



DECEMBER 12-18, 1994

FULL COLD MOON, DECEMBER 17.

SATURNALIA

From December 17 to 23, the ancient Romans stopped all work and celebrated the festival of Saturnalia. A tribute to the winter solstice as well as Saturn, the god of agriculture, Saturnalia was a time to celebrate the fecundity of the fields and the people. But it was also a time when schools were closed, war making ceased, and all men whether slave or free, rich or poor, were declared equal. Anger, resentments, and threats were against the law. Libanius, a fourth-century Greek, wrote "A stream of presents pours itself out on all sides. It may justly be said that it is the fairest time of the year." Little wonder that the early Christian church incorporated many aspects of this pagan festival into the Christian feast day it later became.



The merry in heart have a continual feast.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't store soft and crisp cookies in the same container or the crisp cookies will soon become limp.

EARTHWISE

Every year it's the same thing "Batteries not included." It comes as no surprise that about 40% of the 2.5 billion disposable batteries sold annually in the U.S. are purchased at this time of year. And a sizable portion of them are disposed of early in the New Year. This year, give yourself and the planet a present. The new breed of rapid-charge batteries and chargers virtually eliminate the disadvantages of nicad batteries and save you a bundle.



FAVORITE CUTOUT COOKIES

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- dash of salt

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, vanilla, and dry ingredients, mixing well. Chill dough. Roll out on floured pastry cloth to about 1/8 inch thick. Cut out and place on lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake at 375° F for 7 to 8 minutes, until lightly browned. Decorate as desired when cool.

Makes 4 to 6 dozen.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST



NORTHEAST: Clear and mild, rainy and cold south, freezing rain, snow west, turning cold, snow east.

SOUTHEAST: Clear and cool, freezing rain west, light rain east, then sunny, cold, snowy west.

MIDWEST: Freezing rain and snow, very cold north and east, snowstorm central.

NORTHWEST: Clear and cold, some showers coast, clearing; snow mountains.

SOUTHWEST: Clear and cold; rain desert, snow mountains, clear, warming; frosty nights; cooling, light snow mountains.

Carlisle Livestock Market

Carlisle, Pa.

Tuesday, December 6, 1994

Report Supplied by Auction
SLAUGHTER: STEERS, NO CHOICE OFFERED! SELECT 850-1100 LBS. 53.00-59.75; HEIFERS, NO CHOICE OFFERED; SELECT 850-1100 LBS. 55.00-60.00; **SLAUGHTER COWS** BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 40.50-43.25, CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 40.00-44.00, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 36.00-39.75, BIG MIDDLE 38.75-40.25; **SHELLY** 35.00 AND DOWN; **FEEDER CATTLE, FEEDER STEERS** 450-850 LBS. 58.00-68.00; **FEEDER HEIFERS** 450-850 LBS. 51.00-64.00; **FEEDER BULLS** 550-850 LBS. 53.50-61.00.

CALVES: NO CHOICE OFFERED; VEALERS GOOD 75.00-85.00; STANDARD AND GOOD 40-110 LBS. 30.00-65.00; **CALVES RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS** #1 90-125 LBS. 120.00-142.50, #2 85-130 LBS. 100.00-119.00; **BEEF X BULLS** TO 140.00, **BEEF X HEIFERS** TO 130.00.

SWINE: HOGS US#1-3 210-270 LBS. 25.00-34.75, 300-410 LBS. 30.00-33.25; **SOWS** US#1-3 350-550 LBS. 17.00-21.00; **BOARS** OVER 350 LBS. 15.00-17.25. **FEEDER PIGS: BY THE HEAD, 15-25 LBS.** 13.00-21.00, 30-45 LBS.

19.00-23.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, MEDIUM TO LARGE BILLIES 80.00-145.00, MEDIUM TO LARGE NANNIES 54.00-75.00, **FLESHY KIDS** 40.00-59.00, **SMALL KIDS** 25.00-39.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 35-55 LBS. 100.00-150.00, 60-80 LBS. 90.00-99.00, 85-130 LBS. 73.00-94.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 26.00-43.00. **NEXT STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG** SALE FRIDAY, DEC. 9. SALE TIME 1:30 P.M., GRADING 7-11 A.M.

