

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 25-31, 1989  
Be of good cheer!

Christmas Day, *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht* (Silent Night, Holy Night) is first sung in Oberndorff, Austria... Dec. 26, Canadian Boxing Day, when gift boxes are expected by postmen, lamplighters, dustmen, and other public functionaries Dec 26 birth-days include entertainer Steve Allen and comedian Alan King (Irwin Kniberg)  
*Open your door to the stranger and don't shut up your heart*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Have you ever heard the verb "yaffle" as in an eager-eater dog consuming his food? J.B., Conn.  
*In our section, it's called "whiffing." It refers to inhaling one's grub noisily*

**Home Hints:** Use an egg poacher to quickly heat baby foods

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Christmas brings a snowstorm, as it rightly should. Flurries follow, then more light snow. Get out the Cape Racers and sled!

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** A holiday snowstorm here, too, then clearing and milder. Sunny and mild days finish the week for a perfect vacation

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Christmas snowstorm hits here, as well, but it's sleet in the south. Clearing next, then cloudy with flurries in the west

**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Stormy, rainy, and snowy! The week ends on a slightly milder note: sunny and more seasonable temperatures predominate.

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## New Wilmington Livestock Auction

New Wilmington, Pa.  
December 18, 1989

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 261. COMPARED WITH LAST MONDAY'S MARKET: SLAUGHTER COWS 1.00 TO 2.00 HIGHER. ONE CHOICE SLAUGHTER STEER 74.00; FEW CHOICE HOLSTEINS 67.25-69.50, ONE 72.00, FEW SELECT 62.50-64.75, FEW STANDARD 65.00-68.00. FEW STANDARD SL. HEIFERS 57.50-62.00. BREAKING UTILITY & COMMERCIAL SL. COWS 51.50-56.50, COUPLE 57.75, COUPLE 60.75 & 62.00, LOW YIELDING TO 47.50, CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 48.00-53.00, HIGH DRESSING 54.75, CANNER & LOW CUTTER 40.00-48.25, SHELLS DOWN TO 30.00. YIELD GRADE NO. 1, 1175-1780 LBS. SL. BULLS 58.00-63.00, FEW NO. 2, 1050-1100 LBS. 55.75-57.75. FEEDER CATTLE: FEW MEDIUM & LARGE FRAME #1, 500-845 LBS. STEERS 61.00-70.00. MEDIUM & LARGE FRAME #1, 300-500 LBS. HEIFERS 60.00-76.00, 550-825 LBS. 47.00-58.75.

CALVES 312. ONE CHOICE VEALER 102.00, FEW GOOD 80.00-92.00, STANDARD & GOOD 90-120 LBS. 60.00-76.00, 60-85 LBS. 53.00-68.00, LOT UTILITY 53 LBS. 40.00, SOME DOWN TO 100.00. FARM CALVES: HOL. BULLS 100-135 LBS.

100.00-160.00, NO. 2, DOWN TO 70.00, 85-95 LBS. 70.00-80.00; HOL. HEIFERS 95-125 LBS. 75.00-117.50. BEEF CROSS 75-110 LBS. BULLS & HEIFERS 70.00-81.00.

HOGS 484. BARROWS AND GILTS 2.50 TO 3.00 HIGHER. US NO. 1-2 225-260 LBS. 51.75-52.75, SMALL LOT 53.00, 1-3 215-265 LBS. 50.00-51.75, 2-3 235-275 LBS. 48.75-50.00, LOT 1-3 210 LBS. 49.75, 130-175 LBS. 33.00-36.50. SOWS 3.00 TO 4.00 HIGHER. US NO. 1-3 300-610 LBS. SOWS 37.00-42.00, FEW 45.00, FEW 2-3 420-560 LBS. 33.00-35.00. BOARS 32.00-36.25.

FEEDER PIGS 12. US NO. 1-3 35-40 LBS. FEEDER PIGS 25.00-36.00 -- ALL PER HEAD.

SHEEP 104. HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 90-115 LBS. WOOL SLAUGHTER LAMBS 65.00-69.00, CHOICE 60-80 LBS. 68.00-81.00; GOOD & CHOICE 40-80 LBS. FEEDER LAMBS 51.00-71.00. SLAUGHTER EWES 10.00-28.00.

GOATS 7. COUPLE LARGE 55.00 & 58.00, FEW MEDIUM 30.00-44.00 -- ALL PER HEAD.

## Belknap Livestock

Dayton, Pa.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1989

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 53. COMPARED WITH LAST WEDNESDAY'S MARKET: COUPLE STANDARD SLAUGHTER STEERS 63.00&66.00. COUPLE STANDARD SL. HEIFERS 63.25&64.75. BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL SL. COWS 52.00-56.00, ONE 58.75, CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 48.50-52.50, FEW HIGH DRESSING 54.75, CANNER & LOW CUTTER 41.75-48.50. FEEDER CATTLE: MEDIUM FRAME NO. 1-2, 400/775 LBS. HEIFERS 51.50-63.50. FEW MEDIUM FRAME NO. 2, 520/815 LBS. BULLS 52.00-60.00.

