

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

NOV. 25-DEC. 1, 1991
Prune grapevines.

Nov. 26, 1832, the world's first streetcars, horse-drawn, stage coach-like carriages, make their debut on Fourth Avenue in New York City. Nov. 27, 1890, Boston residents send a written complaint to local police charging that it is unsafe to drive along country lanes in their horses and buggies because of "racing bicyclists attired in black tights and long mustaches."



Dec. 1, 1913, a new innovation, the drive-in gasoline station opens in Pittsburgh, Penn., selling only 30 gallons on opening day. Dec. 1, 1942, gasoline rationing begins in the United States. Reputation is off got without merit, and lost without desecry.

Ask the Old Farmer: Do you know the origin of the expression "the whole ball of wax"? F.F. Wise, Old bookbinders used to keep a ball of wax on their bench and with it collect all the tiny bits of gold leaf. When the ball reached a certain weight, it was sold for the gold in it and the bookbinders divided the return unless someone made off with the whole ball.

Home Hints: Withering cut flowers can be revived by putting very hot water in the vase.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: This wet week begins with heavy rain, then becoming colder, with rain continuing into December, and changing to snow in the mountains.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Briefly rainy and warm as the week begins, then becoming cooler with very light rain. Cloudy and seasonable to end the week.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rainy and warm to start the week, but a cold wave arrives midweek, bringing rain, snow in the west. December has a sunny start.
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Sunny days and cold nights followed by a long spell of stormy, rainy weather, heavier in the west. December begins sunny and mild.

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Eighty-Four Livestock

Eighty-Four, PA
Nov. 25, 1991

CATTLE 372... PDA...Compared with last week's market: Slaughter cows 1.00 to 1.50 higher. Few Choice slaughter steers 66.00-69.00, few Select 61.00-64.00; couple Select Holsteins 59.00, Standard 54.00-58.00. Few Choice sl. heifers 64.00-67.50, one high yielding 71.50, few Select 57.00-60.00. Breaking Utility &

Commercial sl. cows 44.00-47.50, couple 48.50, one 50.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 40.00-45.00, Canner and low Cutter 34.50-40.00, Shells down to 15.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1000/1940 lbs. sl. bulls 53.00-61.00, No. 2, 900/1600 lbs. 45.00-51.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 300/525 lbs. steers 78.00-90.00, few 210/280 lbs. 100.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 300/500 lbs. heifers 70.00-82.00, Small No. 1, 450/600 lbs. 56.00-60.00. Medium Frame

No. 1, 350/650 lbs. bulls 69.00-80.00, few 210/250 lbs. to 95.00, 800/900 lbs. 60.00-64.00.

CALVES 225... One Choice vealer 110.00, few Good 95.00-100.00, Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 65.00-82.00, 60/85 lbs. 50.00-70.00, Utility 45/55 lbs. 32.00-48.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls #1, 90/130 lbs. 95.00-162.50, No. 2, 80/120 lbs. 80.00-105.00; No. 1, 90/130 lbs. Hol Heifers 100.00-150.00, one 178.00. Beef cross 85/130 lbs. bulls and heifers 90.00-160.00.

HOGS 102... Barrows and Gilts: .50 to 1.00 lower. US No. 1-2 230/250 lbs. barrows and gilts 38.00-39.00, small lot 41.00, 1-3 225/260 lbs. 36.50-37.50, lot 2-3 280 lbs. 33.25, 1-3 160/178 lbs. 31.00-31.75. Few US No. 1-3 300/550 lbs. sows 34.00-33.00, 2-3 280/400 lbs. 29.00-31.00. Few Boars 24.00-27.00.

FEEDER PIGS 12... US No. 1-3 25/30 lbs. feeder pigs 11.00-20.00, one small lot 40 lbs. 23.00 --- per head.

SHEEP 153... WOOLED SLAUGHTER LAMBS: High Choice 90/120 lbs. woolled lambs 45.00-47.00, Choice 80/90 lbs. 40.00-44.00; Good & Choice 55/75 lbs. feeder lambs 40.00-43.50. Slaughter sheep 15.00-25.00. - all Cwt.

GOATS 29... Large 35.00-41.00, Medium 24.00-37.00, Small 14.00-22.00 --- all per head.

Commercial sl. cows 46.00-50.00, couple 51.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 43.00-47.00, Canner & Low Cutter 39.00-43.50, Shells 18.00. Couple Select sl. bullocks 57.50&58.10. Yield Grade No. 1, 1500/2060 lbs. sl. bulls 53.85-59.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame No. 1, 300/550 lbs. steers 64.00-74.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 300/550 lbs. heifers 56.00-65.00.

CALVES 84... Individual Good vealer 105.00, Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 64.00-73.00, 60/85 lbs. 50.00-62.00, few Utility 45/60 lbs. 30.00-46.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls No. 1, 90/125 lbs. 110.00-167.50, No. 2, 80/115 lbs. 80.00-115.00; No. 1, Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 120.00-160.00, one 172.50. Few Beef cross 80/115 lbs. bulls and heifers 100.00-125.00.

HOGS 110... Barrows and gilts: fully 2.00 lower. US No. 1-2 230/250 lbs. barrows and gilts 36.00-37.00, 1-3 240/260 lbs. 35.20-36.20, 2-3 245/280 lbs. 34.70-35.40. Sows: Few US No. 1-3 300/550 lbs. sows 33.00-38.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0... No market test - per head.

SHEEP 1... Slaughter sheep 14.00. - all Cwt.

GOATS 0... No market test - all per head.

Keister's Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, PA
Nov. 26, 1991

CATTLE 332... PDA...Few High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 73.75-74.75, Choice 1000/1450 lbs. 67.00-72.75, few Select 63.00-68.00, few Standard 55.00-59.00, few Utility 53.00-55.00; few Choice Holsteins 62.00-64.25, Select 59.00-63.00. Choice sl. heifers 64.00-68.00, one 70.50, few Select 60.00-63.00; few Select & Choice Holsteins 57.25-63.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 48.00-51.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 48.00-52.00, couple 53.00, Canner & low Cutter 43.00-47.75, Shells down to 39.00. Yield Grade No. 1,

Peoria Sheep

Peoria, IL
Nov. 26, 1991

SHEEP: 200 TRADING MODERATE. COMPARED WITH LAST TUESDAY SLAUGHTER LAMBS MOSTLY 2.00 HIGHER. SLAUGHTER LAMBS: CHOICE AND PRIME 115-125 LBS. 44.00-46.00, 100-115 LBS. 43.00

Mercer Livestock

Mercer, PA
Nov. 26, 1991

CATTLE 203... PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers and Heifers 1.00 higher; Cows 1.00 to 2.00 higher. High Choice 1500/1650 lbs. slaughter steers 55.00-61.50, Choice 65.50-70.00, couple 70.60; few Choice Holsteins 64.00-66.00, Select 62.25-65.00, few Standard 55.50-57.00. Choice sl. heifers 63.50-68.75, Select 60.00-63.50, few Standard 50.00-55.00. Breaking Utility &

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