# OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 2-8, 1989

Eggnogged, snow-bogged. Oscar Wilde declares "Nothing but my genius," to N Y customs officials on first visit to America, Jan 3, 1882 First moving picture newsreel in color released Jan 3, 1948 Sir Isaac Newton born Jan 4, 1642 Twelfth Night, Jan 5 (Thurs ) New wton born Jan 4, 1642 Twelfth Night, Jan 5 (Thurs) Average length of days for the week 9 hours 12 minutes uary 2nd weather as it will be in September



Ask the Old Farmer: My husband makes beautiful wind chimes We'd like to find a formula to give the copper wind chimes a verdigris effect Can you help us' B K, W Hartford, Conn

To turn copper green, get some sulphuric acid Experiment diluting the acid with water to get the color you want, and brush it on the chimes

**Home Hints:** Don't forget to place a smoke detector in your basement since that is where many fires start

#### OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FOREÇAST

New England: The week starts with a snowstorm, then a cold wave hits and it's sunny

Greater New York-New Jersey: Early week snowstorm ends seasonable weather, cold snap but sunny to finish

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Storm is heavy in east, snow in west. Cold and sunny midweek and clearing

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Rain and snow in the west changing to more seasonable, then a cold snap and sunny

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### Greencastle Livestock

Greencastie, Pa. Monday, Dec. 26, 1988

CATTLE: 510 HEAD. SLAUGHTER STEERS 51. CHOICE & PRIME 69.00-76.00, FEW TO 77.35; GOOD & CHOICE 65.00-72.75; GOOD & CHOICE - HOLSTEIN 60.00-67.75; STANDARD & GOOD — HOLSTEIN 54.00-60.50. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS 82. CHOICE 67.50-73.00, FEW TO 75.50; GOOD & CHOICE 64.00-72.00; STANDARD & GOOD 54.00-64.00. COWS 281. UTILI-TY & COMMERCIAL 47.00-51.00, FEW TO 53.75; CUTTER & BONING UTILI-TY 44.00-50.00, FEW TO 52.75; CAN-NER & LOW CUTTER 44.50 & DOWN. BULLS 12 - ALL WEIGHTS YIELD GRADE 1 58.00-64.75; YIELD GRADE 2 53.00-59.00.

STOCKER CATTLE 84 - ALL WEIGHTS STEERS — MEDIUM & GOOD 70.00-89.00; HEIFERS — MEDIUM & GOOD 60.00-74.50; BULLS - MEDIUM & GOOD 57.00-72.00; STEERS - HOLSTEIN 55.00-67.00.

CALVES 435 HEAD. GOOD & CHOICE -- 125-250 LBS. 90.00-105.00; MEDIUM & GOOD -- 125-250 LBS. 79.00-91.00; MEDIUM & GOOD - 80 TO 120 LBS. 71.00-90.00; LIGHT & CULL — ALL WEIGHTS 70.00 &

DOWN; HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURN TO FARM UP TO 163.00, BULK 135.00-155.00; HOLSTEIN HEIF-ERS - RETURN TO FARM UP TO 150.00, BULK 120.00-140.00.

LAMBS, SHEEP & GOATS 90. CHOICE LAMBS 70.00-75.00, FEW TO 80.00; MEDIUM & GOOD LAMBS 66.00-76.00; LIGHT & FEEDER LAMBS 69.00-79.00; SHEEP, EWES & BUCKS 15.00-25.00; GOATS — ALL SIZES (BY HEAD) MED. & LARGE 40.00-60.00.

HOGS 142. NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS - 190-225 LBS. 39.00-43.00; NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS - 225-250 LBS. 42.50-44.75; NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS 250-300 LBS. 37.00-42.00; GOOD BUTCHER SOWS - 400 LBS. DOWN 30.00-36.50; GOOD BUTCHER SOWS 400 POUNDS UP 30.00-35.00; HEAVY BOARS - OVER 300 POUNDS 22.50-25.50, LIGHT UP TO 31.00; PIGS ALL SIZES (BY HEAD) 18.00-24.00. SALE EVERY MONDAY AFTER-NOON AT 2:00 P.M. & THURS. AT 1:00

HAY & STRAW SALE EVERY MON-DAY & THURS. AT 11:30 A.M.

