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BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26.

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Why is the day after Christmas called Boxing Day? Is it really, as some people assume, because of the many boxes being returned to the stores? Or the piles of empty boxes stacked up in the recycling bin? Actually, the name originated in the old custom of giving Christmas gifts to servants and tradespeople on the day after Christmas. The original boxes were made of earthenware which was quickly broken open to obtain the money gift inside. Nowadays, the money gift is usually contained in a greeting card and given before the holiday. Where celebrated (Great Britain, Canada, and Australia), Boxing Day is welcomed as a quiet day of recuperation from the season's more hectic festivities.



The gift bringer always finds an open door.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Felt weather stripping glued to the underside of rocking chair runners will cut down on noise and scratched floors.

EARTHWISE

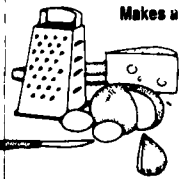
If the holidays leave you with a flood of empty boxes, cans, and bottles to be flattened, sorted, and "de-labeled," help is at hand. The Scavenger™ Tool by the Bitterroot Company is a nifty device equipped with two retractable, replaceable blades (straight and hooked) for cutting boxes and bottle collars, a label scraper, a staple remover, even a magnet for separating tin and aluminum. It's available directly from the company for \$9.95 plus \$3.25 shipping and handling. To order, call 1-800-775-5535.

CHEESE STICKS

- 1 pound sharp cheddar cheese, finely grated
- 4 tablespoons butter, softened
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper salt

Combine cheese and butter. Mix together flour and pepper and blend into cheese mixture. Roll out on a floured board and cut into 2x1/2-inch rectangles. Sprinkle with salt. Bake on ungreased cookie sheets at 400° F for 8 to 10 minutes.

Makes about 9 dozen.



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST



NORTHEAST: Snow, cold, then clearing, milder south, cold, snow, freezing rain west; clear and cold east

SOUTHEAST: Seasonable and sunny, rain, cool Florida, cold with freezing rain and snow; clearing and warming

MIDWEST: Cold, flurries, heavy snow north and east, milder, clearing, some rain east, very cold north

NORTHWEST: Clear, cold, snow mountains, mild, flurries east, cold and snowy, very cold east.

SOUTHWEST: Sunny and mild, hard frost desert, clearing warm, cold, snowy mountains, rain California.

Keister's Middleburg Auction
MIDDLEBURG, PA
December 20, 1994

CATTLE 505... PDA ..sl. steers mostly steady to .50 higher, cows .25 to 1.25 higher. **STEEERS:** Choice 1050/1480 lbs. 64.75-70.25, two head 71.25 & 72.25, few Select 60.00-64.00. **HOLSTEINS:** Choice 1200/1480 lbs. 60.00-63.75, one 65.25, Select 55.00-59.50, few Standard 47.00-52.00. **HEIFERS:** few Choice 1080/1400 lbs. 64.75-70.00, few Select 56.25-64.25, few Select Holsteins 49.00-56.75. **COWS:** Breaking Utility and Commercial 41.00-45.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 40.00-44.50, couple 45.75, Canner and Low Cutter 35.50-40.00. Shells down to 30.00. **BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1 925/1835 lbs. 47.50-54.00, individuals 58.00 & 64.00. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers: Medium & Large Frame No. 1 435/685 lbs. 56.00-71.00, Large Frame No. 2 375/500 lbs. 50.00-60.00; Heifers: Medium Frame No. 1 350/700 lbs. 46.00-60.00, few Large Frame No. 1 440/540 lbs. 64.00-70.00; Bulls: Medium Frame No. 1 350/750 lbs. 51.00-64.00. **CALVES 221...** VEALERS: few Good 66.00-80.00, Standard and Good 75/100 lbs. 45.00-50.00, Utility 55/85 lbs. 25.00-40.00. **FARM CALVES:** No. 1 Holstein bulls 85/125 lbs. 90.00-140.00, No. 2 80/120 lbs. 50.00-95.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 85/115 lbs. 175.00-200.00, No.

2 70/100 lbs. 100.00-160.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 70/95 lbs. 65.00-125.00. **HOGS 287...** (12/19 & 20/94)..Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 1 230/250 lbs. 38.50-40.75, US 1-2 220/250 lbs. 34.50- 38.25, US 1-3 210/265 lbs. 32.00-34.25, few US 2-3 275/350 lbs. 26.50-32.00. **SOWS:** US 1-3 330/690 lbs. 18.00-24.50, few Medium 15.00-18.00. **BOARS:** 175/600 lbs. 14.00-17.00. **FEEDER PIGS 212...** US 1-3 20/40 lbs. 10.00-17.00, 45/85 lbs. 18.00-26.00, one 100 lbs. 41.00. --- per head. **SHEEP 82...** Woolled lambs: Choice 60/90 lbs. 78.00-96.00, few 30/50 lbs. 140.00- 155.00, Good and Choice 40/80 lbs. 70.00-75.00. Slaughter sheep: 22.00-34.00. **GOATS 36...** Large 55.00-130.00, Medium & Small Kids 24.00-53.00. --- per head.

HEIFERS. LIGHT SUPPLY HOLSTEIN STEERS, BARELY 10% COWS.
SLAUGHTER STEERS: CHOICE 2-4 1025-1300 LBS. 65.00-66.50; LIMITED SUPPLY 2-3 1100-1350 LBS. 66.50-67.00. MIXED SELECT AND CHOICE 2-3 950-1250 LBS. 62.00-65.00. SELECT 2-3 925-1225 LBS. 59.00-62.00. **HOLSTEIN STEERS:** FEW CHOICE 2-3 1250-1450 LBS. 57.00-59.00. MIXED SELECT AND CHOICE 2-3 1000-1400 LBS. 54.00-57.00. SELECT 2-3 925-1275 LBS. 50.00-54.00. **SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** CHOICE 2-4 900-1200 LBS. 64.00-65.50, 2-3 950-1250 LBS. 65.50-66.00. MIXED SELECT AND CHOICE 2-3 850-1175 LBS. 61.00-64.00; SELECT 2-3 825-1175 LBS. 58.00-61.00. **SLAUGHTER COWS:** BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 2-4 35.00-38.00, HIGH YIELDING BREAKING UTILITY 38.00-40.00. CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1-2 37.00-40.00; HIGH YIELDING 1-2 40.00-41.00. CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 1-2 33.00-36.00. SHELLY CANNER 1-2 29.00-33.00. **BULLS:** YIELD GRADE 1-2 1250-1700 LBS. 44.00-50.00, INDIVIDUAL YIELD GRADE 1 52.00. THIS REPORT IS A SERVICE OF THE USDA AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET NEWS (217) 782-4925.

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