

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 14-20, 1987

Snowmen appear again.

Roald Amundsen and four fellow explorers reached the South Pole Dec 14, 1911
 Bill of Rights took effect Dec 15, 1791
 Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull died Dec 15, 1890
 Average length of days for the week 9 hours, 5 minutes
 Beethoven born Dec 16, 1770
 342 chests of taxed tea were thrown into Boston Harbor Dec 16, 1773
 United States received its first giant panda, from China, Dec 18, 1936
 Benjamin Franklin started to publish *Poor Richard's Almanac* Dec 19, 1732
 New moon Dec 20 (Sun)
A misty morn may be a clear day
 Ask the Old Farmer: Can you suggest a method of removing scratches from a mirror? C K, Harvey, N B, Canada



Small scratches can be rubbed out using a piece of felt and polishing rouge which you can get at most paint stores

Home Hints: Save some money on gift wrap by wrapping children's presents in the Sunday newspaper's color comics

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week clear and cold, midweek northeaster, heavy snow east, end of week partly cloudy
Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week cloudy with seasonable temperatures, midweek snowstorm, end of week partly cloudy with flurries
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins clear, midweek snowstorm, rain southeast, end of week sunny and cold

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Omaha Weekly

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Report Supplied by USDA

WEEKLY 51--- CATTLE--- SLAUGHTER STEER AND HEIFER PRICES THIS WEEK RANGED 1.00-1.50 LOWER. THE BUYING SIDE OPERATED RATHER CAUTIOUSLY THROUGH THE SESSION, WHILE STRIVING TO IMPROVE DISAPPOINTING PROFIT MARGINS AND COMPENSATE FOR WEAKNESS IN THE WHOLESALE BEEF COMPLEX. OVERALL FINISH CONTINUED FAIRLY ATTRACTIVE; ALTHOUGH STEERS WEIGHING OVER 1300 LBS. AND CATTLE CARRYING SOME DEGREE OF MUD STILL A NAGGING PROBLEM.

SLAUGHTER COWS 2.00 LOWER. SLAUGHTER BULLS STEADY.

ESTIMATED 5 DAY RECEIPTS OF CATTLE THIS WEEK 5,850 COMPARED TO 5 DAY ACTUALS LAST WEEK OF 5,362 AND ACTUAL 5 DAY RECEIPTS LAST YEAR OF 6,187. SLAUGHTER STEERS ACCOUNTED FOR 50 PERCENT OF THE WEEKLY RECEIPTS. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS 39 PERCENT, SLAUGHTER COWS 10 PERCENT AND FEEDER CATTLE 0 PERCENT.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: (CLOSING PRICES) CHOICE 2-4 1075-1300 LBS. 63.50-64.50; SELECT AND CHOICE 2-3 1050-1250 LBS. 61.50-63.50; SELECT 60.00-61.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: (CLOSING PRICES) CHOICE 2-4 975-1150 LBS. 62.50-63.25; SELECT AND CHOICE 2-3 925-1050 LBS. 60.50-62.50; SELECT

59.00-60.50.
 AVERAGE OF LS-214 DETAILED QUOTATIONS FOR CHOICE 900-1100 LB. STEERS 63.67; 1100-1300 LBS. 64.58; 900-1100 LBS. CHOICE HEIFERS 63.08.

AVERAGE COST AND WEIGHT THIS WEEK: SLAUGHTER STEERS CHOICE 64.25, 1256 LBS.; SELECT 61.09, 1230 LBS.; ALL 63.52, 1249 LBS. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS CHOICE 63.36, 1104 LBS.; SELECT 61.24, 1112 LBS.; ALL 62.88, 1106 LBS.

LAST WEEK: SLAUGHTER STEERS CHOICE 66.20, 1230 LBS.; SELECT 62.20, 1212 LBS.; ALL 65.59, 1227 LBS. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS CHOICE 64.83, 1099 LBS.; SELECT 62.74, 1081 LBS.; ALL 64.46, 1095 LBS.