SPECIAL FEEDER PIG SALE SAT., JAN. 7TH AT 1:00 P.M.

HAY & STRAW 22 LOADS. ALFALFA 89.00-100.00; MIXED 68.00-96.00; STRAW 65.00-66.00/TON.

#### Valley Livestock

Athens, Pa. Monday, Dec. 26, 1988 Report supplied by auction HOLSTEIN HER, CALVES TO 125.00.

VEAL CALVES TO 91.00. BULL CALVES TO 157.50. SLAUGHTER CALVES 60.00-78.00. GRASSERS & FEEDERS 40.00-60.00. LAMBS 55.00-75.00, NEW CROP TO

SHEEP 18.00-25.00. HOGS, 200 TO 250 LBS. 38.00-42.00. SOWS 18.00-26.00. BOARS 20.00-26.00. PIGS 10.00-30.00.

HEIFERS 42.00-56.75. STEERS 42.00-63.75.

STEERS, FEEDER 50.00-78.00. BULLS, 48.00-59.25.

COWS. GOOD. 46.00-50.00. COWS, MEDIUM, 43.00-46.00. COWS, POOR OR SMALL 28.00-40.00.

CATTLE MARKET STEADY TO STRONG

CALF MARKET STEADY. GOATS TO 68.00. HORSES SMALL TO 125.00.

#### Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md. Wed., Dec. 28, 1988 Report supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER: FED STEERS CHOICE TO PRIME 74.00-77.25; SELECT TO CHOICE 68.00-73.00; STANDARD 58.00-65.00.

FED HEIFERS: NONE.

COWS: GOOD RUN, \$2 HIGHER; HIGH YIELD 51.00-54.00.; UTILITY 45.00-50.00; CANNER-CUTTER 43.00-46.00; SHELLY 43 DOWN.
BULLS: YG#1 56.00-60.00; YG#2

52.00-55.00.

VEAL CALVES: 1 PRIME 285 LBS. 118.00; GOOD 85-125 LBS. 73.00-85.00; 80-120 LBS. 68.00-73.00; 60-80 LBS. 63.00-68.00.

RETURN TO FARM CALVES: HOLS-TEIN BULLS 95-125 LBS. 115.00-148.00, FEW TO 152.00.

HOLSTEIN HEIFERS: (1) 115 LB. AT 119.00, BULK 90-95 LBS. 84.00-97.00. BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS: 80.00-99.00.

LAMBS: GOOD DEMAND. CHOICE

100-115 LBS. 70.00-72.00; 60-90 LBS. 77.00; 120-165 LBS. 49.00-59.00. GOATS: LARGE 56.00-69.00.

STEERS MEDIUM FRAME: 400-600 LBS. 70.00-77.00; 600-800 LBS. 65.00-74.00.

HEIFERS: 26 HEAD OF ANGUS STOCK COWS, 475.00-500.00; 400-600 LBS. 62.00-67.00.

BULLS: 400-600 LBS. 67.00-72.00; 600-800 LBS. 62.00-68.50.

DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: SPRING-ING HEIFERS 635.00-735.00; 700-900

LBS. 55.00-57.00. PIGS AND SHOATS: BY THE HEAD

30-50 LBS. 19.00-29.00; BY THE LB. 140-185 LBS. 36.00-42.00.

STOCK BOARS: 230-280 LBS. 31.00-35.00.

SLAUGHTER HOGS: \$1 HIGHER; 240-265 LBS. 43.75-44.00.00; 280-350 LBS. TO 40.50; 200-210 LBS. 40.00-41.50.

SOWS: 25 HEAD. \$2 HIGHER. 300-450 LBS. 28.00-33.50; 500-750 LBS. 30.00-32.50.

BOARS: HEAVY TO 24.75; THIN 21.00-23.00.

NOTE: HAY SALE EVERY WEDNES-DAY, 11:30 A.M.

#### Westminster **Livestock Auction**

Hagerstown, Md. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1988 Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: \$1-\$2 HIGHER; UTILITY 45.00-50.00; CANNERS 42.00-46.00; SHELLY 42.00 DOWN. BULLS: 1 AT 1,390 LBS. AT 57.50; (1)

1,130 LBS. AT 54.75. FED STEERS: FEW LOW CHOICE; SELECT HOLSTEINS 60.00.

