



DECEMBER 11-17, 1995

St. Lucy, Dec. 13.

BREAKFAST IN BED

The Scandinavians may have something to teach us about how to begin the Christmas holidays. By tradition, on St. Lucia (Dec. 13) the girls of the household dress in white gowns with red sashes and the boys in white cone-shaped hats decorated with stars. The eldest daughter wears a crown of green leaves and lighted candles, carefully balanced on her head. Then she, representing St. Lucia (for "light"), leads the procession to the parents' bedroom, where the children serve a breakfast of sweet saffron buns, gingersnaps, and steaming hot coffee. Later, "Lucia buns" may be delivered to neighbors, spreading the glow for the Winter Solstice.



Hide not your light under a bushel.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Mix a paste of salt and lemon juice to wash stains from the bottom of your iron.

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS

- 1 pound each, chopped: dates, raisins, figs, unsalted pistachios, currants, and blanched almonds.
- 1/2 pound each, chopped or shredded: walnuts, pecans, coconut, and crystallized ginger.
- grated rind and juice of: 1 orange and 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- 4 tablespoons brandy
- granulated sugar, to coat



Thoroughly combine chopped fruits and nuts and grated rinds. Add liquid ingredients and mix well. Form into balls and roll in sugar. Store, chilled, for a week in waxed-paper-lined tins.

Makes about 6 dozen sugarplums.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



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Leesport Livestock

LEESPORT, PA
DECEMBER 6, 1995

CATTLE: 350: PDA: Supply included 162 sl. steers & heifers & 28 feeder cattle.
STEERS: Choice 1050/1465 lbs. 62.75-66.25, Select 55.00-62.75, few to 52.75, Standard 41.50-51.75.
HOLSTEINS: Few High Choice and Prime 1400/1570 lbs. 60.50-60.75, Choice 1350/1645 lbs. 59.50-64.75, Select 50.00-59.75, Standard 44.25-49.50.
HEIFERS: Couple High Choice and Prime 1125/1295 lbs. 65.25-66.25, Choice 1025/1390 lbs. 59.50-64.75, Select 50.00-59.75, Standard 40.00-52.00.
COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 33.50-38.00, few 40.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 30.00-34.75, Canner and Low Cutter 26.00-30.50, Shells down to 23.50.

BULLOCKS: One Select at 44.00.
BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1190/2080 lbs. 37.50-41.00, No. 2 910/1985 lbs. 31.50-38.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Few Large Frame No. 1 670/685 lbs. 48.00-51.50, Medium Frame No. 1 330/625 lbs. 46.50-51.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium Frame No. 1 320/580 lbs. 41.00-49.00, few Medium Frame No. 2 445/690 lbs. 30.00-37.00.

CALVES: 142: Holstein bulls steady.
VEALERS: Standard and Good 75/110 lbs. 30.00-35.00, Utility 60/95 lbs. 14.00-27.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 80/120 lbs. 92.50-110.00, No. 2 80/120 lbs. 57.50-95.00, few 42.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 90/120 lbs. 95.00-130.00, few No. 2 70/90 lbs. 40.00-75.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 85/100 lbs. 90.00-100.00.
HOGS: 203: Barrows and Gilts .50-1.00 higher, sows 1.00-3.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2

220/265 lbs. 40.75-42.25, lot 45.00, US 1-3 235/270 lbs. 38.75-41.00, US 2-3 230/295 lbs. 36.00-38.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 325/495 lbs. 27.00-30.00, 505/860 lbs. 29.50-33.00, few Medium.

BOARS: Few 700/900 lbs. 23.00-23.25.
FEEDER PIGS: 109: US 1-3 25/45 lbs. 80.00-100.00, lot 115.00-per cwt. US 1-3 50/80 lbs. 55.00-70.00, Utility 20/45 lbs. 60.00-75.00-per head.

SHEEP: 76: **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice 55/75 lbs. 92.50-110.00, 70/110 lbs. 70.00-89.00, 115/135 lbs. 63.00-71.00.
FEEDER LAMBS: Good and Choice 50/80 lbs. 75.00-86.00.
NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 35/50 lbs. 132.50-170.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 18.00-27.00, few 40.00.

GOATS: 9: One Large at 98.00, few Medium 70.00-75.00, couple 120.00, one Small at 50.00, one Large Kid at 52.50, one Small Kid at 50.00-per head.

Middleburg Livestock

MIDDLEBURG, PA
DECEMBER 5, 1995

CATTLE 516... PDA ... Compared with last week's sale...Choice steers uneven, about steady, Select mostly 1.00 to 1.50 lower, cows steady to mostly .50 to 1.25 lower.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 1175/1435 lbs. 67.50-70.50, Choice 1075/1425 lbs. 63.75-68.00, few down to 61.50, Select 56.00-61.00, couple 62.00, few Standard 44.50-52.00.

HOLSTEINS: few High Choice and Prime 1300/1525 lbs. 59.25-63.00, Choice 1175/1575 lbs. 58.75-61.50, Select 51.00-55.75, couple 58.00, Standard 40.25-46.75.

HEIFERS: few Choice 1060/1300 lbs. 59.25-64.75.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 33.00-36.00, Cutter and Boning Utility

30.25-34.75, Canner and Low Cutter 26.25-31.00, few down to 24.00. Shells down to 21.00.

BULLOCKS: few Choice 1100/1300 lbs. 48.50-56.75, one Select 1210 lbs. 46.50.

BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 1400/1785 lbs. 37.75-45.00, one No. 2 1200 lbs. 35.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium & Large Frame No. 1 340/660 lbs. 51.00-60.00;

STEERS & BULLS: Large Frame No. 2 350/750 lbs. 31.00-40.50; **BULLS:** few Medium Frame No. 1 420/720 lbs. 39.00-49.00.

CALVES 237...VEALERS: couple Choice 60.00 & 68.00, Standard and Good 75/105 lbs. 28.00-34.00, Utility 55/85 lbs. 10.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs. 90.00-122.50, couple 125.00, No. 2 80/115 lbs. 40.00-90.00, few 30.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 85/120 lbs. 80.00-110.00, few No. 2 75/95 lbs. 40.00-70.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 70/100 lbs. 28.00-75.00.

HOGS 495...(12/04 & 05/95)..Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. Barrows and gilts steady, sows 1.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 230/260 lbs. 41.50-43.00, US 1-3 225/260 lbs. 40.00-42.00, US 2-3 220/265 lbs. 38.50-41.50, US 1-3 260/295 lbs. 36.00-40.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 425/480 lbs. 29.00-32.00, 480/580 lbs. 32.00-33.50, Medium 325/425 lbs. 30.00-37.00.

BOARS: all weights 23.50-26.00.

FEEDER PIGS NO HEADAGE AVAILABLE ...US 1-3 30/45 lbs. 21.00-29.00. --- per head.

SHEEP 82...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 75/105 lbs. 69.00-86.00, Good and Choice 35/65 lbs. 91.00-150.00.

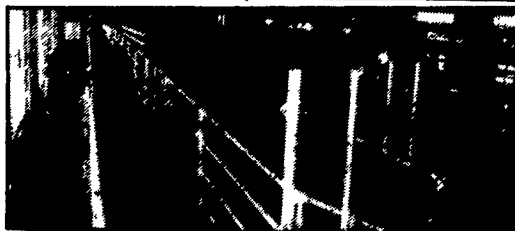
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 16.00-35.00.
GOATS 6...Few Large 55.00-83.00. --- per head.

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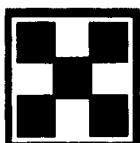
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