SPECIAL GOAT AND LAMB SALE FOR THE HOLIDAYS TUES., DEC. 13 AND 20. RECEIVING 9 A.M.-5 P.M. SALE TIME 7 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., DEC. 20, APPROX. 8 P.M. **DECEMBER STATE GRADED PIG** SALES WILL BE FRI., DEC. 9 AND 23, 1:30 P.M. SALE. RECEIVING 7 A.M.-11 A.M.

DIRECT HOG BASE PRICE AT PLANT FOR WED., DEC. 7, IS 29.88.

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, PA

Tuesday, December 6, 1994

Report supplied by Auction

STEERS: 14. CHOICE HOLSTEINS, 1140 AND 1255 LBS. 61.50 AND 63.75; **SELECT** 1100-1240 LBS. 58.00-59.50;

STANDARD 1270-1450 LBS. 47.75-49.50.

COWS: 125 HEAD. BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 41.00-43.75; **CUTTER** AND BONING UTILITY 38.75-40.75; **CANNER** AND LOW CUTTER 35.75-38.50; **SHELLS** 35.75 DOWN.

BULLS: 4 HEAD. YG#1 1445-1620 LBS. 50.25-51.25; **YG#2** 48.25.

CALVES: 152 HEAD. CHOICE CALVES 45.00-75.00; **GOOD** 85-105 LBS. 35.00-42.00; **STANDARD** AND **GOOD** 75-90 LBS. 35.00-40.00; **UTILITIES** 50-65 LBS. 25.00-35.00; **US#1** HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES 90-120 LBS. 115.00-135.00; **#2** 90-100 LBS. 105.00-125.00; **#1** HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES 95-115 LBS. 185.00-200.00; **#2** HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES 95-110 LBS. 130.00-150.00; **BEEF** CROSS BULL AND HEIFER CALVES 85-95 LBS. 122.00-135.00.

SOWS: 16 HEAD. US#1&3 335-530 LBS. 15.50-19.50; **#2&3** 340-450 LBS. 14.50-16.50.

BOARS: 5 HEAD. 405-685 LBS. 14.50-16.50; 220-280 LBS. 17.50-19.00.

HOGS: 119 HEAD. #1&2 245 LBS. 31.60; **#1&3** 215-255 LBS. 27.00-31.00; **#2&3** 280-325 LBS. 27.00-30.75.

QUALITY PULLET HOUSES AVAILABLE

- * 36,000 - Available Now, Cup & Cart Feed
- * 65,000 - January 1, Cup & Flat Chain
- * 95,000 - March 1, Nipple & Flat Chain

Option to use any Feed and Breed of Bird

Contact: LORRAINE

HESS MILLS
PURINA CHOWS

Paradise, PA 17562
 800-635-3592

Silo-Matic.

• Unloader & Feeder Equipment
 • TMR Mixer

FICKES
 SILO COMPANY, INC.
 NEWVILLE, PENNSA 17241

717-776-3129

WANTED

Finishing Contracts

- 2200 Head Facilities
- 60 Miles From Lancaster Or Harrisburg
- Populate December 1994
- Single Source P.I.C. Feeder Pigs

Sow Contracts

- 300 Sows and Up

PURINA MILLS
 800-873-5300

HOOPER

C.B. HOOPER & SON, INC
 Intercourse, PA
 (717) 768-8231

HOOPER EQUIPMENT, INC
 Middletown, DE
 (302) 378-9555.

TWO LOCATIONS
The Saving Place

YOUR GIFT HEADQUARTERS FOR FARM TOYS

15% to 40% OFF
 Through December

LARGE SELECTION! OVER 900 DIFFERENT ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM!

WE SHIP PARTS DAILY
 Via FED. EXP. - UPS - PPSH - BUS - AIR FREIGHT, ECT.

HOURS
 Mon.-Fri. 7 AM-5 PM; Sat.: 7 AM Noon

CALL US... It Could Be We Have It

Case IH
 Authorized UPS Station

YOU STAY PUT
 Pick Up Your Phone And Place Your Parts Order With Us