

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

FEB. 2-8, 1987

You're naive if you believe a groundhog's guess.

Groundhog Day Feb 2 New York Tribune editor Horace Greeley born in Amherst, N H, Feb 3, 1811 First quarter of the moon Feb 5 (Thurs) Spanish-American War officially ended Feb 6, 1899 Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 9 minutes American Guernsey Cattle Club organized Feb 7, 1877
Write injuries in dust, benefits in marble



Ask the Old Farmer: I have problems with field mice building their nests inside the cylinder head of my tractor engine. This not only causes the engine to overheat, but forces me to dismantle the engine to remove the nests. What can I do?
R. A. Chautauqua, N.Y.

Get one of those cakes used in public toilets and place it on your engine block when you store your tractor for the winter. The odor should keep the mice away.

Home Hints Stamp down snow cover around young fruit and ornamental trees after each storm to make tunneling difficult for mice.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Through midweek rain, changing to snow, end of week clear and cold.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week warm with light rain, midweek cloudy and cold, flurries, end of week clear with seasonable temperatures.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week clear with very warm temperatures, midweek cloudy and cold, end of week sunny and warm.

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Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.

Wednesday, January 28, 1987

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 238...PDA... SUPPLY INCLUDED 25 FEEDER CATTLE

Compared to last Wednesday's market: Slaughter steers steady, spots \$2 higher; Slaughter cows steady to \$1.50, some to \$2 higher. Choice sl. steers 1200-1400 lbs. 59.25-65.25, Good 53.50-60; few Choice holsteins 53.25-55.50, Good 50.50-53, Standard 46.00-50.25. Few Choice 950-1350 lbs. sl. heifers 56.75-64, Good 50.25-55.50, few Good holsteins 48.50-49.00. Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 40.50-45.25, couple 46.75, Cutter and Boning Utility 38.00-43, Canner and Low Cutter 34.50-38.00. Few Choice sl. bullocks 53.25-54.75, few Good 50.00-52.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1050-1720 lbs. sl. bulls 46.00-53.75, few No. 2 900-1300 lbs. 39.50-45.75. Feeder Cattle: Few Large Frame No. 2, 400-750 lbs. heifer holsteins 39.50-46.50.

CALVES 158...Few Choice vealers 87.00-100, few Good 70.00-86, few Standard and Good 110-130 lbs. 60.00-65, 75-100 lbs. 48.00-58, few Utility 60-80 lbs. 40.00-46.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs. 80.00-108.00.

HOGS 285...Barrows & Gilts \$1 to \$3 higher. US No. 1-2 220-235 lbs. 54.

54.50, 1-3 220-250 lbs. 52.75-53.60, 2-3 210-255 lbs. 50.25-53.75, 3-4 240-260 lbs. 50.00-51.35. US No. 1-3 350-625 lbs. sows 44.50-47.25. Boars 38.00-44.00.

FEEDER PIGS 71...Lot US No. 1-3 18 lbs. feeder pigs 24.00 per head; few Lots 35-40 lbs. 99.00-104.00 — all per hundredweight.

SHEEP 5...Few Slaughter ewes 32.00-43.00.

GOATS 5...Few Large Adults 34.50-53.00 — all per head.

Belknap Livestock Auction

Dayton, Pa.

Wednesday, January 28, 1987

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CATTLE 62...PDA... Compared with last Wednesday's market: Choice slaughter heifer, individual 54.00, few Good 47.00-50.75, few Standard 42.00-43.50. Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 41.00-44, couple 44.75, Cutter and Boning Utility 37.00-41, few Canner and Low Cutter 33.00-37.50, Shells down to 30.00. Standard slaughter bullock, one 47.75. Couple Yield Grade No. 1, 1370&1400 lbs. sl. bulls 49.00&47.75.

CALVES 49...Few Good vealers 63.50-73, few Standard and Good 95-110 lbs. 52.50-57, 65-85 lbs. 42.50-50.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 95-130 lbs. 70.00-95, one 105.00. Few Beef cross bulls and heifers 75-115 lbs. 53.00-84.00.

HOGS 166...Barrows & Gilts mostly \$1 higher. US No. 1-3 230-245 lbs. 48.00, 1-3 210-245 lbs. 47.50-48, small lot 48.40, lot 2-3 215 lbs. 46.00, few 1-3 205-210 lbs. 46.75-47.30. Few US No. 1-3 380-410 lbs. sows 43.75-45.50. Couple Boars 36.00&38.75.

FEEDER PIGS 50...US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 23.00-39.00, lot 50 lbs. 51.00 — per head.

SHEEP 11...Couple small Lots High Choice and Prime 86&88 lbs. New Crop Lambs 87.00&86.00. Few slaughter ewes 32.00-40.00.

GOATS 1...46.00 per head.

Belleville Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa.

