

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 11-17 1989  
Full Cold Moon, Dec. 12.

Dec 11, 1700, Matrons of Flatbush (Brooklyn), New York, famous for their teatime waffles, offer visiting New Englanders the recipe Dec 13, 1642, New Zealand is discovered and named by Dutch navigator, Abel Tasman Bill of Rights Day, Dec 15 Actress Liv Ullmann born Dec 16, 1939, at Tokyo, Japan Without a friend to share them, no goods we possess are really enjoyable



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Why is a long-stemmed pipe called a church warden? C.M., Mass  
First used by 'em, back in England, so they say  
**Home Hints:** A thin coating of paraffin on window stiles makes the window slide smoothly

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Mild weather to start, warming slightly and rain in the northern quarters Scattered rain in the south Rain, snow in the mountains

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Partly cloudy skies but milder temperatures Clear and warm for a pleasant midweek Then the week ends on a wetter note

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Clear skies and cold nights to begin the week Clouding up some, mild, then sunny and warm The week ends with rain

**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Clear weather and cold at darkness Cloudy and milder for the middle of the week Then showers and rain in the west

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## Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.  
Tuesday, December 5, 1989  
Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 602...** Report supplied by the auction ...High Choice and Prime slaughter steers 76.00-77.85, Choice 74.00-77.50, Select 65.00-73.75, Standard 60.00-64.75; Choice Holsteins 65.00-69.50, Select 60.00-64.75, Standard 56.00-59.75. Choice si. heifers 72.00-74.35, Select 65.00-70.75, Standard 58.00-64.75. Breaking Utility & Commercial si. cows 49.00-54.75, Cutte & Boning Utility 48.00-53.75, Canner & low Cutter 43.00-47.75, Shells down to 35.00-42.00. Choice si. bullocks 69.50-72.50, Select 64.00-68.75. Yield Grade No. 1, 1200/2065 lbs. sl. bulls 62.00-69.75, No. 2 800/1200 lbs. 55.00-61.75. Feeder Cattle: Steers 400/850 lbs. 65.00-82.50. Heifers 350/750 lbs. 58.00-72.00. Bulls 350/750 lbs. 52.00-78.50.

**CALVES 211...** Choice vealers 100.00-120.00, Standard & Good 90/110 lbs. 70.00-85.00, 60/90 lbs. 60.00-70.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 125.00-158.00; Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 100.00-135.00.

**HOGS 553...** US No. 1, 225/255 lbs. barrows and gilts 50.00-50.75, 1-2 220/250 lbs. 49.00-50.00, 2-3 200/250 lbs. 48.00-49.00, 2-4 190/170 lbs. 44.00-48.00. US No. 1-3 290/650 lbs. sows 36.00-39.00, few light weights 44.00, 2-3 275/575 lbs. 30.00-36.00. Boars 32.00-35.75.

**FEEDER PIGS 635...** US No 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 20.00-32.00, 35/50 lbs. 28.00-38.00 --- all per head.  
**SHEEP 98...** Choice 80/110 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 60.00-70.50, few 25/55 lbs. 100.00-155.00, 50/80 lbs. 50.00-62.00. Slaughter sheep 20.00-32.00.  
**GOATS 12...** Large 55.00-87.00, Small 35.00-55.00 --- all per head.

## Morrison's Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.

Monday, December 4, 1989

Report supplied by auction

**CATTLE:** 151. STEERS: HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 72.00-75.75; CHOICE 67.50-71.75; GOOD 63.50-67.00; STANDARD 54.50-62.00.

**HEIFERS:** CHOICE, 68.50-74.50; GOOD 57.00-65.50.

**COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL** 53.00-56.25; CUTTERS 48.50-52.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 42.50-47.75.

**BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE** 61.50-64.75.

**BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1** 54.00-62.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS GOOD** 72.00-82.50; STANDARD 65.00-71.50;

**BULLS GOOD** 69.00-78.50; STANDARD 60.00-68.50; HEIFERS GOOD 62.00-74.50; STANDARD 55.00-61.00.

**CALVES: 263. PRIME, NONE; CHOICE** 92.00-98.50; GOOD 84.00-91.00; STANDARD & GOOD 65.00-82.50, 90-110 LBS. 68.50-82.00,

64-88 LBS. 55.00-81.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 115.00-144.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 92.00-124.00.

**HOGS: 128. US#1-2** 47.75-48.25; US #1-3 45.00-46.75.

**SOWS: US#1-3** 33.00-39.25.

**BOARS: 31.00-36.50.**

**FEEDER PIGS: 65. 18.50-24.50 PER HEAD. 35-50 LBS. 26.00-32.50.**

**SHEEP: 13. SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE, NONE; GOOD** 52.00-55.50; SLAUGHTER EWES 18.00-28.50.

**GOATS: 42.00-58.00 PER HD. 8 LOADS OF HAY, 81.00-171.00.**

**STRAW: 2 LOADS, 92.00 AND 95.00.**

## Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

Tuesday, December 5, 1989

Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 266...** PDA...Compared with last weeks market: Choice slaughter steers 70.50-75.50, Select 67.50-71.00, Standard 61.50-66.00, few Utility 54.00-58.00. Choice si. heifers 69.00-71.10, Select 65.00-69.00, Standard 58.00-63.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial si. cows 48.00-53.00, few high yielding Commercial 55.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 46.25-51.00, Canner & low Cutter 39.00-46.50, Shells down to 28.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1050/1800 lbs. sl. bulls 57.00-66.00, No. 2, 1080/1920 lbs. 46.75-55.85. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame No. 1, 320/500 lbs. steers 70.00-81.00, 700/850 lbs. 66.00-70.00, Large #2, 600/750 lbs. 64.00-66.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 450/600 lbs. heifers 65.00-70.00, Lot Large #1, 740 lbs. 65.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 350/560 lbs. heifers 65.00-70.00, Lot Large #1, 740 lbs. 65.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 450/600 lbs. bulls 68.00-70.00.

**CALVES 78...** One Good vealer 86.00, 90/120 lbs. 68.00-77.00, 60/85 lbs. 58.00-70.00, few Utility 45/60 lbs. 35.00-45.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 100.00-161.00, 85/90 lbs. 80.00-95.00; Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 90.00-140.00. Few Beef cross 80/115 lbs. bulls and heifers 85.00-115.00.

**HOGS 185...** US No. 1-2 220/260 lbs. barrows and gilts 46.00-47.00, lot 48.00, 1-3 225/260 lbs. 45.00-46.10, 2-3 230/260 lbs. 43.00-44.50. US No. 1-3 350/550 lbs. sows 40.00-45.00, few 2-3 300/500 lbs. 35.00-40.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 0...** No Market Test. SHEEP 8...One Choice 75 lbs. wool slaughter lamb 65.00. Few Slaughter ewes 10.00-20.00.

**GOATS 0...** No Sales.

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