

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 31, 1990-JAN. 6, 1991
Full Snow Moon, Dec. 31.

Dec 31, 1904, a New Year's Eve tradition is born as revelers gather in New York's Times Square to watch an illuminated globe descend at midnight. Jan 1, 1801, on this first night of the 19th century, Sicilian astronomer Giuseppe Piazzi discovers the minor planet Ceres. Jan 6, 1759, Martha Dandridge Custis, widow of Daniel Parke Custis, is wed to George Washington. With the old Almanac and the old year leave the old vices tho' ever so dear.



Ask the Old Farmer: I was making oyster stew (shriveling the oysters) in an aluminum pan, went to sleep, and cremated them as hard as rocks, stuck tight to the pan. I have tried just about everything to get them out. Help! L. M. Va

First try a generous coat of baking soda just barely wet with water. Let it set overnight. Or try filling the pan with water and a small amount of cream of tartar. Boil the water for a few minutes and then clean.

Home Hints: Keep your potatoes from sprouting by placing an apple in with the potatoes.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: New Year's Eve is sprinkled with flakes, and 1991 begins cloudy and cold, with flurries. A snowstorm tucks in the weekend for a long winter's nap.
Greater New York-New Jersey: No quiet good-bye for this year! 1990 leaves in the midst of a snowstorm. Snow ends, then cold, with more snow for the weekend.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: A cold and snowy New Year's Eve. For the new year, snow, then clearing and becoming sunny in the south. Rain and snow on the weekend.
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: A snowstorm for New Year's Eve finishes out the old year. January has a sunny, mild beginning, but the weekend is rainy and cool.

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Produce Markets

Phila. Vegetables

Dec. 24, 1990

LIGHT RAIN 54-66
NO WIRES WILL BE ISSUED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 OR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26. THE PHILADELPHIA WHOLESALE MARKET WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY AND WILL REOPEN AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY. THE MARKET NEWS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED BOTH DAYS.
ARTICHOKES CA ctn 48s fair cond 12 00
ASPARAGUS OFFERINGS LIGHT GUATEMALA 5-kilo crt lge & std 30 00-31 00 few 32 00 sml 25 00-28 00
CHILE 5-kilo crt bchd 12s lge 35 00
BEANS ABOUT STEADY FL various bu containers Round Green type 13 00-14 00 one lot 12 00 fair qual low as 10 00 Handpicked 14.00-15 00 mos 14 00 few 13 00 few 17 00.

BEETS STEADY TX crt bchd 12s 7 00
BROCCOLI ABOUT STEADY CA ctn bchd 14s 10 00-11 00 mos 11 00 few 12 00 occ hgr 18s 11 50-12 00 lse crowns 13 00-14 00
BRUSSEL SPROUTS ABOUT STEADY CA 25-lb ctn 10.00-12.00 few 13 00-13 50 MEXICO 25-lb ctn 12.00
CABBAGE ABOUT STEADY 1-3/4 buctn & crt med green unless otherwise stated FL 8-8 50 Savoy type 9.00 Red few 14 00 GA 8 50 lge 7-7 50 NY 50-lb sks lge 3-3 50 mos 3 50 Red few 12 00 50-lb sks 6 50
CARROTS ABOUT STEADY 48-1 lb film bags in film sacks CA med-lge 11 00-13 00 FL med-lge 9 00- 10 00 CANADA med 9 00 50-lb sacks loose jumbo CA 10 00-12 00 FL 8 50-10 00 CANADA 9 00 ctn bchd 24s CA 10 00 few 10 50 miniature type FL ctn 20-12 oz film bags 5-5 50 CA ctn bchd 24s 11 00
CAULIFLOWER LOWER CA ctn film

wrpd 9s 9.00-10.00 12s 10.00-12.00 mos 10.00-11.00 few hgr.

CELERY 2 DOZEN ABOUT STEADY, OTHERS HIGHER CA ctn 2 doz 10 00-11 00 mos 11 00 few 12 00 2-1/2 doz 10 00-11 00 few 9 50 few 12 00 3 doz 9 00 FL ctn 2-1/2 doz 7 50-9 50 few 10 00 TX ctn 2 doz fair cond 7 00-8 00
CHINESE CABBAGE ABOUT STEADY FL celery crt 9 00 few 8 00 Bok Choy 10 00 CA 50-lb ctn Nappa 13 00
CORN OFFERING'S LIGHT FL wire-bound crt approx 4-1/2 doz Yellow offerings insufficient to quote White 10 00
CUCUMBERS 1-1/9 buctns & crts waxed medium unless otherwise stated FL 14 00-16 00 fair qual 10 00-12 00 sml 12 00-14 00 Pickles unwaxed sml- med few 30 00 MEXICO 14 00-15 00 fair qual 11 00-12 00 sml 12 00-13 00.

DAIKON OFFERINGS INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE.
EGGPLANT ABOUT STEADY FL 1-1/9 buctn med wrpd few 9 00
ENDIVE SLIGHTLY LOWER FL 1-1/9 buct 5 50-6 00 mos 6 00 few 5 00 CA ctn 24s 10 00
ESCAROLE SLIGHTLY LOWER FL 1-1/9 buct 5 50-6 00 mos 6 00 few 5 00
GARLIC CA 30-lb ctn per lb Colossal 1.10 Late Keeping Super Colossal 1.20 Colossal 1.17 Super jbo 1.17 Extra jbo 1 07 Jbo 1.03.
GREENS ABOUT STEADY crt & ctn approximately 1-1/2 bu bchd unless otherwise stated NC Collards & Kale 6-6 50 Mustard, Turnip Tops & Rape 6 50-7 00 Upland Cress 7 00 GA Collards 6-6 50 mos 6 50 Mustard, Turnip Tops & Rape

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