



DEC. 27 - JAN. 2, 1994

FULL COLD MOON, DEC. 28.

FIRST FOOTER

The first person to cross the threshold in the new year, the "first footer," will bring either good or bad luck into the house for the year. Although this custom is known in countries from Ireland to China, it is particularly well-observed in Scotland and parts of England. Generally a tall, dark male brings the best luck, but in some regions fair men (especially redheads) are preferred. Regardless of his looks, the visitor must never, ever arrive empty-handed. Traditional gifts are a piece of coal for the fire, a loaf of bread, and a glass of whiskey for the master of the house.



*Let us th' important now employ,
And live as those who never die.*

— Robert Burns, New Year's Day, 1790

TIP OF THE WEEK

Use steam to loosen dried-on food in the microwave: briefly boil a cup of water then wipe interior clean.

EARTHWISE

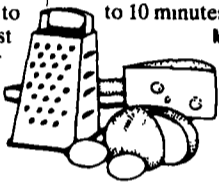
Since January 2 marks the 20th anniversary of the 55 mph highway speed limit, it's a good time to reflect on our crude oil consumption, both private and national. Although the "energy crisis" is considered to be over, in fact it will never be over since fossil fuels are nonrenewable. As we stand at the threshold of another new year, continuing our inexorable march to the next century, we must seriously consider our alternatives. We'll be looking at some of those in the next few weeks.

CHEESY NUT WAFERS

- 1 pound sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- cayenne pepper to taste
- 1 cup finely chopped pecan pieces

Cream together cheese and butter. Add flour, salt, and pepper and mix well. Stir in nuts. Shape into a roll and refrigerate for 2 hours or more. Cut into 1/4-inch slices. Bake at 350° F for 8 to 10 minutes.

Makes 60 to 70 wafers.



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST



NORTHEAST: Snow, severe cold; clearing briefly then snow and freezing rain.

SOUTHEAST: Clear and mild; turning colder; freezing rain and snow; scattered showers Florida.

MIDWEST: Sunny and mild; then cold, light snow, freezing rain.

NORTHWEST: Cold and snowy; warmer and rain on the coast.

SOUTHWEST: Clear and warm east; cold, light rain and snow north and west; hot southern California; then clear and seasonable.

Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Wednesday, December 22, 1993

ATTENTION DODGE CITY ** OKLAHOMA NATIONAL STOCK-YARDS WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY: Compared to last week: Feeder steers and steer calves steady to \$1.00 higher, most advance on 800-900 lbs.. Feeder heifers and heifer calves steady to \$2.00 higher. Trade active on light pre-holiday supplies. Demand excellent for both calves and yearlings. Quality average and attractive. Flesh mostly in buyers favor, slightly thin to average. Weigh-ups mostly average to gaunt. Slaughter cows fully \$2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls firm to \$1.00 higher. Demand from packers continue good as supplies shorten. Total of 451 cows and bulls sold. Receipts this week 3,213; last week 7,580; last year 2,629. Supply consisted of 63 percent yearlings and few calves over 600 lbs.; 22 percent calves under 600 lbs.; 15 percent cows

and bulls. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large Frame 1: 350-400 lbs. (363 lbs.) \$113.00-\$115.00 (\$113.89); 400-450 lbs. (436 lbs.) \$99.50-\$111.00 (\$106.83); 450-500 lbs. (466 lbs.) \$98.00-\$104.50 (\$102.45); 500-550 lbs. (533 lbs.) \$89.25-\$97.00 (\$94.52); 550-600 lbs. (582 lbs.) \$88.00-\$91.50 (\$90.45); 600-650 lbs. (625 lbs.) \$85.50-\$91.50 (\$88.34); 650-700 lbs. (677 lbs.) \$85.50-\$89.75 (\$87.51); 700-800 lbs. (750 lbs.) \$84.50-\$86.50 (\$85.59) 800-900 lbs. (850 lbs.) \$81.75-\$86.00 (\$83.71); 900-950 lbs. (919 lbs.) \$78.35-\$81.25 (\$80.06); 1000-1050 lbs. (1021 lbs.) \$73.50-\$74.85 (\$74.06). Holstein Steers: Large Frame 2: pkg 520 lbs. \$77.50; few 700-825 lbs. \$62.25-\$65.00. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large Frame 1: pkg 290 lbs. \$105.00; 350-400 lbs. (357lbs.) \$99.00-\$100.00 (\$99.54); 400-450 lbs. (436lbs.) \$88.75-\$99.00 (\$93.01); 450-500 lbs. (470 lbs.) \$84.00-\$90.00 (\$87.00); 500-600 lbs. (550 lbs.) \$84.50-\$89.00 (\$87.09), pkg thin

\$95.75; 600-700 lbs. (650 lbs.) \$82.25-\$85.75 (\$83.14); 700-800 lbs. (750 lbs.) \$77.75-\$82.25 (\$79.13); 800-850 lbs. (817 lbs.) \$75.00-\$81.50 (\$78.06). Slaughter Cows: Cutter, Boning and Breaking Utility Y.G. 1-4 average dressing \$45.00-\$48.50; high dressing \$48.50-\$51.50, very high dressing \$52.25-\$52.75; low dressing \$41.00-\$44.50. Canner and low Cutter \$35.50-\$39.50. Slaughter Bulls: Y.G. 1 1575-1975 lbs. average dressing \$57.00-\$60.00; few high dressing and high boning \$61.00-\$62.00. Replacement Cows: Pre-tested for Bangs, pregnancy and age Medium and Large Frame 1 average quality: 6-8 yrs old 1025-1475 lbs. 6-8 months bred \$650.00-\$775.00/hd 9-10 yrs old 900-1250 lbs. 5-8 months bred \$475.00-\$550.00/hd lot 1435 lbs. 6-8 months bred \$655.00/hd. Pairs: Medium and Large Frame 1 5-7 year old 900-1100 lb. cows with 100-150 lb. calves \$735.00-\$790.00/pair.

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