

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 30 - FEB. 5, 1989

Groundhog frightened, ground is whitened.

Jan 30, Roosevelt (FDR) born, the only US President elected to more than two terms He served four Jan 31 is National Popcorn Day February is Black History Month, with Lincoln's birthday and (presumably) that of Frederick Douglass Groundhog shares Feb 2 with Candlemas Day Average length of days for the week 10 hours 2 minutes Feb 4, auspicious for marriage and the repair of ships If Candlemas is fair and clear, there'll be two winters in the year



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Can you tell me why outhouses have crescent moons on their doors (as opposed to some other shape)? I've asked all over but nobody seems to know JW, NH

*It is the emblem of the squinted eye of a peeping Tom, adopted by an evil-minded elder*

**Home Hints:** Make lighter, fluffier fish cakes with baked (instead of boiled) potatoes

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Clearing after the January-end snowstorm, then continued clear and cold Another snowstorm ends the week, light in the northern parts  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** A lot of sun for this one! Seasonable at first, sunny and quite cold, brief stint of rain and sleet, then mild, sunny  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Mixed precipitation here and there Warming and rain, clear and seasonable for a mid-week breather, storm, snow in the west  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Clearing after all those heavy showers! Sunny and seasonable The week ends with rain, but mild weather continues

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## Lebanon Valley Livestock Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa.  
 Tuesday, January 24, 1989  
 Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 146...**PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter cows .25 to Select & Choice 1205/1600 lbs. holsteins 62.25-69.25. Choice 810/1145 lbs. sl. heifers 63.75-68, one 70.25, few Select 61.00-65, few Utility & Standard 45.10-56.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 47.75-51.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 44.75-49, few 50.25, few low dressing down to 43.75, Canner & Low Cutter 41.00-44.50, few Shells down to 34.50. One Select sl. bullock 63.75. One Yield Grade No. 1, 1610 lbs. sl. bull 53.00. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Frame No. 1, 425/500 lbs. bulls 72.00-77.00.

**CALVES 188...**Vealers steady to \$3 higher. Two Choice 108.00, few Good 77.00-94.00, Standard & Good 75/95 lbs. 65.00-82.00, Utility 50/80 lbs. 40.00-60.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 80/95 lbs. 80.00-100.00, 95/120 lbs. 90.00-163.00; Hol. Heifers 85/105 lbs. 79.00-129.00. Few Beef cross bulls and heifers 80/100 lbs. 80.00-97.00.

**HOGS 109...**Small supply barrows and gilts weak .25 to .75 lower. Few Lots US No. 1-2 240/265 lbs. 42.50-43.00, 1-3

225/265 lbs. 41.00-42.00, few 2-3 250/390 lbs. 38.50-41.00. Sows small supply \$2.50 lower. US No. 1-3 290/620 lbs. sows 29.50-32.50, Medium 260/485 lbs. 22.00-28.50, few down to 18.50. Boars 23.00-26.50, one 33.50.

**FEEDER PIGS 0...**No Market Test. **SHEEP 2...**Individual Choice 105 lbs. wool slaughter lamb 68.00, individual Good 85 lbs. 65.00.

**GOATS 2...**Large 73.00 --- per head.

Med. & Large Frame No. 1, 350/600 lbs. heifers 70.00-80.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 400/570 lbs. bulls 77.00-89.00.

**CALVES 207...**One Choice vealer 101.00, few Good 90.00-100, Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 70.00-84.00, 60/85 lbs. 60.00-74.00, few Utility 50/60 lbs. 40.00-53.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs. 105.00-185.00.

**HOGS 167...**US No. 1-2 225/240 lbs. barrows and gilts 42.00-42.75, 1-3 230/265 lbs. 41.00-41.75, 2-3 225/265 lbs. 40.60-40.75, 1-3 120/150 lbs. 38.00-39.00. US No. 1-3 400/600 lbs. sows 31.00-33.00, 2-3 300/760 lbs. 25.00-30.50. Boars 25.00-27.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 28...**Few US No. 1-3 12/24 lbs. feeder pigs 5.00-10.00, few 5/70 lbs. 27.00-33.00, small lot Utility 20 lbs. 6.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 62...**High Choice & Prime 77/93 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 78.00-87.50, couple new crop 57 lbs. 101.00, Good & Choice 60/77 lbs. feeder lambs 84.00-90.00. Slaughter sheep 20.00-28.00.

