

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 21-27, 1987

Merry Christmas.

Look at the Bright Side Day Dec 22 Average length of days for the week 9 hours, 5 minutes Poet Robert Bly born Dec 23, 1926 George Washington retired from the army Dec 23, 1783 King of England James II escaped to France under threat of religious persecution Dec 23, 1688 Christmas Day Dec 25 (Fri) Isaac Newton born Dec 25, 1642 Carrie Nation stepped up her crusade against alcohol Dec 27, 1900, when she smashed every bottle in sight in the basement bar of the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kansas First quarter of the moon Dec 27 (Sun) *Deep rivers move with silent majesty shallow brooks are noisy*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** My wife recently purchased a pair of leather boots. After a brief time they began to give off a very unpleasant odor. Can you suggest a way to eliminate the smell? C W, Yardley, Pa

*Pour about one cup of unused coffee grounds into a plastic trash bag and place the boots inside adding about 1/4 cup of coffee in each boot. Tie the bag tightly and let sit for 24 hours. Then clean out the coffee stamps from each other by placing them in the freezer for an hour.*

**Home Hints.** One can unstick postage stamps from each other by placing them in the freezer for an hour.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Beginning of week partly cloudy midweek snow storm end of week severely cold temperatures  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Beginning of week partly cloudy with flurries midweek cold and snowy end of week sunny with very cold temperatures and flurries  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Week begins sunny and cold midweek rain and snow heavy north end of week cold snap with flurries

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## Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.  
 Wednesday, December 16, 1987  
 Report Supplied by PDA  
**CATTLE 211...PDA... SUPPLY INCLUDED 41 FEEDER CATTLE**  
 ...Compared with last weeks market: Slaughter steers steady to .50 higher; Cows .50 to \$1.25 higher. Few Choice 1090/1570 lbs. sl. steers 62.00-67.25, Select 59.00-64; few Select Holsteins 57.00-59.75. Few Choice sl. heifers 61.00-65.50, few Select 60.00-63.35. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 45.50-49.75, one 50.85, Cutter & Boning Utility 44.00-47, few to 49.00, Canner & Low Cutter 40.00-43.50, Shells down to 36.00. Few Choice sl. bullocks 61.50-62.75. Yield Grade No. 1, 1230/1730 lbs. sl. bulls 56.00-61.75, few No. 2, 1050/1480 lbs. 50.00-55.00.  
**FEEDER CATTLE:** Few Lots Medium and Large Frame No. 1, 575/680 lbs. steers 64.00-78.00. One Lot Large Frame No. 1, 525 lbs. heifers 64.00. Few Medium Frame No.1 360/540 lbs. bulls 61.00-67.00.  
**CALVES 207...**Few Good to Low Choice vealers 79.00-113.00, Standard and Good 75/105 lbs. 60.00-71.00, few to 76.00, 50/75 lbs. 35.00-55.00, few to 25.00.  
 Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 85/95 lbs. 75.00-95.00, 95/130 lbs. 95.00-128.00; few Holstein Heifers 95/120 lbs.

100 00-110.00.  
**HOGS 272...**Barrows and Gilts \$1.75 to \$3 higher. Few Lots US No. 1-2 215/220 lbs. 42.00-43, one lot 235 lbs. 46.75, 1-3 230/245 lbs. 41.75-42.50, 2-3 220/265 lbs. 40.00-41, one lots 1-3 175 lbs. 38.50. US No. 1-3 350/630 lbs. sows 28.00-32.00, few 34 00. Boars 30.00-37.00.  
**FEEDER PIGS 194...**Few US No. 1-3 28/30 lbs. feeder pigs 100.00-107, 30/48 lbs 70.00-89, few 70/75 lbs. 60.00-62, one lot 110 lbs. 50.00 ---- all per hundredweight.  
**SHEEP 17...**Good and Choice 40/80 lbs. new crop lambs 89.00-136.00, 60/90 lbs. 65.00-74.00. Few slaughter ewes 26.00-44.00.  
**GOATS 24...**Large 55.00-80.00, Medium 25 00-55.00 --- all per head.

