls .90-1.28; Heifers 55.00-68.00.
Hogs: 48.75-51.00.
Sows: 38.00-42.50.
Boars: 34.00-35.25.
Shoats: 25-30 lbs. per head 14.00-21.00; 30-35 lbs. per head 24.00-32.00.
Goats: per head 28.00-32.00.

Lebanon Valley Livestock Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa.
Monday, December 15, 1986
Report Supplied by PDA
AUCTION FOR DECEMBER 23, 1986 NOT REPORTED - ALTHOUGH AVAILABLE HEADAGES ARE AS FOLLOWS; CATTLE 134 - CALVES 183 - HOGS 96 - FEEDER PIGS 11 - SHEEP 0.

CATTLE 242...PDA. Supply includes 66% slaughter cows. Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter cows mostly steady to .50 lower. Choice slaughter steers 2-4, 960-1255 lbs. 57.25-60.00, few Good 53.50-58.75, few Good and Choice holsteins 49.75-53.00, two Standard 50.75, few Utility & Standard 40.85-44.25. Choice 3-4 slaughter heifers 53.25-56.25, Good 45.50-53.00, few Standard 40.75-44, Utility & Low Standard 33.00-38.75. Few Breaking Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 36.60-39.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 33.75-37.35, Canner and Low Cutter 30.75-33.75, Shells down to 22.50. Two Good slaughter bullocks 44.50 & 47.85, two Standard 41.50&43.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1210-2160 lbs. slaughter bulls 45.00-45.75.

CALVES 209...Vealers grading Standard and Good mostly steady to \$1 lower. High Choice, individual 87.00, one Choice 78.00, one Good 70.00, Standard and Good 90-110 lbs. 46.00-49, one 130 lbs. 55.00, 70-85 lbs. 42.00-46.00, Utility 50-85 lbs. 30.00-40.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs. 62.00-100.00, few down 47.00; few Holstein Heifers 85-115 lbs. 50.00-54.00.

HOGS 199...Barrows and gilts weak to \$2 lower. US No. 1-2 210-240 lbs. 52.00-52.60, lot 53.25, 1-3 220-275 lbs. 51.60-52.25, lot 52.60, 2-3 200-250 lbs. 51.10-51.75, 1-3 190-200 lbs. 50.35-51.75. US No. 1-3 285-680 lbs. sows 40.50-45.00, fe Medium 215-465 lbs. 33.00-38.00. Boars 38.00-41, few light weights 41.50-42.50.

FEEDER PIGS 27...US No. 1-3 27 lbs. feeder pigs 85.00 - all per hundredweight.

SHEEP 8...Few Choice 70-135 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 51.00-60.00, few Utility and Good 45-90 lbs. 52.00-59.00.

GOATS 0...No market test.



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 1:00 P.M.

Sale To Start Promptly Every 4 Weeks
 Located 18 miles south of Lancaster, Pa., 6 miles south of Quarryville, take Rt. 272 to Little Britain, turn north, follow Little Britain Road to Jackson Road, right. 2nd farm, OR take Rt. 222, out of Quarryville to Cedar Hill Road to Little Britain Road to Jackson Road, left. Watch for sale arrows.

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NEXT SALE DATE FEBRUARY 13, 1:00 P M

Use Leftover Christmas Trees

When the holidays are over don't assume a natural cut tree has fulfilled its only purpose. Such a tree has other uses, too. As an indoor decoration is only one.

We often take the tree and tie it to a post, such as a clothesline post. The tree becomes a small bird sanctuary.

Or, cut off the boughs and place these over perennial flowers. The dense needles serve as a temporary mulch. Fir branches and pines will retain most of their needles until spring at which time the boughs can be removed.

If you live in a community where a shredder machine is available, the tree is ground up into a very satisfactory wood mulch to be used as needed. Christmas trees take years to grow. Get the most out of yours. Re-evaluate its potential after the holidays, urges Arnold G. Lueck, Lancaster County extension horticultural agent.

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