

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JAN. 22-28, 1990
Warm January, cold May.

If January 22 is sunny, expect much wind, if clear, propitious all year. Jan 22 in the Netherlands, the Elfstedentocht, when skaters skim the frozen canals connecting 11 towns. Jan 24, Alacitas in Bolivia, honoring the god of prosperity, Ekeko. Robert Burns born Jan 25, 1759, Scotland's most famous poet. *A thousand thousand knots, a thousand thousand holes - a fishing net* - Yugoslav riddle.



Ask the Old Farmer: What's a glory hole? I think it's a nautical term, but don't know more than that. H S, N H
It's a place between decks, next to the lazaret and used for storing odds and ends.

Home Hints: Add a bit of horseradish to pickles to keep them from going soft or moldy.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Clear and milder, heavy rains next, snow in the north and an impending cold snap. Average temperature this month, a chilly 27.5° F.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Cloudy and mild, not so wild. Heavy rain but still warm, then a cold snap changes the weather tune to a more wintery one.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Cloudy, light rain in the south. Heavy rains, midweek, a cold snap coming on. Four inches of precipitation this month.
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Rains are heavy in the west. Midweek is a conglomerate sunny, a cold wave, then warming. Temperatures are above average.

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Keister's Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, PA
Jan. 16, 1990

CATTLE 492...PDA... Compared with last weeks market: Slaughter steers and heifers strong to 1.50 higher; Cows mostly strong to 1.00 higher. High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 78.85-81.85, Choice 1100/1500 lbs. 72.50-78.25, Select 65.00-71.00; Choice Holsteins 65.00-70, one 71.75, few Select 59-65.25, few Standard 60.00-63.00. Choice sl. heifers 70.75-75.00, few 78.00, few Select 64.00-67.50, few Choice Holsteins 66.00-67.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 49.00-55, few 56.00, few beef breed 57.85-61.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 50.00-56, few 58.10, Canner & low Cutter 43.00-49.00, Shells down to 40.00. Few Select and Choice sl. bullocks 65.00-70.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 930/2200 lbs. sl. bulls 58.00-68.00. FEEDER CATTLE: Medium Frame No 1, 400/800 lbs. steers 65.00-82.00. Medium Frame No. 1, and Large No. 2, 400/700 lbs. heifers 60.00-75.00.

CALVES 202 ...Few Choice 94.00-123.00, Standard and Good 70/100

lbs. 70.00-76.00, couple 79.00, Utility 60/90 lbs. 60.00-70.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls No. 1, 90/135 lbs. 150.00-196, No. 2, 85/130 lbs. 75.00-170.00; Hol. Heifers 85/125 lbs. 75.00-156.00.

HOGS 431...Barrows and gilts steady. US No. 1, 220/270 lbs. 50.00-51.00, 1-2 220/250 lbs. 49.00-50.00, 1-3 210/250 lbs. 48.00-49.00, No. 2-3, 200/270 lbs. 46.00-48.00. US No. 1-3 200/650 lbs. sows 38.00-41.00, few light weights 48.00, 2-3 270/570 lbs. 30.00-38.00. Boars 34.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIG 481...US No. 1-3 25/35 lbs. feeder pigs 20.00-28.00, 35/55 lbs. 27.00-34.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 52...Choice 40/75 lbs. fall slaughter lambs 69.00-96.00, Choice 90/120 lbs. wool lambs 46.00-60.00. Slaughter sheep 26.00-36.00.

GOATS 17...Large 48.00-76.00 --- per head.

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, PA
Jan. 16, 1990

CATTLE 172...PDA... Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter cows strong to mostly 1.50 higher. Few Select

and low Choice sl. steers 67.50-74.00, few Select Holsteins 67.25-68.25, few Standard 64.75-69.50. Few Select and low Choice sl. heifers 66.25-70.00, one Select Holstein 67.50, few Standard 54.50-64.00, two Utility 46.50&47.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 50.25-54.25, few 58.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 48.25-54.50, few 57.50, Canner & Low Cutter 45.00-48.50, few Shells down to 38.25. Few Standard sl. bullocks 55.50-63.25. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1245/1890 lbs. sl. bulls 63.75-69.75, one No. 2, 1240 lbs. 64.00.

CALVES 199...Vealers mostly steady. One Choice 99.00, few Good 84.00-91.00, Standard & Good 70/110 lbs. 70.00-79.00, few 82.00, Utility 45/70 lbs. 50.00-70, few down to 45.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls No. 1, 90/130 lbs. 130.00-189.00, No. 2, 80/125 lbs. 90.00-130, few to 152.00; Hol. Heifers No. 1, 80/95 lbs. 75.00-125.00; few Beef cross 70/110 lbs. 75.00-79.00.