FED HEIFERS: CHOICE 1,050-1,250 LBS. 70.00-73.75; 850-1000 LBS. 65.00-68.00.

VEAL CALVES: 150-250 LBS. CHOICE 96.00-109.00; CULLS 80-120 LBS. 68.00-75.00; 50-80 LBS. 62.00-69.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-125 LBS. 120.00-150.00; SMALL FRAME 85-95 LBS. 80.00-100.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 80.00-95.00. BUTCHER HOGS: 65 HEAD.

STEADY PRICES. US1 & 2230-250 LBS. 45.00-45.75; US #1 & 3 215-250 LBS. 43.00-44.50. SOWS: 20 HEAD, \$1-\$2 HIGHER:

300-650 LBS. 28.00-32.50; THIN 25.00-28.00.

BOARS: TO 24.75.

STOCK CATTLE: 50 HEAD. PRICES HIGHER. STEERS: FEW 400 LBS. 80.00-85.00; 500-800 LBS. 70.00-73.00; 800-950 LBS. 63.00-75.00; 950-1050 LBS.

67.00-75.00. HEIFERS: MAINLY LARGE FRAME 400-500 LBS. 70.00-77.50; 500-700 LBS. 69.00-75.00.

BULLS: 400-600 LBS. 74.00-84.00; 600-800 LBS. 64.00-66.00.

LAMBS: FEW OFFERED. NEW CROP 70 LBS. 90.00.

SHEEP: 20.00-29.00; LIGHT-WEIGHTS 33.00-38.00.

GOATS: LARGE 50.00-70.00; MEDIUM 35.00-50.00; SMALL FLESHY

PIGS AND SHOATS: 131 HEAD, \$2 HIGHER; 30-50 LBS. 24.00-29.00; 50-75 LBS. 24.00-34.00.

BY THE LB. 150-180 LBS. 36.00-43.00.

STOCK BOARS: 250 LBS. 24.00-28.00.

NOTE: STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE AT WESTMINSTER FRI-DAY, JAN. 6 AT 1:30 P.M.

#### East Coast Carlot Wed., Dec. 28, 1988 Report supplied by USDA

EAST COAST CARLOT MEAT TRADE DELIVERED PRICES (CAF) BOSTON TO WASHINGTON AREA INCLUSIVE.

COMPARED TO TUESDAY'S CLOSE: CHOICE AND PRIME SPECIAL FED VEAL 1.00 TO 2.00 LOWER. GOOD AND CHOICE BONING VEAL SLOW TO DEVELOP AS BOTH LIGHT SUP-PLIES AND DEMAND CAUSE BUY-ERS' CAUTION; NO SALES REPORTED. CHOICE AND PRIME LAMB NOT ESTABLISHED, UNDER-TONE UNSETTLED.

VEAL CARCASS- HIDE ON CHOICE AND PRIME (SPECIAL FED) 125 HEAD

220-280 LBS. LTD 218.00, 1.00-2.00 LOWER.

GOOD AND CHOICE **BONING TYPE** NORTHEASTERN SUPPLIERS NO SALES REPORTED. INSHIPPED NO SALES REPORTED.

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GIGANTIC SALES Monday, Jan. 2 - 9:30 A.M. Wednesday, Jan. 4 - 9:30 A.M.

Buyers have been saying a lot of things against the tobacco auction to get your tobacco bought! We can understand why! We cost them a lot of profit that YOU made! Also, we have been their stiffest competition. We at the warehouse, also, have demand we CAN NOT FILL. and remember we only need to make our commission -not a fortune! If you listen and believe everything you hear, you are making A MARKETING MISTAKE!

PLEASE COME TO OUR JAN. 2 SALE, then you can see for yourself what we are doing! We thank you for a full warehouse of beautiful tobacco for Mondays sale but remember, we also need large volumes of tobacco for upcoming sales.

### GET YOUR TOBACCO STRIPPED

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR FUTURE THAT WE STAY! - SO REMEMBER US WHEN MARKETING SOME OR ALL OF YOUR TOBACCO!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

