



DECEMBER 21-27, 1992

WINTER SOLSTICE, DEC. 21.

**A MODERN PASTIME**

December 21, 1913, marked the beginning of a new adult pastime, one which some might even call a safe, legal addiction. On that day, the first crossword puzzle was published in the *New York World's* Sunday supplement, *Fun*. The crossword took the modern world by storm as the craze swept the country and then traveled overseas to England. Although initially a fad, crosswords soon became a well-established habit. Devotees of the puzzles claim that they are not only challenging and fun but a great way to improve vocabulary. Today the crossword puzzle in its various forms is found in nearly every country and language, and in almost all daily papers in the U.S. and Great Britain.

*Well begun is half done.*

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Apply non-stick spray to the pan and your gelatin will slide out of the mold.

**EARTHWISE**

About 40% of the 2.5 billion disposable batteries sold in the U.S. every year are purchased at Christmas time. This year, consider buying some rechargeable batteries. Like all batteries, nickel cadmium (rechargeable) batteries contain toxic heavy metals, but because they can be reused up to 500 times, they represent hundreds of disposable batteries not polluting our planet (and hundreds of disposables not depleting your wallet). When dead, all batteries should be disposed of through hazardous waste programs.

**CRANBERRY SALAD**

- 2 cups raw cranberries
- 1 orange, washed and seeded
- 1 cup sugar
- juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 package lemon gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- pinch of salt

Chop cranberries and orange in food processor or blender. Combine fruit, sugar, and lemon juice and let mixture stand for several minutes. Dissolve gelatin in water and stir into cranberry mixture with salt. Pour into a 4-cup mold and refrigerate. Unmold when firm. Makes 8 servings.



**The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST**



**NORTHEAST:** Sunny and very mild, rain and some snow south and west

**SOUTHEAST:** Rainy and mild, sunny Florida, then colder, very warm north

**MIDWEST:** Sunny and mild, rainy east; then cold, rain, and snow

**NORTHWEST:** Seasonable with freezing rain and snow, cold wave, rain coast, snow mountains.

**SOUTHWEST:** Seasonable, rain and snow, colder, rainy, snow mountains, sunny California

**Four States Livestock**

Hagerstown, Md. Dec. 16, 1992

Report supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: 85 HEAD, STEADY PRICES. UTILITY 45.00-48.50; HIGH DRESSING SCARCE FEW TO 49.75; CANNERS 41.00-45.00; SHELLY 45.00 DOWN.

BULLS: YG#2 1100-2000 LBS. 55.00-58.00.

FED STEERS; HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1200-1400 LBS. 78.50-81.75; FEW 1400-1550 LBS. TO 80.75; AVG. CHOICE 1100-1300 LBS. 75.00-78.00; SELECT 67.00-74.00.

FED HEIFERS: CHOICE 1000-1150 LBS. 70.00-74.50; SELECT 65.00-70.00, SELECT HOLSTEINS 53.00-55.00.

VEAL CALVES: CHOICE 175-300 LBS. TO 93.50, GOOD 69.00-84.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 46.00-56.00; 50-80 LBS. 40.00-48.00; WEAK/ROUGH/THIN 39.00 DOWN.

FARM CALVES: 10.00 HIGHER. HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 90-120 LBS. 150.00-171.00; #2 120.00-150.00; 80-90 LBS. 75.00-115.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS: #1 95-120 LBS. 130.00-160.00; 80-90 LBS. 110.00-150.00; BEEF X BULLS TO 147.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 1.00 HIGHER. US#1-3 215-260 LBS. 40.50-41.75; #2&3 290-325 LBS. 32.00-35.50.

SOWS: 350-550 LBS. 29.00-33.75.

BOARS: 300 LBS. 28.00-31.25.

STOCK CATTLE: STEERS 300-500 LBS. 78.00-87.00; 500-700 LBS. 62.00-78.00; 700-900 LBS. 60.00-72.00; HOLSTEINS 200-300 LBS. TO 83.00; 500-800 LBS. 56.00-59.00.

HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 59.00-67.00, FEW TO 73.50; 500-700 LBS. 55.00-67.00, FEW TO 73.00; 700-800 LBS. 57.00-64.00.

BULLS: 300-500 LBS. 65.00-78.00; 500-700 LBS. 63.00-77.00; 700-800 LBS. 59.00-63.00.

DAIRY CATTLE: 29 HEAD. LARGE FRESH AND SPRINGING 850.00-1150.00; MEDIUM 700.00-800.00

AND SMALL 500.00-650.00; REG. HOLSTEIN BULL 900 LBS. AT 735.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS BY THE POUND, 400-700 LBS. 59.00-70.00; 700-900 LBS. 50.00-60.00.