## Oklahoma Cattle

Oklahoma City  
 Thursday, December 17, 1987  
**OKLAHOMA NATIONAL STOCKYARDS.**  
**WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY:** COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK---  
**FEEDER STEERS AND HEIFERS UNDER 500 LB. 4.00-7.00 LOWER;** 500-600 LB. 2.00-4.00 LOWER; OVER 600 LB.. STEADY TO 1.00 LOWER.  
**SLAUGHTER COWS, 1.00-2.00 HIGHER IN ACTIVE TRADING. SLAUGHTER BULLS STEADY. LIGHT RUN OF**

**SLAUGHTER CATTLE, COMPETITION FOR AVAILABLE NUMBERS FROM BOTH PACKERS AND COUNTRY BUYERS. WEATHER HAS BEEN THE MAIN FORGING FORCE IN FORMING PRICE TRENDS, RECEIPTS, AND LIVESTOCK MOVEMENT THIS WEEK. MONDAY'S SNOW STORM RESULTED IN TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS THAT HAD SOME DESTINATIONS UNREACHABLE THRU MIDWEEK. RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 4,844 HEAD; LAST WEEK 12,984; LAST YEAR 17,674. RUN INCLUDED 74% YEARLING FEEDERS; 20% FEEDER CALVES; 6% COWS AND BULLS. QUOTES FOR THE WEEK FOLLOW:**

**MEDIUM & LARGE FRAME 1: FEEDER STEERS FEEDER HEIFERS RANGE BULK RANGE \* ' BULK 250-300# 99.50-103.50 99.50-103.50 : 300-400# 93.00-99.50 93.00-99.50 :**

300-400# 79.00-84.00 79.00-84.00 :  
 400-450# 87.25-95.00 87.25-95.00 :  
 450-500# 84.75-88.25 84.75-88.25 :  
 400-500# 74.75-82.00 75.00-79.00 :  
 500-550# 81.00-86.00 81.75-86.00 :  
 550-600# 78.00-83.75 78.00-83.00 :  
 500-600# 72.50-77.50 72.50-76.25 :  
 600-700# 76.50-82.50 76.50-80.75 :  
 600-700# 71.00-74.80 71.00-74.80 :  
 700-750# 76.00-80.00 77.00-79.00 :  
 700m6E0# 67.00-70.50 67.00-70.50 :  
 750-800# 73.50-78.50 73.50-78.50 :  
 800-850# 71.50-74.50 71.50-74.50 :  
 875-950# 65.00-67.00 65.00-67.00 :  
**SLAUGHTER COWS: BREAKING AND BONING UTILITY 1-3 42.25-49.50 44.00-48.00 CUTTER 1-2 43.25-47.00 43.25-47.00 CANNER & LOW DRESSING CUTTER 37.00-43.00 39.25-43.00.**  
**SLAUGHTER BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1000-1500 lb. 50.00-54.00 50.00-54.00 1500-2000 lb. 52.00-58.00 52.00-58.00.**

**New Holland Horses**  
 New Holland Sales Stables  
 New Holland, PA  
 Monday, Dec. 14, 1987  
 Report supplied by Auction  
 REGISTERED RECEIPTS OF 300 HEAD OF HORSES, MULES AND PONIES.  
 MARKET: STEADY.  
**LOCAL**  
 DRIVING HORSES: 350.00-650.00.  
 RIDING HORSES: 225.00-525.00.  
 LIGHTWEIGHT KILLERS: 210.00-325.00.  
 HEAVYWEIGHT KILLERS: 375.00-500.00.  
 MARE PONIES: 35.00-70.00.  
 COLTS: 10.00-30.00.  
 GELDING PONIES: 35.00-70.00.  
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