

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 12-18, 1988

One joy scatters a hundred griefs.

Ludwig van Beethoven pays 19 cents in Vienna for his first music lesson from Franz Joseph Haydn, Dec 12, 1792. Jane Austen born, Dec 16, 1775. First quarter of the moon, Dec 16 (Fri). Wright brothers first flight, Dec 17 1903. Average length of days for the week 9 hours 6 minutes. They who give have all things they who withhold have nothing.



Ask the Old Farmer: My father used to forecast the number of snowstorms we'd have. All I remember about his formula was that he would count how many days there were from the first snow deep enough to track a cat in until the full moon. Can you tell me how he figured? K M P, Mass

Oh, certainly — he figured as many snowstorms as there were days until the moon tullea. But cussed if we understand why he had to use cat tracks. Our folks always looked for a fox.

Home Hints: Coffee grounds are good for compost but too strong for houseplants. Use crushed eggshells in potted plants instead.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Severe snowstorm to start clearing and mild mid week, followed by more cold and snow.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Sunny and mild at first then a cold wave with intermittent snow.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Sunny and mild early on then turning very cold, snow and flurries follow.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Sunny and milder then changing to very cold and some snow, storm at week's end.

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Belknap Livestock Auction

Dayton, Pa.

Wednesday, December 7, 1988

CATTLE 105...PDA. Compared with last Wednesday's market: Few Select slaughter steers 63.25-66.00, few Standard 57.75-59.00. One Choice sl. heifer 65.00, few Standard 52.75-57.75. Few Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 45.25-48, Cutter and Boning Utility 42.00-46, few Canner & Low Cutter 37.50-42, Shells down to 30.00. One Yield Grade No. 1, 1280 lbs. sl. bull 59.25. Feeder Cattle. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 335/660 lbs. steers 65.50-76, few 670/865 lbs 58.50-63.75, few Large #2, 595/745 lbs 52.00-57.50. Med & Large Frame #1, 305/585 lbs. heifers 57.00-69.50, few 750/855 lbs 53.75-56.75. Few Med & Large Frame No. 1, 505/725 lbs bulls 50.75-74.00.

CALVES 90. One Good vealer 94.00, few Standard and Good 90/110 lbs vealers 59.00-73.00, 60/85 lbs. 50.00-69.00, few Utility 50/70 lbs. 40.00-50.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs 30.00-138, one 151.00, one Hol Heifer 140 lbs. 82.00. Beef cross bulls & heifers 75/95 lbs 68.00-80.00.

HOGS 160 Barrows and gilts \$2.50 to \$3 higher. Couple Lots US No. 1-3

245/250 lbs. 39.50&40.25, 1-3 240/260 lbs. 39-39.75, one lot 265 lbs. 41.50, 2-3 240/275 lbs. 36.50-39, 1-3 175/220 lbs. 36.50-38.00. Sows \$2 to \$5 higher. US No. 1-3 325/495 lbs. sows 26.25-37.00, few 2-3 350/465 lbs. 25.75-26.75. Boars 20.00-24.00.

FEEDER PIGS 112...US No. 1-3 15/30 lbs. feeder pigs 7.50-10.00, 35/50 lbs. 9.50-16.00, 80/100 lbs. 26.00-30.00, one lot Utility 20 lbs. 4.50 --- all per head.

SHEEP 31...Choice & Prime 80/85 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 70.00-77.00; few Good & Choice 55/60 lbs. feeder lambs 61.00-66.50. Slaughter sheep 14.00-30.50. Few Yearlings and two year old 38.00-49.00.

GOATS 1 No Market Test.

Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.

Wednesday, December 7, 1988

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 316...PDA. Supply included 48 head feeder cattle. Compared to last Wednesday's market Slaughter steers about steady, Cows .50 to mostly \$1.25 to \$1.75 lower. Choice 1000/1400 lbs sl steers 66.50-71.85, couple to 72.85, Select 59.50-65.75, Choice holsteins 62.75-67.75, one 69.25, Select 55.00-61.75, few Standard 53.25-58.75

Coordinators:

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Leon Kurtz, Auctioneer
Mulch Contracts Also Available

Choice sl. heifers 65.

