

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

DEC. 23-29, 1991

Mexican Feast of the Radishes, Dec. 23.

Dec 23, 1938, a historical review at Carnegie Hall, *From Spiritual to Swing*, introduces the public to boogie-woogie music Dec. 25, 1651, a five shilling fine is ordered by the Massachusetts General Court for anyone caught "observing any such day as Christmas". Dec 26, 1836, the first settlers arrive at the British colony of Australia Dec 28, 1869, William F Semple of Mount Vernon, Ohio, patents his "acceptable" chewing gum *The merry in heart have a continual feast*



Ask the Old Farmer: The other evening my husband and I were discussing sleigh bells, when we realized that we didn't know why they were used So, why sleigh bells? PP, S C For the same reason that bikes have bells and autos have horns — to notify all hands that a sleigh was approaching Sleighs don't make any noise, neither do horses' hooves on snow

Home Hints Pour boiling water over nutshells and let stand overnight before cracking

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: The week begins with a snowstorm and cold wave, bringing a White Christmas to the Northeast! Partly cloudy and milder to close the week
Greater New York-New Jersey: Snowy and cold through Christmas, then clearing and turning sunny and milder Very cold with a few flurries for the weekend
Middle Atlantic Coastal: The week starts with seasonal weather, but look for a snowstorm for Christmas Eve and Day Then clear and mild, followed by severe cold
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Cold and rainy to start the week Sunny and milder by midweek, but switching back to rainy and cold, snow west, on the weekend

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Leesport Livestock

Leesport, PA
Dec. 18, 1991

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CATTLE 233...PDA... Supply included 28 feeder cattle and 89 steers and heifers ...Compared with last weeks market: Slaughter steers steady to 1.00 lower; Heifers steady; Cows 1.00 to 1.75 lower. Choice 1090/1400 lbs. sl. steers 66.00-69.00, couple 71.00, few 1400/1615 lbs. 63.50-65.00, few Select 62.50-66.00, couple lots down to 51.00, few Standard 56.25-63.75; Choice 1420/1700 lbs. Holsteins 60.00-62.50, one Prime 63.75, Select 56.75-60.50. Choice 900/1450 lbs. sl. heifers 63.00-68.50, Select 59.75-63.50, few 52.00, few Standard 50.50-58.25. Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 46.00-48.50, few to 49.75, Cutter and Boring Utility 45.00-49.00, Canner & low Cutter 40.00-45.00, Shells down to 32.00. One Choice sl. bullock 69.00, few Select 62.25-64.50, one Standard 58.75. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1375/1870 lbs. sl. bulls 59.50-64.25, one No. 2, 1095 lbs. 56.25. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Frame No. 1, 450/560 lbs. steers 62.00-69.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 465/525 lbs. heifers 56.00-60.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 360/600 lbs. bulls 64.00-73.00.

CALVES 150...One Choice vealer 100.00, few Standard and Good 80/100 lbs. 52.00-70.00, few 70/80 lbs. 46.00-52.00.

few Utility 50/70 lbs. 25.00-40.00. Farm Calves: No. 1, Holstein Bulls 90/130 lbs. 135.00-148, one 150.00, No. 2, 90/115 lbs. 90.00-142.50, few 80/90 lbs. 67.50-87.50; few No. 1, Hol. Heifers 90/135 lbs. 130.00-142.50, one 170.00; few Beef cross 80/120 lbs. bulls & heifers 77.50-162.50.

HOGS 279...BARROWS & GILTS: .25 to 1.25 lower. US No. 1-2 215/250 lbs. 38.00-38.25, lot 38.60, 1-3 210/265 lbs. 36.50-38.00, lot 35.75, few 2-4 285/330 lbs. 31.25-32.00, few 38.75, few 1-3 185/200 lbs. 35.00-36.25. SOWS: 1.00 to 1.50 higher. US No. 1-3 325/665 lbs. sows 26.75-29.00, few Medium 430/600 lbs. 24.50-25.50. Boars 23.50-23.75, few light wts. 26.50-30.50.

FEEDER PIGS 258...Few US No. 1-3 20/30 lbs. feeder pigs 100.00-130.00, 30/50 lbs. 68.00-75.00, 50/70 lbs. 55.00-65.00, few 2-3 35/65 lbs. 49.00-50.00. --- per hundredweight; few 15/20 lbs. 14.00. - per head.

SHEEP 78...Choice 50/115 lbs. wool lambs 40.00-51.00, few 40/45 lbs. New Crop 130.00-137.50, 45/70 lbs. 68.00-76.00, few 95.00. Slaughter sheep 14.00-29.50. - all Cwt.

GOATS 35...Large 40.00-52.00, few 86.00, Medium 35.00-46.00, Small 26.00-38.00 --- all per head.

Yield Grade No. 1, 1910 lbs. slaughter bulls 58.00 and 1925 lbs. 58.00, one No. 2, 1400 lbs. 53.10.

CALVES 102...Standard and Good 70/95 lbs. vealers 55.00-65.00, Utility 50/75 lbs. 50.00-55.00. FARM CALVES: No. 1, 90/125 lbs. Holstein bulls 120.00-160.00, No. 2, 80/120 lbs. 70.00-110.00; few Hol. Heifers 80/100 lbs. 60.00-100.00.

HOGS 102...BARROWS & GILTS: US No.1-2 225/240 lbs. barrows and gilts 40.10-42.00, few 2-3 255/270 lbs. 39.10-39.25 one lot 1-3 210 lbs. 37.35. US No. 1-3 300/485 lbs. sows 28.00-33.00. Few Boars 20.00-24.00.

FEEDER PIGS 160...US 1-3 25/45 lbs. feeder pigs 22.00-30.00, 60/125 lbs. 36.00-43.00, Utility 15/25 lbs. 10.00-13.00. --- all per head.

SHEEP 18...Few Choice 60/80 lbs. fall slaughter lambs 61.00-63.00. Slaughter sheep 14.00-25.00. - all Cwt.

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

HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS \$600.00-1275.00, couple \$1400.00 --- PER HEAD.

Belleville Livestock

Belleville, PA
Dec. 18, 1991

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CATTLE 135... PDA ...Few Select slaughter steers 59.00-65.10, few Standard 55.50-57.25. One Choice slaughter heifer 60.50, one Select 56.75, few Standard 48.50-56.10. Few Breaking Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 45.00-46.85, Cutter and Boring Utility 44.00-47.50, couple 49.50, Canner and low Cutter 38.50-43.00, Shells down to 33.00. Couple

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

December 16, 1991

Report Supplied by Auction

STEERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
GOOD COWS: 42.00-50.00.
CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 38.00-42.00.
BULLS: 53.00-58.50.
VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 99.00-160.00; 70-90 LBS. 60.00-99.00.
HOGS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
SOWS: 27.00-30.00.
FEEDER PIGS: 14.00-25.00.

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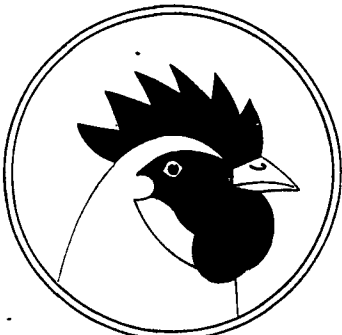
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