

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 24-30, 1990

Dec 24, 1889, the first bicycle with a back pedal brake is patented by Daniel Stover and William Hance of Freeport, Ill Dec 25, 1831, Arkansas and Louisiana become the first states to observe Christmas as a legal holiday Dec 28, 1869, William F Semple of Mount Vernon, Ohio, receives a patent for chewing gum Dec 29, 1851, the first YMCA in America is opened in Boston, Mass *If Christmas Day be fine and clear, corn and hay will then be dear*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** All our old brassware has developed "old-age brown spots" How can I get rid of them? A M, Pa

*Mix the juice of one lemon and one teaspoon of salt, and apply with fine steel wool, rinse thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth. This should polish the brass without leaving spots*

**Home Hints:** Freeze candles before using They'll burn more slowly with less drip and less smoke

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Clear and very cold through Christmas A midweek snowstorm brings heavy snow to the south, then clearing and remaining cold Snow again Sunday  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Perfect weather for caroling clear, cold, and silent nights Snow midweek, clearing, then more snow ends the week  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Sunny and cold through most of this holiday week Snow arrives in time for the weekend, blanketing all it encounters, the cold persists.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Cloudy skies bring rain to southern sections Cool, followed by sunny and milder temperatures Snow for the weekend

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## New Holland Dairy

**New Holland Sales Stables**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1990  
 Report supplied by auction  
 102 COWS, 165 HEIFERS AND 7 BULLS. MARKET STRONGER.  
 PA FRESH COWS: 925.00-1750.00.  
 PA PUREBRED AND GRADE COWS: 1225.00-2075.00.  
 PERRY COUNTY FRESH COWS: 880.00-1800.00.  
 WISCONSIN FRESH COWS:

1085.00-1625.00.  
 PA FRESH COWS: 800.00-1525.00,  
 SPRINGERS 1070.00-1325.00.  
 LOCAL SPRINGING HEIFERS: 810.00-1200.00.  
 SHORTBRED: 735.00-960.00.  
 OPEN BREEDING AGE: 600.00-660.00.  
 SMALL OPEN: 225.00-420.00.  
 VACCINATED HEIFERS BRING A PREMIUM.  
 BULLS: 350.00-800.00.  
 LOCAL COWS: 510.00-1750.00.

## Keister's Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa.  
 Tuesday, December 18, 1990  
 Report Supplied by Auction

CATTLE 636...REPORT IS SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION...Compared with last weeks market: High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 83.00-85.75, Choice 78.00-84.00, Select 73.00-77.75, Standard 65.00-72.75; High Choice & Prime Holsteins 72.00-77.25, Choice 68.00-71.75, Select 62.00-67.75. Choice sl. heifers 76.00-82.25, Select 68.00-75.75, Standard 62.00-67.75, Utility 58.00-61.75. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 51.00-55.75, Cutter & Boning Utility 49.00-54.75, Canner & low Cutter 44.00-48.75, Shells down to 42.00. Select sl. bullocks 64.00-68.75. Yield Grade No. 1, 1200/2110 lbs. sl. bulls 62.75-68.25, No. 2, 800/1200 lbs. 58.00-62.50. Feeder Cattle: 400/870 lbs. steers 69.00-82.50, Holsteins 400/925 lbs. 50.00-73.00. Heifers 400/800 lbs. 53.00-76.75. 400/925 lbs. bulls 52.00-69.00, few light 75.00-85.00.  
 CALVES 205...Prime vealers 120.00-127.50, Choice 100.00-115.00, Standard & Good 90/110 lbs. 60.00-70.00, 60/90 lbs. 40.00-60.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls No. 1, 90/125 lbs. 100.00-155.00; Hol. Heifers 80/120 lbs. 60.00-122.50.  
 HOGS 368...US No. 1, 225/255 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.00-52.00, 1-2 215/250 lbs. 50.00-51.00, 2-3 200/270 lbs. 49.00-49.85, 2-4 185/280 lbs. 45.00-48.75. US No. 1-3 270/650 lbs. sows 38.00-40.50, light weight 45.00, 2-3 240/575 lbs. 35.00-38.00. Boars 35.00-38.00.  
 FEEDER PIG 565...US No. 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 34.00-48.00, few No. 3, 25.00-32.00, 40/60 lbs. 43.00-56.00 --- all per head.  
 SHEEP 66...Choice 80/110 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 42.00-52.00, few 20/40 lbs. 185.00-235.00, Good 40/80 lbs. 30.00-40.00. Slaughter ewes 18.00-28.00 - all cwt.  
 GOATS 45...Large 50.00-95.00, Small 25.00-50.00 --- all per head.

