

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 26, 1988 — JAN. 1, 1989

With bounteous cheer conclude the year

Battle of Trenton Gen'l Washington's troops capture 1,000 Hessians at Trenton N.J. Dec 26 1776 First municipally-owned street car operated in San Francisco Dec 28 1912 Last quarter of the moon Dec 30 (Fri) Average length of days for the week 9 hours 7 minutes Swing music fans crowd Times Square N.Y. to greet Benny Goodman Jan 1 1938 *The soul's greatest perfection is its capacity for pleasure*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** How about the expression to have more troubles than a cranberry merchant?

*Old New England, as we get it. In days when only the wild cranberry was obtainable certain men would take orders for them in anticipation of the time of harvest. Sometimes the wild crop failed and those who did not obtain delivery clamored for the "merchant's" blood.*

**Home Hints** A sprinkling of talcum powder in the bathtub before you bathe will scent your water and prevent a ring from forming.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** The week starts with extreme cold, then turns milder with snow, heavy in the southeast  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Clear and very cold to start, snow and rain at year end, then seasonable  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Clear and cold at first, mid-week snow turns to rain. New Year starts with a storm  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Sunny and seasonable at first, but a snowstorm ends the year, changing to rain

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## Keister's Livestock

Middleburg, Pa.  
December 20, 1988

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 311. HIGH CHOICE & PRIME SLAUGHTER STEERS 75.00-77.85, CHOICE 72.00-75.75, SELECT 65.00-71.75, CHOICE HOLSTEINS 67.00-71.25, SELECT 63.00-66.75, STANDARD 58.00-62.75. CHOICE SL. HEIFERS 70.50-75.25, SELECT 65.00-70.00, STANDARD 55.00-64.75. BRAKING UTILITY & COMMERCIAL SL. COWS 48.00-53.25, FEW 54.75, CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 46.00-51.75, CANNER & LOW CUTTER 42.00-45.75, SHELLS DOWN TO 40.00. ONE CHOICE SL. BULLOCK AT 67.25, SELECT 58.00-62.75. YIELD GRADE NO. 1, 1000/1930 LBS. SL. BULLS 57.00-64.25. FEEDER CATTLE: 400/750 LBS. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 45.00-65.00. 350/700 LBS. HOLSTEIN

BULLS 55.00-69.00.

CALVES 213. CHOICE VEALERS 110.00-113.00, GOOD 80.00-100.00, STANDARD AND GOOD 90/110 LBS. 70.00-82.00, 60/90 LBS. 60.00-70.00. FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 90/125 LBS. 125.00-154.00; HOL. HEIFERS 60/125 LBS. 100.00-134.00.

HOGS 552. BARROWS AND GILTS: US NO. 1-2, 220/245 LBS. 44.00-44.75, NO. 1 225/245 LBS. 44.50-46.00, 2-3 200/250 LBS. 43.00-44.00, 2-4 190/270 LBS. 39.00-43.00. US NO. 1-3 280-600 LBS. SOWS 26.00-28.00, 2-3 270/575 LBS. 20.00-26.00. BOARS 22.25-31.00.

FEEDER PIGS 625. US NO. 1-3 20/40 LBS. FEEDER PIGS 16.00-30.00, 40/60 LBS. 30.00-39.50, LOAD 120/170 LBS. 32.00-36.00 -- ALL PER HEAD.

SHEEP 40. CHOICE 80/110 LBS. WOOL SLAUGHTER LAMBS 65.00-70.00, GOOD 50/80 LBS. 50.00-79.00, FEW 91.00-102.00.

GOATS 15. 34.00-89.00 -- PER HEAD.

## Eighty-Four Livestock

Eighty-Four, Pa.  
December 19, 1988

Report Supplied by Auction

CATTLE 252. SELECT SLAUGHTER STEERS 62.00-65.50, FEW STANDARD 58.50-62.50, FEW UTILITY 50.00-54.00. CHOICE SL. HEIFER, ONE 68.00, FEW SELECT 60.00-63.00, FEW STANDARD 54.00-57.00, FEW UTILITY 50.00-52.50. BREAKING UTILITY & COMMERCIAL SL. COWS 46.00-50.25, HIGH YIELDING COMMERCIAL 52.00, CUTTER & BON. UTILITY 43.50-47.25, CANNER & LOW CUTTER 38.00-43.00, SHELLS DOWN TO 31.00. YIELD GRADE NO. 1, 1100/1700 LBS. SL. BULLS 55.00-59.25, NO. 2 1000/1400 LBS. 47.00-52.00. FEEDER CATTLE: MEDIUM & LARGE FRAME NO. 1, 350/600 LBS. STEERS 72.00-91.00, FEW 280/320 LBS. 104.00. MEDIUM FRAME NO. 1, 360-525 LBS. HEIFERS 68.00-76.00. MED. & LARGE FRAME NO. 1, 400/700 LBS. BULLS 69.00-75.50.