50-71.25, few Select & Choice holsteins 61.75-64.00. Breaking Ut. & Commercial sl. cows 45.25-48.50, Cutter & Bon. Utility 43.75-47.75, one 49.00, Canner & Low Cutter 41.00-44, Shells down to 39.50. Few Choice sl. bullocks 61.25-66.50, one 70.00, few Select 57.00-58.75. Yield Grade No. 1, 1050/2000 lbs. sl. bulls 53.75-59.75, one 63.50. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Medium Frame No.1, 440/800 lbs. steers 60.00-73.00, few Large #2, 750/970 lbs. 55.50-57.00. Few Medium Frame No.1, 450/770 lbs. bulls 54.00-62.50.

CALVES 195...Few Choice 104.00-110.00, Standard & Good 70/100 lbs. 60.00-70.00, Utility 60/85 lbs. 40.00-55.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/130 lbs. 75.00-136.00, mostly 100.00-130.00; Holstein Heifers 90/110 lbs. 70.00-130.00.

HOGS 475...US No. 1-2 220/260 lbs. barrows and gilts 37.75-39, few lots 40.00, 1-3 245/265 lbs. 36.00-37.50, few 2-3 260/290 lbs. 31.50-35.00. US No. 1-3 320/600 lbs. sows 27.00-30.50, 2-3 400/650 lbs. 25.00-28.00. Boars 21.00-23.50, few Light weights to 28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 315...Two Lots US No. 1-3 23/25 lbs. feeder pigs 80.00&82, 30/65 lbs. 50.00-66.00, couple lots 85 lbs. 48.00&51.00, one lot 146 lbs. 37.00 --- all per hundredweight.

SHEEP 47...Few Choice 60/65 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 93.00-105.00, Choice 85/145 lbs. 67.00-79, few Good 50/80 lbs. 64.00-112.50, few Good 110/150 lbs. 48.00-58.00. Slaughter sheep 15.00-26.00. **GOATS 22...Large 45.00-67.50, Medium 32.00-46.00 --- all per head.**

Belleville Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa.

Wednesday, December 7, 1988

Report Supplied by Auction

CATTLE 127...REPORT SUPPLIED

BY THE AUCTION: One Select slaughter steer 65.25, Utility 47.25-52.00. Breaking Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 46.10-48.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 42.75-46.00, Canner and Low Cutter 38.75-43, Shells down to 31.25. Yield Grade No. 2, sl. bulls 50.60-52.75. Feeder Cattle: Steers few 70.00-85.00. Heifers 77.50-80.00.

CALVES 119...Couple Choice vealers 94.00, Standard and Good 85/95 lbs. 70.00-78.00, Utility 59.00-65.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 95/110 lbs. 100.00-133.00.

HOGS 203...US No.1-3 220/260 lbs. barrows and gilts 39.00-41.10, 1-3 190/210 lbs. 37.85. US No. 1-3 sows 23.50-31.50. Boars 20.00-25.50.

FEEDER PIGS 171...US No. 1-3 15/25 lbs. feeder pigs 15.50-22.00, 25/50 lbs. 23.50-29.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 34...Choice wool slaughter lambs 64.00-78.00. Slaughter sheep 12.00-39.00. Slaughter sheep 12.00-39.00. **GOATS 8...29.00-62.00 - per head. HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS \$560.00-\$1150.00 --- ALL PER HEAD.**

Dewart Livestock Auction

Dewart, Pa.

Monday, December 5, 1988

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 199...PDA...Few Select slaughter steers 59.00-65.50, few Standard 50.00-57.50. One Select slaughter heifer 61.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 45.00-48.00, Cutter & Bon. Utility 43.50-48.00, Canner & Low Cutter 40.00-44.00, Shells down to 36.00. One Choice bullocks 59.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 915/1430 lbs. sl. bulls 48.00-54.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: Medium Frame No. 1, 300/550 lbs. steers and Bulls 65.00-77.50. Medium Frame No. 1, 300/525 lbs. heifers 63.00-73.50.