## New Wilmington Livestock Auction

N. Wilmington, Pa.  
 Monday, December 17, 1990  
 Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 282...PDA...Compared with last weeks market: Slaughter cows steady to mostly 1.00 higher. Few Choice 1005/1180 lbs. slaughter steers 75.00-82.50, Select 73.00-78.00, few Standard 63.00-74.25; few Select & Choice Holsteins 70.00-72.50. Few Choice sl. heifers 73.00-81.00, few Select 65.00-70.00, few Standard 58.00-65.50, few Utility 48.00-51.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 49.75-52.50, few 55.00, low dressing down to 46.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 47.00-51.75, few 53.00, Canner & Low Cutter 38.50-47.25, Shells down to 34.00. One Standard bullock 56.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1125/1920 lbs. sl. bulls 58.25-61.50. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame No. 1, 345/550 lbs. steers 70.00-76.50, 1-2 550/860 lbs. 59.00-70.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 470/835 lbs. heifers 61.00-66.50, Large Frame No. 2, 445/610 lbs. 52.00-65.00. Few Medium and Large Frame No. 1, 320/455 lbs. bulls 87.00-100.00, 500/750 lbs. 53.50-73.00.  
 CALVES 285...One Choice vealer 81.00, Standard & Good 70/115 lbs. 35.00-60.00, Utility 40/95 lbs. 32.00-47.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls No. 1, 85/135 lbs. 90.00-129.00, few 80/85 lbs. 55.00-90.00, #2, 80/115 lbs. 60.00-116.00; No. 1, Hol. Heifers 90/105 lbs. 102.00-125.00, few 142.50. Beef cross 60/155 lbs. bulls & heifers 97.00-125.00, few 195.00.  
 HOGS 624...Barrows and gilts steady to 1.00 lower. Few US No. 1-2 220/250 lbs. 49.00-50.50, 1-3 215/255 lbs. 48.00-49.00, 2-3 220/260 lbs. 47.00-48.10, 2-4 220/275 lbs. 46.00-47.10, few 265/370 lbs. 40.00-46.00. Sows: strong to 3.00 higher. US No. 1-3 290/625 lbs. sows 40.00-46.00, few 2-3 445/615 lbs. 38.00-41.25, few Medium 285/475 lbs. 36.00-40.75. Boars 33.75-34.75, few 36.00, few light weights 31.00-33.75.  
 FEEDER PIGS 111...US No. 1-3 30/40 lbs. feeder pigs 25.00-30.00, 40/50 lbs. 30.00-36.00 --- all per head.  
 SHEEP 164...High Choice and Prime 85/110 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 46.00-50.00, Choice 85/105 lbs. 40.00-45.00, Good to low Choice 65/110 lbs. 39.00-45.00; NEW CROP; Choice & Prime 35/70 lbs. 70.00-88.00, 70/95 lbs. 50.00-70.00; Good & Choice 40/75 lbs. feeder lambs 22.00-35.00 - all cwt. Slaughter sheep 12.00-24.00, few 37.00.  
 GOATS 2...Medium 30.00 & 45.00 --- all per head.

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STOCK BULLS & STEERS (200 TO 400 LBS.) 70.00-105.00.  
 STOCK HEIFERS: 55.00-87.00.  
 SLAUGHTER STEERS: GOOD TO CHOICE 77.50-80.75; MEDIUM TO GOOD 68.00-76.00.  
 HOLSTEIN STEERS: HEAVY 62.00-68.00; LIGHT 57.00-63.00.  
 SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: GOOD TO CHOICE 74.50-78.50; MEDIUM TO GOOD 64.00-73.50.  
 BULLS: HEAVY 60.00-71.00; LIGHT 46.00-60.00.  
 COWS: FEW HIGH DRESSING 52.00-56.00; UTILITY HOLSTEIN 45.00-51.75; CANNERS 42.00-48.50; COMMERCIAL TO GOOD 43.00-47.00; CULL COWS 40.00 & DOWN.  
 VEALS: GOOD TO CHOICE 75.00-97.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 65.00-73.00.  
 BOB CALVES: 50.00.  
 HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES: RETURN TO FARM 100-120 LB. 100.00-134.00.  
 HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES: RETURN TO FARM 100-120 LB. 85.00-135.00.  
 HOGS: TOP QUALITY 48.00-49.10; HEAVY 47.00-48.50; LIGHT 40.00-44.75.  
 SOWS: 35.00-42.00.  
 MALE HOGS: 34.00-38.00.  
 BUTCHER LAMBS: 40.00-48.00.  
 SHEEP: 10.00-18.00.  
 EGGS: (PER DOZEN) LARGE 1.10 DOZ.; MEDIUM AND SMALL, NONE AVAILABLE.  
 LIVESTOCK PRICES ARE ALL GIVEN PER HUNDRED WEIGHT

## New Holland Horses

**New Holland Sales Stables**  
 New Holland, PA  
 Monday, Dec. 17, 1990  
 REPORT SUPPLIED BY AUCTION  
 REGISTERED RECEIPTS OF 331 HEAD OF HORSES, MULES AND PONIES. MARKET STRONGER.  
 DRIVING HORSES: 510.00-820.00.  
 RIDING HORSES: 475.00-810.00.  
 LIGHTWEIGHT KILLERS: 400.00-485.00.  
 HEAVYWEIGHT KILLERS: 550.00-760.00.  
 THIN HORSES: 200.00-325.00.  
 MARE PONIES: 45.00-200.00.  
 COLTS: 35.00-85.00.  
 GELDINGS: 45.00-200.00.  
 LARGER PONIES 260.00-410.00.

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