

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 5-11, 1987

January thaws, then digs in icy claws.

American naval hero Stephen Decatur born at Sinepuxent, Md Jan 5, 1779 First quarter of the moon Jan 6 (Tues) First oil gusher occurred at Beaumont, Texas Jan 10, 1901 Dr John Jeffries and Jean-Pierre Blanchard made first crossing of the English Channel in a balloon, Jan 7, 1785 Average length of days for the week 9 hours, 16 minutes American troops under Andrew Jackson repulsed a British assault on New Orleans, La., Jan 8, 1815 *He who can take rest is greater than he who can take cities*



Ask the Old Farmer: How do I treat pinecones for use as fire starters? What will produce colored flames? M B, Laramie, Wyo
 For a green color, dissolve one pound of boric acid in one gallon of water. For a red color, substitute strontium nitrate, for blue, copper sulphate. Soak the pinecones for eight hours or so in the solution, then dry them thoroughly in the sun. Epsom salts used in the same proportions will also give you colors

Home Hints: Check seed potatoes now and remove any rotten ones immediately

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week seasonable, midweek clear north, rain south, end of week chance of snowstorm with cold temperatures
Greater New York-New Jersey: Seasonable temperatures at start of week, midweek freezing rain, snow west, end of week sunny and cold
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week seasonable, midweek snow, heavy in mountains, end of week cloudy and cold, intermittent snow

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Westminster Livestock Auction

State Graded Feeder Pig Sale
 Friday, Dec. 26, 1986

1,423 PIGS: Last month 1,683; Compared to November prices were \$10.00 lower on pigs over 50 lb., and \$20.00-25.00 lower on pigs under 50 lb. All pigs weighed on arrival and sold by the pound.

1&2: 11 hds. 22-30 lbs. 112.00-152.00; 187 hds. 32-39 lbs. 115.00-129.00; 416 hds. 40-49 lbs. 107.00-122.00; 350 hds. 50-59 lbs. 93.00-110.00; 187 hds. 60-69 lbs. 88.00-97.00; 53 hds. 72-78 lbs. 76.00-86.00; 35 hds. 83-91 lbs. 71.00-78.00.

2: 44 hds. 30-38 lbs. 104.00-120.00; 53 hds. 41-48 lbs. 87.00-107.00; 20

hds. 58 lbs. 87.50; 14 hds. 60 lbs. 76.00-89.00.

2&3: 18 hds. 35 lbs. 100.00; 7 hds. 44 lbs. 99.00.

CULLS: 22 hds. 35-75 lbs. 40.00-90.00.

NEXT SALE JANUARY 23rd, 1987 - 1:30 P.M.

Penns Valley Livestock

Centre Hall, Pa.
 Tuesday, Dec. 30

Report supplied by Auction
 Beef Cows: Utility and Commercial 36.50-39.25; Cutters 33.00-36.00; Canners 30.00-32.75; Shells 25.00 low.

Heifers: Commercial 40.00-46.00.

Steers: Good 47.00-50.50; Standard 41.00-46.50.

Bulls: Good 43.50-45.00.

Veal Calves: Choice 67.00-86.00; Good 54.00-66.00; Standard 41.00-53.00; Utility 32.00-40.00.

Farm Calves: Bulls 85.00-111.00.

Hogs: 44.00-46.75.
 Sows: 38.85-44.00.

Boars: 30.50-33.75.
 Lambs: 58.00-69.00.

Goats per head 51.00-55.00.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
 New Holland, PA

Monday, Dec. 29, 1986

Report supplied by auction

Registered receipts of 185 head of horses, mules and ponies.

Market: higher.

Local Work Horses Singles 450.00-840.00.

Driving Horses 275.00-835.00.
 Riding Horses 175.00-500.00.

Lightweight Killers 150.00-225.00.
 Heavyweight Killers 275.00-365.00.

Mare Ponies 30.00-60.00.
 Colts 10.00-20.00.

Gelding Ponies 30.00-60.00.
 Larger Ponies 75.00-140.00.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland
 Saturday, Dec. 27, 1986

Large: 63-80; Medium: 45-55.

HOGS: Top Barrows & Gilts 50.50-53.50; Heavy Butcher 49.00-52.50; Light Butcher 42.00-49.00; Butcher Sows 40.00-48.00; Feeder Shoats 20.00-51.00.

VEAL: Good 60.00-78.00; Standard 45.00-55.00; Utility 32.50-40.00; Bull Calves 75.00-98.00.

SHEEP & LAMBS: Good 65.00-70.00; Utility 52.00-60.00; Slaughter Ewes 20.00-30.00.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Steers: Choice none available; Good 52.00-53.50; Standard 48.00-50.00; Utility 40.00-45.00.

HEIFERS: Good none available; Standard 45.00-52.00; Utility 38.00-42.00.

COWS: Commercial 34.00-39.00; Utility 30.50-33.00; Canner & Cutter 30.00-down.

BULLS: Commercial & Good 45.00-53.50; Cutter & Utility 35.00-42.00.

STOCK-FEEDER CATTLE: (Yearling Steers) Good 52.00-58.00; Medium 40.00-48.00.

STEER CALVES: Good 54.00-59.00; Medium 42.00-50.00.

HEIFER CALVES: Good 45.00-52.00; Medium 35.00-40.00.

Peoria Cattle

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1986
 Report Supplied by USDA

Compared with last week's close slaughter steers and heifers closed steady to weak. Cows closed steady to 1.00 higher, bulls steady to 2.00 higher. Bulk of supply Monday with Wednesday's pre-holiday supply light. Supply mainly good to average choice slaughter steers and heifers with 20% cows. Estimated receipts this week about 1200 compared with actual receipts of 1111 last week and 1157 a year ago.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4, mostly 3 1050-1250 lbs. 58.00-60.00, loads 60.50. Mixed good and choice 2-3 1000-1200 lbs. 55.00-57.50, good 2-3 900-1100 lbs. 52.00-56.00. Good and choice 2-3 holsteins 1200-1350 lbs. 50.00-53.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4, mostly 3 950-1125 lbs. 57.00-58.50, mixed good and choice 2-3 900-1050 lbs. 54.50-56.00. Good 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 51.00-55.00.

COWS: Breaking utility and commercial 2-3 33.00-35.00, cutter and boning utility 1-2 30.00-35.00. Canner and low cutter 28.00-32.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1500-2200 lbs. 39.00-42.50.

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