



DECEMBER 20 26, 1993

WINTER SOLSTICE, DEC. 21.

**HALCYON DAYS**

The legend of the halcyon days begins in ancient times with Halcyon, the daughter of Aeolus and wife of Ceyx. While en route to consult the oracle at Claros, Ceyx was drowned. Upon finding her beloved's body washed ashore, Halcyon threw herself into the sea, whereupon she and Ceyx were transformed into kingfishers. They were given the power to still the stormy winter seas for seven days before and after the solstice while they built their nest on the water and hatched their young. So today we have the halcyon days, those days of lovely, tranquil weather in honor of the birds who calm the seas and the grieving wife who gave them her name.



*There came the halcyon, whom the sea obeys, / When she her nest upon the water lays.*

— William Shenstone

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Spread an old sheet under the ironing board before ironing large tablecloths to prevent them picking up dirt.

**EARN WISE**

Dishwashers use an average of 5.8 fewer gallons of water per load than hand washing the same amount of dishes. If your washer has multiple water distribution points, high velocity wash action, and self-cleaning filter, you don't even need to pre-rinse. For older dishwashers, try scraping the plates with a rubber spatula before loading rather than rinsing. Of course, burned-on food will still require pre-soaking... perhaps while you linger over coffee and pie?



**BROCCOLI-CHEDDAR CASSEROLE**

- 2 pounds broccoli, chopped
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 3 cups cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup minced scallions
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup wheat germ
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Steam broccoli until tender; place in 9x13-inch baking dish. Combine eggs, cheeses, and scallions and pour over broccoli. Melt butter, stir in wheat germ and cook for 1 or 2 minutes. Sprinkle broccoli with Parmesan then wheat germ and bake at 350° for 25 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.

**The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST**



**NORTHEAST:** Rain and snow; clearing, turning colder; then snow, rain south.

**SOUTHEAST:** Rainy and cold; sunny and cool coast; cold, some flurries, frost northern Florida.

**MIDWEST:** Clear and cold, some flurries; then turning milder; snow and freezing rain north.

**NORTHWEST:** Heavy rain coast, snow mountains, cold; then sunny and warming with some rain and freezing rain

**SOUTHWEST:** Clear; scattered showers in the mountains; seasonable.

**Eighty-Four Livestock**

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, December 13, 1993

Report Supplied by Auction

CATTLE 274. STEERS, SELECT 62.25-66.00; STANDARD 56.50-61.50; UTILITIES 55.00 AND DOWN. HEIFERS: STANDARD 54.50-60.00; UTILITIES 54.00 AND DOWN. COWS: UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 43.50-47.50, A FEW AT 49.00; CUTTERS, BONERS AND UTILITIES 40.50-43.00; CANNERS AND LOW CUTTERS 37.00-40.00; SHELLS 36.00 AND DOWN.

BULLS: #1 56.00-64.00; #2 44.00-55.50.

FEEDER STEERS: 200-300 LBS. 68.00-91.00; 300-500 LBS. 60.00-77.00; 500-800 LBS. 51.00-75.00.

HEIFERS: 200-300 LBS. 69.00-84.00; 300-500 LBS. 51.00-74.00; 500-800 LBS. 49.50-67.00.

BULLS: 200-300 LBS. 60.00-91.00; 300-500 LBS. 52.00-79.00; 500-800 LBS. 50.00-70.00.

FEEDER CALVES: 191 HEAD. VEALERS CHOICE 91.00-100.00; GOOD 79.00-90.00; STANDARD AND GOOD 62.50-78.00; UTILITIES 60.00 AND DOWN.

FARM CALVES, HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 135.00-172.50; #2 105.00-130.00; BEEF BULLS 90.00-185.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90.00-170.00; BEEF HEIFERS 85.00-185.00.

HOGS: 110 HEAD. #1&2 220-260 LBS. 37.50-38.70; #1&3 300 LBS. 32.75-34.00. SOWS: UNDER 500 LBS. 25.25-27.50; OVER 500 LBS. 31.00-32.00.

BOARS: 26.00-28.00. FEEDER PIGS: #1&3 20-40 LBS. 14.00-22.00 HEAD; 50-60 LBS. 27.00-30.00; #2&3 150 LBS. 26.32; UTILITIES 10.00 AND DOWN, ALL BY THE HEAD.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: 251 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 25-50 LBS. 90.00-109.00; 50-75 LBS. 85.00-96.00; CHOICE 50-75 LBS. 80.00-86.00; 75-100 LBS. 70.00-79.00; 125 LBS. 56.00; FEEDER LAMBS GOOD AND CHOICE 69.00-80.50; UTILITIES 66.00 AND

DOWN; EWES 25.00-34.00.

