



JANUARY 1-7, 1996

FULL WOLF MOON, JAN. 5.

**PURE WATER AND LONESOME WOLVES**

The ancient Egyptians celebrated on what is now the sixth of January to honor the purity of the Nile River, at its stillest and cleanest then. After the birth of Jesus, it was naturally concluded that Christian baptism would be held when the water was cleanest, so Epiphany — the celebration of the baptism of Jesus — was held on January sixth. This year the celebration is illuminated by the Full Wolf Moon, so named for the lonesome cry of the wolves in the deep winter snows.



*In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.* — Thomas Jefferson

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Start some bulbs, grown for forcing, to add brightness to these dark days — try daffodils, tulips, or paperwhites.

**POTATO SOUP VERDE**

- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 large potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach
- water, as directed
- salt, to taste
- 2 to 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 to 1/3 cup warm skim milk (optional)

Sauté onions in oil until translucent. Add potatoes, cheese, parsley, pepper, and spinach. Add water just to cover, adding more if soup becomes too thick. Cook, covered, over low heat, stirring occasionally. When potatoes are soft, put soup through blender. Add salt, vinegar, and milk if desired.

Makes 6 servings.



**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*Crows flying crazily indicate a storm coming.*

*The days have lengthened one cock's stride.*

*Three fogs in a row, then a rain.*

*When the hens are noisy, the weather will be blowsy.*

*January wet, no wine you get.*

**Grantsville Livestock**

Grantsville, Maryland  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Sat., December 16, 1995

STOCK BULLS AND STEERS 200-500 LBS. 40.00-56.00.  
STOCK HEIFERS: 32.00-48.00.  
SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 64.50; MEDIUM TO GOOD 50.00-58.00.  
HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 45.00-50.00; LIGHT 40.00-45.00.  
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 63.00; MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-55.00.  
BULLS HEAVY 35.00-39.50, LIGHT 34.25-41.00.  
COWS FEW HIGH DRESSING UP TO 37.25, UTILITY HOLSTEIN 32.00-34.50, CANNERS 25.00-30.00, CULLS 24.00 AND DOWN.  
VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE 65.00-80.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-65.00.  
BOB CALVES: 30.00 AND DOWN.  
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. 50.00-84.00.  
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM 100-120 LBS. 80.00-107.00.  
BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 70.00.  
HOGS: TOP QUALITY UP TO 47.00, HEAVY 39.00-44.00, LIGHT 35.00-40.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD 10.00-36.00.  
SOWS: UP TO 32.00.  
MALE HOGS: UP TO 22.00.  
LAMBS: 68.00-87.00; CULLS 65.00 AND DOWN.  
SHEEP: UP TO 32.00.

**Friend's Stockyard Inc.**  
Accident, Md. 21520  
Report Supplied by Auction  
December 18, 1995  
STOCK BULLS AND STEERS (200-500 LBS.) 40.00-56.00.  
STOCK HEIFERS: 32.00-45.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: GOOD TO CHOICE 63.50-67.50, MEDIUM TO GOOD 54.00-61.50, HEAVY CHOICE OVER 1450 LB. 57.00-61.50.  
HOLSTEIN STEERS: HEAVY 49.00-55.00, LIGHT 40.00-47.50.  
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: GOOD TO CHOICE 61.00-65.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 53.50-60.00.  
BULLS: HEAVY 35.00-41.25, LIGHT 30.00-43.00.  
COWS: FEW HIGH DRESSING UP TO 38.00, UTILITY (HOLSTEIN) 28.00-36.50, COMMERCIAL TO GOOD 24.00-27.50, CULL COWS 24.00 AND DOWN.  
VEALS: GOOD TO CHOICE 50.00-65.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 40.00-48.00.  
BOB CALVES: 30.00 AND DOWN.  
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES — RETURN TO FARM (90 TO 120 LB.) 60.00-91.00.  
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES — RETURN TO FARM (100 TO 120 LB.) — UP TO 140.00.  
BEEF CROSS CALVES — RETURN TO FARM UP TO 75.00.  
HOGS: TOP QUALITY 42.00-45.00, HEAVY 35.00-43.00, LIGHT 30.00-38.50.  
SOWS: 28.00-34.00.  
MALE HOGS: 20.00-21.60.  
LAMBS 65.00-78.50; FEEDER LAMBS 55.00-77.00.  
SHEEP 18.00-27.00.  
LIVESTOCK PRICES ARE ALL GIVEN PER HUNDRED WEIGHT!

**Morrison Cove Livestock**  
Martinsburg, Pa.  
December 18, 1995

Report supplied by auction  
CATTLE 232. STEERS CHOICE 64.00-70.00; GOOD 57.50-63.00.  
HEIFERS: CHOICE 62.50-67.50; GOOD 55.00-61.00.  
COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 32.00-40.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 25.00-33.00.  
BULLOCKS: 45.00-48.00.  
BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1

38.00-42.00.  
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 35.00-45.00; BULLS 30.00-40.00; HEIFERS 30.00-40.00.  
CALVES 157. PRIME, NO MKT. TEST; CHOICE 70.00-75.00; GOOD 60.00-65.00; STANDARD 20.00-35.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 65.00-95.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 60.00-110.00.  
HOGS: 366. US NO. 1-2 45.00-45.50; US NO. 1-3 43.50-44.75.  
SOWS: US NO. 1-3 28.50-37.50.  
BOARS: 24.50-30.00.  
FEEDER PIGS: 37 HEAD. US#1&3 20-50 LBS. 12.00-35.00.  
SHEEP: 26 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 75.00-95.00; GOOD LAMBS 65.00-70.00; SLAUGHTER EWES 19.00-29.00.  
GOATS: 18.00-69.00.  
40 LOADS OF HAY. ALFALFA 68.00-95.00; TIMOTHY 53.00-80.00; 4 LOADS OF STRAW 58.00-73.00; 1 LOAD OF EAR CORN AT 91.00; 4 LOADS OF FIREWOOD 35.00-45.00.

**North Jersey Livestock**

Hackettstown, NJ  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Tuesday, December 19, 1995  
Report supplied by auction

CALVES .13-.69.  
COWS .10-.39% .  
EASY COWS .04-.24% .  
FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .25-.56.  
HEIFERS .22-.51% .  
BULLS .16% -.50.  
STEERS 38-.58.  
HOGS .20-.40% .  
ROASTING PIGS EACH 20.00-41.00.  
BOARS .20.  
SOWS .10-.23% .  
SHEEP: .06-.63.  
LAMBS EACH 2.00-83.00.  
LAMBS PER LB. .32-1.21.  
GOATS EACH 68.00-140.00.  
KIDS EACH 3.00-120.00.  
TOTAL: 1471 HEAD.

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