CALVES 249...Couple Choice vealers

91.00&94.00, Standard & Good 75/100 lbs. 68.70-75.00, Utility 60/85 lbs. 58.00-68.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 95/130 lbs. 80.00-145.00, Hol. Heifers 90/125 lbs. 86.00-126.00.

HOGS 35...One Lot US No. 1-3 237 lbs. barrows and gilts 38.20. US No. 1-3 300/690 lbs. sows 24.75-30.25. Few Boars 25.00-27.00.

FEEDER PIGS 189...US No. 1-3 30/50 lbs. feeder pigs 14.00-19.00, one lot 75 lbs. 26.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 7...Few Choice 100/110 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 52.00-62.00.

GOATS 0...No Market Test.

Valley Livestock Athens, Pa.

Monday, Dec. 5, 1988

Report supplied by auction

HOLSTEIN HFR. CALVES TO 120.00. VEAL CALVES TO 86.00. BULL CALVES TO 155.00. SLAUGHTER CALVES 65.00-75.00. GRASSERS & FEEDERS 40.00-60.00. LAMBS 55.00-65.00, NEW CROP TO 200.00.

SHEEP 18.00-35.00.

HOGS, 200 TO 250 LBS. 36.00-40.00.

SOWS 18.00-24.00.

BOARS 18.00-24.00.

PIGS 10.00-24.00.

HEIFERS 40.00-57.00.

STEERS, FEEDER 48.00-69.00.

STBERS 50.00-59.00.

COWS, GOOD, 45.00-47.50.

COWS, MEDIUM, 43.00-45.00.

COWS, POOR OR SMALL 28.00-40.00.

CATTLE MARKET MOSTLY STEADY.

CALF MARKET STEADY.

GOATS TO 70.00.

HORSES TO 460.00.

PONIES TO 75.00.



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NEXT SALES

MONDAY, DEC. 12 - 9:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14 - 9:30 A.M.

Why do we have to take prices less than the Burley? If you allow auction to continue someday 609 prices will match Burley prices. Farm buying will not push prices to where they should be!!

Market prices moved to \$1.27 per lb. and some \$1.30 per lb. at Paradise on Wednesday sale. Did you get these prices on the farm? If you did, we are doing our job. BUT we NEED tobacco to continue to do our job. There have been more company men in our warehouse than ever before. They are wondering where all our nice tobacco is. PLEASE BRING IT ON!! You bring us a warehouse full of mouth watering tobacco and we will SHOW YOU SOMETHING! These companies are only used to one thing and that is looking at rows of tobacco on a warehouse floor.

It's ridiculous for you to worry about a 2¢ per lb. commission. You more than make up for that by honest weight, better averages over all grades of your tobacco, no docking, and long term gain of the auction system. CAN YOU NOT SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING FOR YOU? DO YOU WANT US TO CONTINUE? Who else will keep you informed of up to date tobacco news? Who will establish a market for all grades of your tobacco for every year? Who kept you abreast of the Burley markets enough that you would not even consider prices under \$1.25 per lb. this year? Who processed and piled tobacco to get you higher prices in the tough years?

We don't understand why you farmers don't support us when in fact we had 12 buyers support us this week!

Our local X-auction people are all of a sudden hurting your market for personal gain. They have scared you into signing contracts. One of them said that they could raise prices, but why should they? They are tying up the crop for \$1.25 per lb. and YOU ARE LETTING THEM DO IT!! Farmers who have never signed contracts have always received highest market prices even before auctions were established. IN A YEAR LIKE THIS, CONTRACTS ARE MEANINGLESS! What would you contract farmers do if 'talked about' foreign buyers come with new orders and prices go up?

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