Wednesday, January 28, 1987

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CATTLE 80... Report is supplied by the auction... Choice slaughter heifers 38.75-47.50. Slaughter cows 32.00-44.75. One Yield Grade No. 1, slaughter bull 44.75. Feeder Cattle 37.25-51.50.

CALVES 99...Vealers (includes Farm Calves) 45.00-123.00.

HOGS 79...Barrows and gilts 49.10-52.75.

FEEDER PIGS 244...Feeder pigs 15.50-46.00 — all per head.

SHEEP 0...No market test.

GOATS 0...No market test.

HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS \$380.00-\$1210.00 — ALL PER HEAD.

Omaha Cattle

Omaha, Ne.

Thursday, January 29, 1987

Report Supplied by USDA

WEEKLY 51—CATTLE— SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS CLOSED HIGHER THIS WEEK UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF GOOD BUYER DEMAND FOLLOWING RELEASE OF CATTLE ON FEED REPORT. CLOSING LEVELS OF BOTH STEERS AND HEIFERS 2.00-2.50 HIGHER, MOSTLY 2.00 HIGHER THAN LAST WEEK. WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES NOT IN LINE WITH LIVE COSTS EVEN THOUGH PRICES HAVE ADVANCED 4.00 OR MORE THIS WEEK. WITH LIGHT SELLING AT DIRECT POINTS LATE LAST WEEK AND EARLY THIS WEEK, PACKERS WERE FORCED INTO A HIGHER MARKET TO OBTAIN SLAUGHTER REQUIREMENTS.

SLAUGHTER COWS 4.00-6.00 HIGHER. SLAUGHTER BULLS 1.00-2.00 HIGHER AS DEMAND FOR THESE CLASSES TURNED VERY GOOD.

ESTIMATED 5 DAY RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 5700 COMPARED TO ACTUAL RECEIPTS LAST WEEK OF 6563 AND 5868 LAST YEAR. SLAUGHTER STEERS ACCOUNTED FOR 49 PERCENT OF RECEIPTS THIS WEEK, HEIFERS 37 PERCENT, COWS 7 PERCENT AND FEEDER CATTLE 5 PERCENT. SLAUGHTER STEERS: CLOSING SALES CHOICE 2-4 1050-1350 LBS 80.50-82.00, LOAD 62.25. MIXED GOOD AND CHOICE 2-3 1000-1200 LBS 50.00-60.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: CLOSING SALES CHOICE 2-4 950-1150 LBS 59.50-61.00. MIXED GOOD AND CHOICE 2-3 900-1050 LBS 57.50-59.50. GOOD 55.50-57.50.

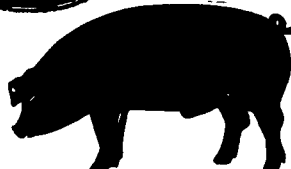
AVERAGE OF LS 214 DETAILED PRICE QUOTATIONS FOR CHOICE 900-11 00 LB STEERS THIS WEEK 60.00, 1100-1300 LBS 60.79. AVERAGE COST OF ALL SLAUGHTER STEERS THIS WEEK 59.96. AVERAGE WEIGHT 1203 LBS COMPARED TO 58.64 AND 1212 LBS LAST WEEK. AVERAGE COST OF ALL SLAUGHTER HEIFERS THIS WEEK 58.86, AVERAGE WEIGHT 1057 LBS COMPARED TO 57.54 AND 1060 LBS LAST WEEK.

SLAUGHTER COWS CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1-3 42.50-47.00, HIGH DRESSING TO 49.00, COUPLE INDIVIDUALS 50.25. CANNER AND LOW DRESSING CUTTER 37.00-42.50, FEW SHELLS TO 35.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS 1-2 1500-2100 LBS 47.50-53.00, COUPLE HIGH DRESSING 1 58.50 AND 60.25.



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& FRIDAYS: on Butler Rd. 717-656-9668

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TUESDAYS: Thomasville 717-792-2248 or 9836

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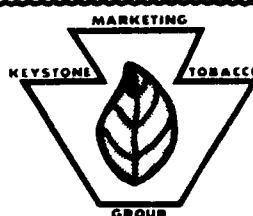
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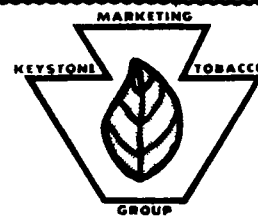
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TOBACCO NOTICE

TO ACCOMODATE THE BUYERS, A CHANGE OF THE SALES SCHEDULE IS NECESSARY

NEW SALES SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 2 - P.T.A., Intercourse - 9 a.m.

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Tuesday, Feb. 3 - Garden Spot, Blue Ball - 9 a.m.

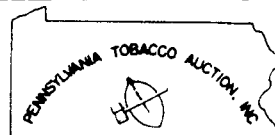
Tuesday, Feb. 3 - Paradise Tobacco, Paradise - 1 p.m.

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