**GOATS 13...**Large 65.00-90.00, Medium 45.00-55.00 --- all per head.

## Keister's Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.  
 Tuesday, January 24, 1989  
 Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 485...**PDA...Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers \$1 to \$1.50 lower; Cows .50 to \$1 higher. Few High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 74.60-76.50, Choice 1100/1500 lbs. 71.00-75, few down to 70.00, Select 64.50-70; Choice holsteins 64.25-66.50, couple 69.50, Select 58.00-63, few Standard 60.00-63.00. Choice sl. heifers 65.75-73.25, couple 74.50, few holsteins 65.00-66, few Select 59.00-64.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 47.00-50.50, couple 51.60, Cutter & Boning Utility 47.50-52.50, couple 54.50, Canner & Low Cutter 43.50-47.50, Shells down to 38.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1200/2225 lbs. sl. bulls 59.00-67.00. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Medium Frame No. 1,

350/650 lbs. heifers 56.00-72.00.

**CALVES 202...**Couple Choice vealers 90.00-115.00, couple Good 84.00-88, Standard and Good 70/100 lbs. 68.00-74.00, 60/90 lbs. 50.00-70, Utility 60/85 lbs. 55.00-65.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 74.00-164, mostly 120.00-158.00; Hol. heifers 100/125 lbs. 80.00-128.00.

**HOGS 535...**Barrows and gilts .50 to \$1 lower. US No. 1-2, 215/250 lbs. 43.00-44.00, No. 1, 225/245 lbs. 44.00-45.50, 1-3 200/250 lbs. 42.00-43, 2-3 190/270 lbs. 38.00-42.00. US No. 1-3 300/600 lbs. sows 31.00-35.00, few light weights 40.00, 2-3 270/575 lbs. 25.00-31.00. Boars 23.00-26.75.

**FEEDER PIGS 504...**US No. 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 16.00-26.00, 35/50 lbs. 26.00-36.00, 50/65 lbs. 33.00-40.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 9...**Few Good & Choice 80/125 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 61.00-74.00.

**GOATS 9...**Large 40.00-73.00 --- all per head.

## SPECIAL NOTICE!

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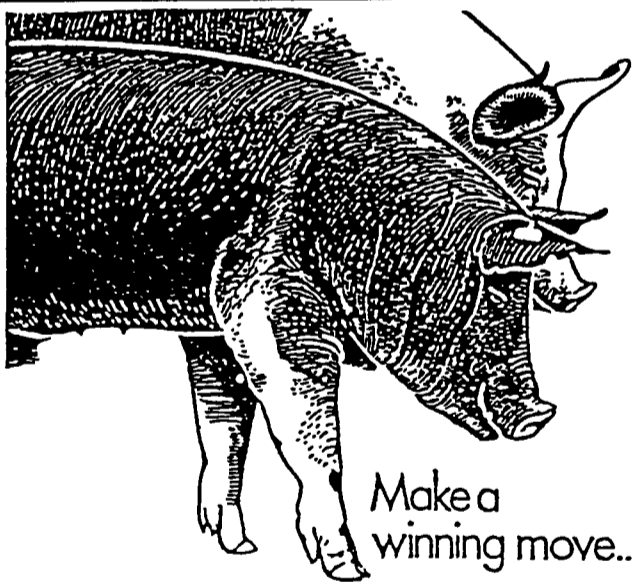
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**NEW SALE DATES**  
**Monday, January 30 - 9:30 AM**  
**Thursday, February 2 - 9:30 AM**

Prices for 609 tobacco soared to an all time high at Paradise last week. Prices for all good tobacco on Monday from \$1.40 to \$1.47 and on Thursday from \$1.46 to \$1.50

**WE ARE YOUR BEST TOBACCO MARKET**  
**NOW IS THE TIME TO MARKET YOUR TOBACCO**  
**Don't Miss These Exciting Prices!**

JUST REMEMBER all decisions made and anything done at Paradise is done absolutely for the farmers sake. The buyers will tell you anything to down grade what we're doing, but remember, they are trying to buy tobacco as cheap as they can while we are trying to get you all we can!

**REMEMBER, WE CAN ONLY DO OUR JOB WITH YOUR HELP AND YOUR TOBACCO.**

**DON'T FORGET, SALE NOW ON THURSDAYS INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAYS.**

Receiving Tobacco every day from 7:30 am to 4 pm, and on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon. We would appreciate delivery of tobacco on non sale days so we can start sales on time!

609 Tobacco Seed will be available on Monday. Also selling 3 compartment bale boxes.