HOGS 231...Barrows and gilts (supply includes 83 sows)...mostly 1.00 to 2.00 lower. US No. 1-2 215/265 lbs. 46.75-47.50, few to 48.25, No. 1-3, 215/265 lbs. 46.50-47, 2-3 215/265 lbs. 46.00-46.75, 2-4 240/280 lbs. 44.00-45.50, few 305/325 lbs. 40.50-43.00, lot 1-3 203 lbs. 42.75. Sows steady to 1.00 lower. US No. 1-3 330/665 lbs. sows 37.00-40.50, few 42.00, few 2-3 300/510 lbs. 35.00-37.50, few Medium 225/390 lbs. 26.50-34.00. Boars (all weights) 35.00-36.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...No market Test.
SHEEP 7...Few Slaughter ewes 20.00-25.00.

GOATS 1...One Medium 45.00 - per head.

Leesport Livestock

Leesport, PA
Jan. 17, 1990

CATTLE 210...PDA... Supply included 15 Feeder Cattle ...Compared to last Wed-

nesday's market: Slaughter steers strong to 2.00 higher; Cows steady to 1.00 higher. Few Choice 1100/1430 lbs. sl steers 73.75-77.75, Select 69.75-73.25; few High Choice & Prime 1350/1600 lbs. Holsteins 68.25-69.00, Choice 64.25-67.50, Select 62.00-65, few Standard 58.25-58.75. Few Choice 975/1350 lbs. sl. heifers 70.75-76, one 77.75, few Select 61.50-68.50; few Choice Holsteins 64.75-68.50, Standard 55.00-58.75. Breaking Ut. & Commercial sl. cows 50.25-56.50, few low dressing 48.00-49.75, Cutter & Bon. Utility 49.00-55.25, few low dressing 46.75-48.50, Canner & Low Cutter 46.25-49.00, Shells down to 39.50. Few Select sl. bullocks 61.75-65.75, few Standard 53.25-58.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1300/1530 lbs. sl. bulls 61.50-66.75. Feeder Cattle: Few Large Frame No. 2, 710/720 lbs. heifers 54.50-55.50.

CALVES 165...Vealers 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Few Choice 101.00-110.00, few Good 80.00-89.00, Standard & Good 80/110 lbs. 82.00-87.00, few 70/80 lbs. 71.00-81.00, few Utility 60/90 lbs. 40.00-68.00. Farm Calves: No. 1, Holstein Bulls 90/130 lbs. 150.00-195.00, No. 2, 85/115 lbs. 86.00-155.00, few 70/85 lbs. 79.00-84.00; few Holstein 90/100 lbs. heifers 110.00-167.50, few 75/85 lbs. 82.00-90.00. Few Beef cross 75/120 lbs. 87.00-133.00, one 170.00.

HOGS 532...Barrows and Gilts steady to 1.00 to 2.50 lower. US No. 1-2 225/250 lbs. 46.50-47.00, lot 47.50, 1-3 210/250 lbs. 45.50-46.50 few 190/200 lbs. 40.50-42.25, 2-3 220/265 lbs. 45.00-45.85, 2-4 255/280 lbs. 43.75-44.10, few 1-3 140/185 lbs. 37.50-39.25. Sows steady to 2.50 lower. US No. 1-3 300/685 lbs. sows 39.00-41.00, few down to 37.00, few Medium 300/470 lbs. 30.00-37.50. Boars 33.50-36.00, few light weights 37.00-39.50.

FEEDER PIGS 163...Few US No. 1-3.

Belleville Livestock

Belleville, PA
Jan. 17, 1990

CATTLE 95...PDA... Compared with last weeks market: Breaking Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 49.00-55.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 50.00-55.00, few Canner & low Cutter 42.50-47.75, Shells down to 38.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1470/1965 lbs. sl. bulls 55.00-63.35.

CALVES 142...Standard and Good 75/95 lbs. vealers 68.00-72.00, few Utility 60/85 lbs. 62.00-70.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls No. 1, 90/130 lbs. 140.00-177.00, No. 2, 85/125 lbs. 80.00-130.00, few Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 80.00-140.00.

HOGS 162...US No. 1-2 220/250 lbs. barrows and gilts 49.00-49.60, 1-3 220/260 lbs. 47.60-47.85, one lot 1-3 205 lbs. 47.50. US No. 2-3 300/650 lbs. sows 37.50-43.50. Few Boars 27.00-29.00.

FEEDER PIGS 151...US No. 1-3 25/45 lbs. feeder pigs 24.50-29.00, 100/125 lbs. 33.50-46.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 15...Few Choice 75/100 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 65.00-71.00, few Good 85/95 lbs. 39.00-55.00. Few Slaughter ewes 21.00-27.00.

GOATS 10...Few Large 59.00-71.00, few Medium 41.00-50.00 --- all per head.
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Peoria Sheep

Peoria, IL
Jan. 16, 1990

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