SHEEP: AND LAMBS: FEW OFFERED, CHOICE 90 LBS. TO 74.00. GOATS: LARGE 50.00-70.00; MEDIUM 35.00-50.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 112 HEAD, STRONG DEMAND FOR LIGHT-WEIGHTS FOR SLAUGHTER. 20-30 LBS. 18.00-30.00, 1 LOT 14 LBS. AT 15.50, 35-50 LBS. 25.00-35.00; BY THE POUND, 100-140 LBS. 33.00-38.00; 150-190 LBS. 35.00-38.00.

**Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle**

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Wednesday, December 16, 1992

**\*\*ATTN DODGE CITY\*\***  
OKLAHOMA NATIONAL STOCK-YARDS WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY Compared to last week: Yearling feeder steers \$1.00-\$2.00 higher with good demand. Yearling heifer demand uneven; 600-700 lbs. steady to \$2.00 lower, over 700 lbs. steady. Brahma cross yearlings discounted heavily despite quality. Steer calves steady to \$2.00 lower with moderate demand. Heifer calves met light demand and sold \$2.00-\$5.00 lower. Weather was wet and cold and tough on calves. Most wheat pastures very boggy now and difficult or impossible to graze. Quality of supply mostly average to attractive, large end plain. Weigh-ups attractive, gaunt to average, few full. Much of calf supply was in thinner flesh conditions; short day weaned calves met tremendous resistance from buyers as weather wasn't kind to unconditioned calves. Slaughter cows \$3.00 higher. Slaughter bulls \$3.00-\$5.00 higher. Slaughter cattle trade very active; activity created by an expanded base of buyers and by a projected lull in cow marketing that normally occurs over the upcoming holidays. Receipts this week 5,523; last week 6,192; last year 7,346. Supply consisted of 60 percent yearlings

and calves over 600 lbs.; 36 percent calves; 4 percent cows and bulls. Bulk prices follow; weighted average prices in parenthesis:

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large Frame 1, 300-400 lbs. \$97.50-\$104.50 (\$103.98); 400-450 lbs. \$97.50-\$105.00 (\$101.30); 450-500 lbs. mostly thin \$92.00-\$99.50, slightly fleshy \$86.00-\$92.00 (\$93.52); 500-600 lbs. \$85.00-\$92.00 (\$88.39); 600-700 lbs. \$83.00-\$90.00, bulk \$86.00-\$89.00 (\$86.92); 700-800 lbs. \$85.50-\$88.50, Brahma crosses \$80.50-\$86.25 (\$86.11); 800-875 lbs. \$83.75-\$87.50 (\$85.31). Few Large Frame 2 Holsteins, 400-450 lbs. \$72.75-\$75.50; 500-750 lbs. \$65.50-\$70.50; lot 830 lbs. \$67.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large Frame 1, 300-375 lbs. \$85.50-\$90.50; 375-450 lbs. \$82.00-\$87.50 (\$84.80); 450-500 lbs. \$77.25-\$85.00 (\$81.70); 500-600 lbs. \$77.50-\$84.00 (\$80.17); 600-700 lbs. \$78.00-\$81.75 (\$79.89); 700-800 lbs. \$78.25-\$82.75 (\$79.81).

Replacement Heifers: 350-450 lbs. \$89.00-\$98.00; 500-750 lbs. \$83.00-\$84.50; 750-800 lbs. \$82.75-\$83.50; lot 870 lbs. \$81.00.

Slaughter Cows: Cutter, Boning and Breaking Utility Y.G. 1-4 average dressing \$44.00-\$47.00; high dressing \$48.00-\$51.00; low dressing \$42.00-\$44.00. Canner over 800 lbs. \$37.00-\$42.00

Slaughter Bulls: Y.G. 1 1325-2025 lbs. average dressing \$59.00-\$61.50; high dressing \$60.50-\$62.75, low dressing or fleshy \$55.00-\$58.00.

Replacement Cows: Pre-tested for Bangs, Pregnancy, and Age. Medium Frame Average Quality Cows: Heifer to 5 year old 725-975 lbs. 4-6 months bred \$69.00-\$79.00/cwt. 8-9 year old 775-1100 lbs. 3-5 months bred \$47.00-\$54.00/cwt. 10+ year old 800-1200 lbs. 3-6 months bred \$40.00-\$43.00/cwt

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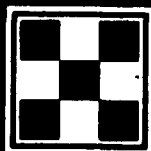


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