CALVES 134. STANDARD AND GOOD 90/120 LBS. VEALERS 74.00-79.00, 60/85 LBS. 65.00-75.00. FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 90/140 LBS. 100.00-136.00, COUPLE 145.00 & 153.00, 80/85 LBS. 78.00-110.00; FEW HOL. HEIFERS 90/130 LBS. 100.00-140.00. BEEF CROSS 80/135 LBS. BULLS AND HEIFERS 77.00-100.00.

HOGS 170. US NO. 1-2 210/260 LBS.

BARROWS AND GILTS 50.75-52.00, COUPLE SMALL LOTS 53.00, 1-3 260/270 LBS. 49.50-51.00, LOT 51.50, LOT 2-3 245 LBS. 48.35. ONE US NO. 1-3 655 LBS. SOW 39.25. FEW BOARS 29.00-31.00.

FEEDER PIGS 13. LOT US NO. 1-3 25 LBS. FEEDER PIGS 13.50, LOT 10 LBS. 5.00-- ALL PER HEAD.

SHEEP 10. LOT CHOICE 105 LBS. WOOL SLAUGHTER LAMBS 53.00.

GOATS 2. ONE LARGE 64.00, ONE MEDIUM 35.00-- ALL PER HEAD.

## Keister Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, December 19, 1989

Report Supplied by the Auction

CATTLE 379... Report supplied by the auction... Compared with last weeks market: High Choice and Prime slaughter steers 78.00-81.25, Choice 76.00-80.75, Select 68.00-75.75; Choice Holsteins 68.00-73.50, Select 64.00-67.75, Standard 58.00-63.75. Choice sl. heifers 74.00-76.75, Select 65.00-73.75, Standard 60.00-64.75. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 53.00-57.85, few 59.75, Cutter & Boning Utility 53.75-56.25, Canner & low Cutter 49.50-52.75, Shells down to 45.00. Choice sl. bullocks 70.00-76.50. Yield Grade No. 1, 1200/1990 lbs. sl. bulls 62.00-66.25, No. 2, 800/1200 lbs. 55.00-61.75. Feeder Cattle: Steers 350/850 lbs. 65.00-78.50. 350/600 lbs. heifers 55.00-72.50. 350/750 lbs. bulls 56.00-77.00.

CALVES 228... Standard & Good 90/110 lbs. vealers 75.00-85.00, 60/90 lbs. 55.00-75.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 120.00-158.00; Hol. Heifers 90/125 lbs. 100.00-152.00.

HOGS 612... US No. 1, 220/240 lbs. barrows and gilts 53.00-55.00, 1-2 220/250 lbs. 50.00-53.00, 1-3 220/250 lbs. 51.50-52.00, 2-3 190/295 lbs. 45.00-50.75. US No. 1-3 300/675 lbs. sows 41.00-48.00, 2-3 300/650 lbs. 30.00-40.75. Boars 200/760 lbs. 34.00-36.75.

FEEDER PIGS 592... US No 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 25.00-35.00, 35/60 lbs. 35.00-43.00 --- all per head. 100/150 lbs. 40.00-45.00 Cwt.

SHEEP 101... High Choice 25/70 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 100.00-172.00, Choice 80/110 lbs. 59.00-68.00, Good 50/80 lbs. 58.00-65.00. Slaughter sheep 21.00-28.00.

GOATS 46... Large 50.00-113.00, Small 35.00-50.00 --- all per head.



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**NEXT SALES**  
**WED., JAN. 3 AND FRI., JAN. 5**  
**9:30 A.M.**

We want to fill warehouse from wall to wall with tobacco. We are working to have more company buyers, but we need your support and tobacco to attract them!

Our direct company buyer is able to pay a higher price to you and ship tobacco to the processing plant cheaper than buyers buying tobacco on the farm. THIS CAN HAPPEN ONLY THROUGH AN EFFICIENT AUCTION SYSTEM!

**True Example:** Farmer with 10,000 lbs. tobacco and 300 lbs. out grade tobacco

After auction outgrade price	\$1.40/lb.
Before auction outgrade price	-.30/lb.
	= \$1.10/lb. x 300 lb. outgrade = \$330.00
	less commission on whole crop = 200.00
	Gain = \$130.00

Look what you farmers that have supported auction system have gained for you and your neighbor tobacco farmers!

If an on-the-farm buyer pressures you to sell tobacco on contract by scaring you with a price decline, WHY WOULDN'T HE WAIT TIL THE PRICE DECLINES BEFORE BUYING? If a buyer cannot make an offer on your low grade tobaccos and/or tells you to bring it to auction, you will be at a disadvantage! **Your good tobacco is what sells all your tobacco!** Make your buyer offer a price for outgrade tobacco -- if he can't -- BRING ALL YOUR TOBACCO TO PARADISE. WE HAVE BUYERS FOR ALL YOUR TOBACCO. DO NOT SEPERATE YOUR GRADES -- YOU WILL LOSE IN THE END!

Do you realize signing an open contract can work both ways? Also, if all farmers signed open contracts, we can never cause prices to increase!! Like you've seen us do before!!

**YOU NEED AUCTION SYSTEM FOR THE YOUNG TOBACCO FARMER'S FUTURE**  
**NEXT SALES - JAN. 3 & JAN. 5 - 9:30 A.M.**

Christmas week. Those farmers who bring tobacco the earliest will receive their checks the quickest on sale day. Trucking available.



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