CALVES 232. ONE CHOICE VEALER 100.00, FEW GOOD 80.00-94.00, STANDARD & GOOD 90/120 LBS. 68.00-80.00, 60/85 LBS. 58.00-70.00, FEW UTILITY 40/60 LBS. 20.00-35.00. FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 90/125 LBS. 100.00-167.50. BEEF CROSS BULLS & HEIFERS 85-115 LBS. 80.00-118.00.

HOGS 147. US NO. 1-2 205-225 LBS. BARROWS AND GILTS 43.80-44.25, 1-3 220/245 LBS. 42.75-43.75, 2-3 215/250 LBS. 42.00-42.50, ONE SMALL LOT 185 LBS. 40.00. US NO. 1-3 350-650 LBS. SOWS 34.00-38.00, 2-3 300/670 LBS. 26.50-33.00. BOARS 24.00-25.50.

FEEDER PIGS 11. US NO. 35/45 LBS. FEEDER PIGS 25.00-29.50, FEW 55/82 LBS. 35.00-38.00 -- ALL PER HEAD.

SHEEP 255. HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 87/97 LBS. WOOL SLAUGHTER LAMBS 74.00-88.00, 105/120 LBS. SHORN 65.00-71.50, CHOICE 95-105 LBS. WOOL LAMBS 65.00-68.00. GOOD & CHOICE 57/77 LBS. 76.00-107.00, ONE SMALL LOT UTILITY 45 LBS. 40.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP 20.00-42.50.

GOATS 13. LARGE 44.00-78.00, MEDIUM 33.00-41.00 -- ALL PER HEAD.

## Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.

Thursday, December 22  
Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 213. Cows about steady; few Select Hol. steers 57.00-60.50; heifers few Standard & Select Hol. 53.75-59.85; cows Breaking Utility & Commercial 47.50-51.85; Cutter & Boning 46.75-51.75, Canner & Low Cutter 43.00-47.25; shells 41.00; YG 1 bulls couple 1400lb 57.75 and 1895 lb. 59.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Few Med. 1, 375-500 lb. steers 69.50-74.00.

CALVES: 495. Couple Choice vealers 94.00 & 107.00; Standard & Good 70-95 lb. 67.00-74.00; Utility 60-85 lb. 58.00-68.00; hol. bulls 85-90 lb. 69.00-95.00; 95-125 lb 110.00-160.00; hol. heifers 80-90 lb. 70.00-80.00; 100-135 lb. 108.00-170.00; beef cross bulls and heifers 90-100 lb. 80.00-101.00.

HOGS: 22. Sows few US 1-3, 250-490 lb. 28.00-34.50; boars 22.50 & 29.75.

FEEDER PIGS: 20. No market test.

SHEEP: 21. Few Good 115-135 lb. wool lambs 52.00-62.00; sl. ewes 16.00-28.00.

## Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

Auction every Thursday  
at 4:00 p.m.

Jersey Shore, Pa.

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Thursday, Dec. 22, 1988

RETURN TO FARM CALF 100.00-152.00.

GOOD VEAL 120.00-165.00.

COMMON VEAL 80.00-105.00.

CHOICE STEERS 40.00-79.00.

SELECT STEERS 68.00-74.25.

COMMON STEERS 54.00-61.00.

COMMERCIAL COWS 46.00-55.00.

CANNERS-CUTTERS 43.00-52.00.

SHELLS 37.00-44.00.

CHOICE HEIFERS 67.00-71.00, A FEW TO 75.00.

SELECT HEIFERS 60.00-66.00.

COMMON HEIFERS 49.00-59.00.

GOOD FEEDERS 70.00-79.00.

COMMON FEEDERS 50.00-69.00.

BULLS 50.00-69.00.

GOOD HOGS 42.00-44.35.

SOWS 36.00-36.50.

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**GIGANTIC SALE**  
**Monday, Jan. 2 - 9:30 A.M.**

**THE ONLY QUESTION WE HAVE THIS WEEK IS  
WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A VALUABLE PRICE  
INCREASE ON YOUR TOBACCO THIS YEAR?**

**Was it the buyers?  
Or was it the auction?**

**—It was actually those farmers that did not sign contracts for \$1.25 per pound—because they depended on the tobacco auction to market their tobacco!**

Regardless of what anyone tells you — there is tremendous demand for this year's tobacco crop. If a buyer tells you the price of tobacco will fall after New Years, ask him why he doesn't wait 'til then to buy it!! It was these pressure tactics that pushed many of you to **SIGN CONTRACTS!**

**HOWEVER, WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE THAT ALL FARMERS WILL BENEFIT FROM ACTION THAT OCCURRED AT THE AUCTION!**

We just hope that we can maintain enough support from farmers that see what we are doing for them, to survive to do our job for you next year and the one after that. **IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR FUTURE THAT WE STAY!**

We will be receiving tobacco every day from Dec. 27 to Dec. 30 for a gigantic sale to be held on Jan. 2 at 9:30 a.m. Our warehouse is now half filled. Please let's fill it on the days right after Christmas.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

We are now dealers of 3 compartment bale boxes, tobacco seed, and cotton baling twine.