GOATS: 53 HEAD. LARGE 39.00-59.80; MEDIUM 30.00-33.00; SMALL 20.00-25.00.

2 HORSES, TOTAL PRICE PER HEAD AT 683.00-777.00; PONY AT 25.00 HEAD.

**Leesport Livestock Auction**

Leesport, Pa.

Wednesday, December 15, 1993

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 243. PDA Supply included 74 slaughter steers and heifers, 41 feeder cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market: sl. steers weak to .50 lower; sl. cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher. STEERS: Choice 1000/1400 lbs. 67.00-69.00, few 73.00, Select 62.50-67.00. HOLSTEINS: Few Choice 1330/1600 lbs. 62.00-63.50, few Select 60.00-62.75, few Standard 54.00-58.00. HEIFERS: Few Choice 63.50-67.50, Select 60.00-64.50. COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 47.00-50.75, few 53.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 46.00-50.25, few down 43.50, Canner & low Cutter 42.00-45.00. Shells down to 36.00. BULLOCKS: One Choice 76.75, few Select 61.00-65.25. BULLS: Few Yield Grade No. 1 1400/2010 lbs. 55.75-60.50, one 65.50, two No. 2 1270/2000 lbs. 52.00. FEEDER CATTLE: Steers: Few Medium and Large Frame No. 1 400/420 lbs. 70.00-82.00. Heifers: Lot Medium Frame No. 1, 540 lbs. 69.50, few Large Frame No. 2, 600/785 lbs. 57.00-64.50. Bulls: Few Medium Frame No. 1, 425/520 lbs. 76.00-77.00.

CALVES 188. VEALERS: One Choice 110.00, one Good 85.00, few Standard and Good 70/105 lbs. 50.00-62.50, few Utility 55/75 lbs. 35.00-45.00. RETURNED TO FARM: No. 1 Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 140.00-175.00, No. 2 80/120 lbs. 100.00-150.00, few down 67.50; No. 1 Holstein heifers 90/115 lbs. 170.00-215.00, few No. 2, 80/90 lbs. 75.00-120.00. Beef cross 85/115 lbs. bulls and heifers 105.00-155.00.

HOGS 231. Barrows and gilts steady to weak, sows steady to strong. BARROWS AND GILTS: Two lots US No. 1-2

250/260 lbs. 39.60 & 40.00, 1-3 220/270 lbs. 38.60-39.60, 2-3 240/280 lbs. 37.75-38.75, two lots 2-4 315/325 lbs. 30.50 & 34.00, few 1-3 160/210 lbs. 34.50-40.00. SOWS: US No. 1-3 300/475 lbs. 29.25-31.75, one 34.00, 485/730 lbs. 32.50-33.25. BOARS: few 29.25-30.25.

FEEDER PIGS 241. All pigs sold for slaughter to Holiday market. US No. 1-3 20/30 lbs. 120.00-160.00, 30/40 lbs. 90.00-110.00, 40/60 lbs. 75.00-90.00. --- per cwt; Lot 1-3 20 lbs. 39.00, lot Utility 15 lbs. 17.00 per head.

SHEEP 56. Few Choice 20/30 lbs. slaughter lambs 150.00-200.00, few 35/55 lbs. 100.00-125.00, few 60/110 lbs. 61.00-75.00; few Good and Low Choice 50/60 lbs. 62.50-87.50; few Utility and Good 40/95 lbs. 47.50-54.00. Slaughter sheep: Few 23.00-26.00.

GOATS 12. Few Large 52.50-82.50, few Large Kids 40.00-50.00. --- all per head.

**New Holland Dairy**

New Holland Sales Stables

Wednesday, December 15, 1993

Report supplied by auction

DAIRY COWS 149; HEIFERS 227 AND 10 BULLS. MARKET STEADY. LOCAL FRESH COWS 535.00-1260.00.

FRESH HEIFERS 815.00-1410.00. LOCAL SPRINGERS 885.00-1215.00. UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 1150.00-1500.00.

BETTER FRESH COWS 1350.00-1475.00.

HERD OF 44 HEAD ALL STAGE COWS 650.00-1325.00.

JERSEY COWS FRESH 610.00-825.00, 2 JERSEYS MID LACT. 250.00-400.00.

SPRINGING HEIFERS LARGE 1150.00-1275.00, SMALL 825.00-1050.00.

SHORTBRED HEIFERS 550.00-950.00.

OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS 600.00-750.00, SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 285.00-325.00.

REGISTERED HEIFERS 1015.00-1310.00.

BULLS: 310.00-1035.00.

HERD OF 41 HEAD ALL STAGE COWS 610.00-1250.00.

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DECEMBER 20 THRU JANUARY 8, 1994

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