



JAN. 30-FEB. 5, 1995

CHINESE NEW YEAR, JANUARY 31.

SIX WEEKS OF WINTER?

Traditionally, Candlemas Day (February 2) was the day to determine the timing for sowing and planting. Sunshine on Candlemas Day indicated a return of winter. In some areas, an animal was part of the folklore. A bear brought the news in France and England, while Germany had its badgers. German immigrants to Pennsylvania in the 1800s brought the legend to America. Finding no badgers, but lots of groundhogs, they adopted the New World species to fit the lore, and in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, a star was born!

*If Candlemas Day be warm and bright,
Winter will take another bite,
But if Candlemas Day brings cold and rain,
Winter is gone, and won't come again.*



TIP OF THE WEEK

Revive limp lettuce and celery by placing in a pan of cold water with a couple slices of raw potato.

CHINESE CHICKEN STEW

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon powdered ginger
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 scallions, chopped
- 3 pounds chicken breasts, skinned
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 cup fresh snow peas, sliced into silvers

Make a marinade of oil, soy sauce, chili powder, ginger, garlic, and scallions. Pour over chicken and chill for one hour. In a large skillet bring broth to boil; add chicken, reduce heat, and simmer for one hour or until chicken is tender. Five minutes before serving add mushrooms and snow peas and cook gently. Serve over rice.

Makes 6 servings.



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



*When the wind's in the east on Candlemas Day,
There it will stick till the 2nd of May.*

*Half of your wood and half your hay,
Should be gone and be left on Candlemas Day.*

*On the eve of Candlemas Day
Winter gets stronger or passes away.*

Keister's Middleburg Auction MIDDLEBURG, PA January 24, 1995

CATTLE 492... PDA ...Compared to last Tuesday's markets...sl. steers mostly 1.00 to 1.25 higher, sl. cows .50 to 2.00 higher, Choice heifers 1.00 to 1.35 higher, bulls 1.00 to 3.00 higher. **STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 1200/1450 lbs. 73.50-75.75, Choice 1200/1500 lbs. 69.00-74.75, couple 75.25, Select 63.00-68.25. **HOLSTEINS:** High Choice and Prime 1200/1535 lbs. 65.50-67.50, Choice 1150/1450 lbs. 63.50-65.75, Select 57.75-62.50. **HEIFERS:** Choice 1100/1485 lbs. 68.00-74.75, few Select 62.00-63.50, few Choice Holsteins 58.00-65.50. **COWS:** Breaking Utility and Commercial 43.50-47.00, couple 48.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 42.25-46.75, Canner and Low Cutter 38.25-42.50. Shells down to. 35.00. **BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1 1050/2400 lbs. 47.50-54.50, one 59.00, few No. 2 1300/1400 lbs. 47.25-48.25. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers: Large Frame No. 1 480/640 lbs. 69.00-76.00, Medium Frame No. 1 350/780 lbs. 63.00-73.00, few Large Frame No. 2 320/800 lbs. 52.00- 68.50; Heifers: Medium Frame No. 1 370/640 lbs. 59.00-69.00; Bulls: few Medium Frame No. 1 310/550 lbs. 58.00-71.00. **CALVES 186...**VEALERS: few Utility

60/80 lbs. 25.00-40.00. **FARM CALVES:** No. 1 Holstein bulls 85/125 lbs. 80.00-125.00, one 127.50, No. 2 80/115 lbs. 50.00-85.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 85/125 lbs. 135.00-182.50, No. 2 60/85 lbs. 55.00-100.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 75/125 lbs. 95.00-147.50. **HOGS 529...**(01/23 & 24/95)..Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 1 230/250 lbs. 40.00-41.75, US 1-2 220/250 lbs. 37.25- 39.75, US 1-3 210/290 lbs. 36.00-37.00. **SOWS:** US 1-3 300/500 lbs. 23.00-27.00, 400/640 lbs. 28.00-34.00, few Thin 17.00-22.00. **BOARS:** 230/260 lbs. 20.00-20.50. **FEEDER PIGS 57...**Few lots US 1-3 20/40 lbs. 12.00-20.00. --- per head. **SHEEP 0...**NO MARKET TEST! **GOATS 12...**Few Large 56.00-95.00, few Medium 40.00-64.00. --- per head.

Eighty-Four Livestock

Eighty-Four, Pa. Monday, Jan. 23, 1995 Report Supplied by Auction **NO STEERS AND HEIFERS.** **COWS:** BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 41.00-46.00, COUPLE HEAD TO 49.00; CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 37.50-42.50; CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 32.50-37.00; SHELLS DOWN TO 30.50. **BULLS:** YG#1 54.00-62.00; YG#2 47.00-53.00.

FEEDER STEERS: 200-300 LBS. NONE, 300-500 LBS. NONE, 500-800 LBS. NONE; HEIFERS 200-300 LBS., NONE, 300-500 LBS. 53.00-69.00, 500-800 LBS. 52.00-64.00; **BULLS** 200-300 LBS. NONE, 300-500 LBS. 52.00-74.00, 500-800 LBS. 48.00-70.00. **VEALERS:** CHOICE 80.00-87.50; GOOD 70.00-80.00; STANDARD AND GOOD 61.00-67.50; UTILITY 57.50 DOWN. **FARM CALVES:** HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 100.00-117.50; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 75.00-167.50; HOLSTEIN BULLS #2 78.00-97.50; BEEF BULLS 70.00-150.00; BEEF HEIFERS 67.50-82.50. **HOGS:** US#1-2 220-240 LBS. 38.00-39.50, 240-260 LBS. 39.00-40.00; US#2-3 260-300 LBS. 36.00-39.00. **SOWS:** UNDER 500 LBS. 26.25-33.50; OVER 500 LBS. 26.00-28.50. **BOARS:** 22.00-25.00. **FEEDER PIGS:** US#1-3 40-60 LBS. 15.00-25.00, UTILITY 9.00 DOWN. **SHEEP AND LAMBS:** SPRING LAMBS 41 LBS. 102.00; HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 60-80 LBS. 70.00-90.00, 80-100 LBS. 65.00-73.00; FEEDER LAMBS GOOD AND CHOICE 62.00-74.00; UTILITY 60.00 DOWN; EWES 33.00-44.00. **GOATS:** BY THE HEAD, LARGE 73.00-76.00, MEDIUM 46.00-60.00.

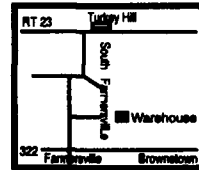
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