SLAUGHTER COWS: (CLOSING PRICES) CUTT, UTIL, COMM 2-3-BREAKING- BULK 44.50-46.25; BONING- BULK 43.50-46.25; CANNER & CUTTER- BULK 39.50-43.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: (CLOSING PRICES): YIELD GRADE 1-2- 1200-1900 LBS.- BULK 53.00-58.00; HI DRESS 58.00-60.00.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland

Saturday, Dec. 5, 1987

LARGE 45-65, MEDIUM 35-40.

HOGS: TOP BARROWS & GILTS 40.50-42.00; HEAVY BUTCHER 39.00-41.50; LIGHT BUTCHER 30.00-40.00; BUTCHER SOWS 30.00-37.00; FEEDER SHOATS 10.00-44.00.

VEAL: GOOD 80.00-85.00; STAN-

DARD 70.00-72.00; UTILITY 40.00-60.00; BULL CALVES 1.00-1.27 50 LBS.

SHEEP & LAMBS: GOOD 62.00-66.50; UTILITY 58.00-60.00; SLAUGHTER EWES 18.00.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS GOOD NONE AVAILABLE; STANDARD 58.00-60.50; UTILITY 48.00-54.00.

HEIFERS: GOOD NONE AVAILABLE; STANDARD 52.00-57.50; UTILITY 45.00-50.00.

COWS: COMMERCIAL 42.50-50.50; UTILITY 40.00-42.00; CANNER AND CUTTER 38.00-39.00.

BULLS: COMMERCIAL & GOOD 50.00-58.00; CUTTER & UTILITY 45.00-48.00.

STOCK-FEEDER CATTLE: (YEAR-LING STEERS) GOOD 60.00-65.00; MEDIUM 50.00-54.00.

STEER CALVES: GOOD 65.00-78.00; MEDIUM 55.00-60.00.

HEIFER CALVES: GOOD 60.00-72.00; MEDIUM 45.00-55.00.

Vintage Hay

Paradise, Pa.

Thursday, December 10, 1987

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9 LOADS.

STRAW, 82.50; WHEAT STRAW, 110.00; ALFALFA WITH GRASS, 75.00; ALFALFA, 80.00-94.00.

MIXED ORCHARD GRASS, 70.00-73.00; TIMOTHY MIX, 62-50.

New Wilmington Hay

Hay

New Wilmington, PA.

Friday, Dec. 4, 1987

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HAY 27 LOTS.

ALFALFA 85.00-120.00; MIXED HAY 71.00-122.50; TIMOTHY-3 65.80 & 81.00; CLOVER-2 81.00-100.00; STRAW-2 LOTS 72.50-80.00; EAR CORN-4 LOTS 54.00-67.50; OATS-2 LOTS 1.90 & 1.95/BU.

Four States Hay

Hagerstown, Md.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1987

Report supplied by auction

5 LOADS.

ALFALFA, 112.00-124.00; TIMOTHY, 96.00; MIXED HAY, 1.55 BALE; STRAW, 70.00.

Roth Hay

Kirkwood, PA

Thurs., Dec. 10

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8 LOADS.

ALFALFA, 65.00-80.00; TIMOTHY 72.00; CLOVER, 70.00; WOOD, 34.00 SM. LD.

Belleville Hay

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Belleville, PA

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48 LOADS HAY.

ALFALFA, 95.00-122.50; MIXED HAY, 50.00-112.50; 6 LOADS STRAW, 55.00-97.50; 3 LOADS EAR CORN, 67.50-77.50.

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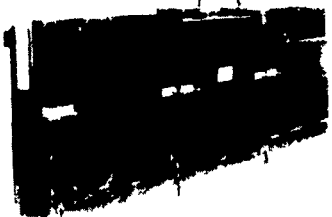
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