



DECEMBER 25-31, 1995

BOXING DAY, DEC. 26.

NEW YEAR'S LUCK

Superstitions abound at New Year's Eve, perhaps more than any other time of year. How you spend your evening and day will predict the year to come, many believe. In many cultures, windows are opened just before midnight to let the bad luck out and welcome in the good luck for the coming year. Noisemakers keep demons at bay. Keep money in your pockets, or you'll go poor all the year. Kiss the person you hope to keep kissing, and do the thing you hope to keep doing during the year to come. Never hang a calendar before the New Year, or it carries some of the old year's bad luck.

With bounteous cheer, conclude the year!

— The Old Farmer's Almanac



THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



The weather on Christmas foretells the weather for the coming year.

If windy on Christmas, trees will bring much fruit.

Snow on Christmas night, good hop crop.

Special Offer
Handy chart full of interesting weather proverbs Send \$3 to Weather Chart, Dept UF, The Old Farmer's Almanac, Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444

TIP OF THE WEEK

Hot water with a bit of alcohol will wash windows in winter, and cut through frost. Wipe dry quickly.

CINNAMON CRISPS

- 1/3 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1-1/2 cups flour, sifted
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon (scant) salt
- 1-1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar, then stir in eggs. Sift dry ingredients and add, along with vanilla. Chill dough, then roll out on floured surface to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutter and bake on greased cookie sheets at 375° F, about 10 to 12 minutes. Great with hot drinks!

Makes about 2-1/2 dozen.



Valley Stockyards

Athens, Pa.

December 26, 1995

Report supplied by auction

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES 117.50 AND DOWN.

VEAL CALVES, NO MARKET TEST.

VEALER BULL CALVES TO 120.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES 43.00 AND DOWN.

NEW CROP LAMBS TO 200.00.

LAMBS, NO MARKET TEST.

SHEEP, NO MARKET TEST.

HOGS 200-250, NONE.

SOWS, NONE.

BOARS, NONE.

PIGS 10.00-28.50.

HEIFERS, TO 43.25.

STEERS, NO MARKET TEST.

FEEDER STEERS 30.00-49.50.

BULLS TO 40.25.

GOOD COWS 36.00-39.00.

COWS MEDIUM 31.00-35.50.

COWS POOR OR SMALL 30.50 AND DOWN.

CATTLE MARKET HIGHER.

CALF MARKET STEADY.

HORSES, NONE.

PONIES, NONE.

GOATS, NONE.

OPEN AS USUAL MONDAY, JAN. 1, 1996.

Mercer Livestock

MERCER, PA
DECEMBER 26, 1995

CATTLE 109. PDA

STEERS: few Choice 1150/1350 lbs. 63.50-68.25, Select 57.00-61.00, few Standard 44.50-52.00.

HOLSTEINS: one Choice 1470 lbs. 64.00, few Select 51.50-58.50, one Standard 46.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 1025/1325 lbs. 63.50-72.00, few Standard 50.00-52.00.

COWS: few Breaking Utility and Commercial 36.50-39.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 28.00-35.00, Canner and Low Cutter 22.00-28.00. Shells down to 18.00.

BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 1175/2100 lbs. 40.75-45.00, few No. 2

1000/1725 lbs. 33.00-40.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: couple Medium Frame No. 1 665 & 815 lbs. 53.00, few Medium Frame No. 2 325/450 lbs. 38.00-49.00; BULLS: couple Medium Frame No. 1 585 & 685 lbs. 50.50 & 60.50, few Medium Frame No. 2 375/575 lbs. 38.50-45.00.

CALVES 108...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75/110 lbs. 20.00-39.00, 55/100 lbs. 10.00-22.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/115 lbs. 90.00-117.00 mostly 100.00-122.50, No. 2 85/115 lbs. 37.00-92.50; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 90/120 lbs. 80.00-95.00, few No. 2 80/105 lbs. 35.00-72.50. Beef cross bulls and heifers 70/130 lbs. 36.00-54.00.

HOGS 60...Barrows and gilts 1.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 230/250 lbs. 45.75-46.75, US 1-3 230/250 lbs. 44.25-45.50.

SOWS: few US 1-3 295/640 lbs. 33.50-39.50.

FEEDER PIGS 17...US 2-3 20/30 lbs. 10.00. --- per head.

SHEEP 1...SLAUGHTER SHEEP: one 19.00.

GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

Middleburg Livestock

MIDDLEBURG, PA
DECEMBER 26, 1995

CATTLE 406. PDA

STEERS: Choice 1075/1500 lbs. 63.25-67.00, couple to 68.50, Select 58.00-62.50, couple 63.50, few Standard 51.25-56.00.

HOLSTEINS: Choice 1250/1500 lbs. 58.50-60.75, one 62.00, Select 52.00-57.00, few Standard 41.00-46.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 1040/1340 lbs. 61.00-67.75, few Select 55.00-60.00.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 35.00-39.25, few 40.75, Cutter and Boning Utility 32.00-35.75, few 37.75, Canner and Low Cutter 28.00-32.25, few down 26.00. Shells down to 21.00.

BULLOCKS: one Choice 1300 lbs. 57.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1085/1950 lbs. 39.50-51.00, few No. 2 1080/1650 lbs. 36.75-41.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Large Frame No. 2 635/715 lbs.

38.00-43.00.

CALVES 233...VEALERS: one Choice 75.00, few Standard and Good 75/105 lbs. 32.00-38.00, few Utility 55/85 lbs. 15.00-30.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs. 85.00-122.00, No. 2 85/110 lbs. 50.00-85.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 90/115 lbs. 100.00-140.00, few No. 2 75/105 lbs. 50.00-75.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 65/100 lbs. 30.00-90.00.

HOGS 116...BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 220/265 lbs. 46.00-48.00, US 1-3 220/270 lbs. 43.50-45.50.

SOWS: US 1-3 350/600 lbs. 33.00-37.00.

BOARS: few 25.50.

FEEDER PIGS 311...US 1-3 30/50 lbs. 35.00-43.00, Utility 40/70 lbs. 24.00-30.00. --- per head.

SHEEP 28...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Good and Choice 40/75 lbs. 91.00-115.00.

SLAUGHTER SHBEP: few 15.00-35.00.

GOATS 16...Few Large 47.00-52.00, Medium 33.00-47.00. --- per head.

Slaughter (Est. Daily)

WASHINGTON, D.C.
DECEMBER 27, 1995

Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep

Wednesday 12/27/95 (est)

129,000 6,000 363,000 17,000

Week ago (est)

127,000 6,000 365,000 17,000

Year ago (act)

126,000 6,000 352,000 19,000

Week to date (est)

257,000 12,000 704,000 34,000

Same Period Last Week (est)

389,000 18,000 1,079,000 50,000

Same Period Last Year (est)

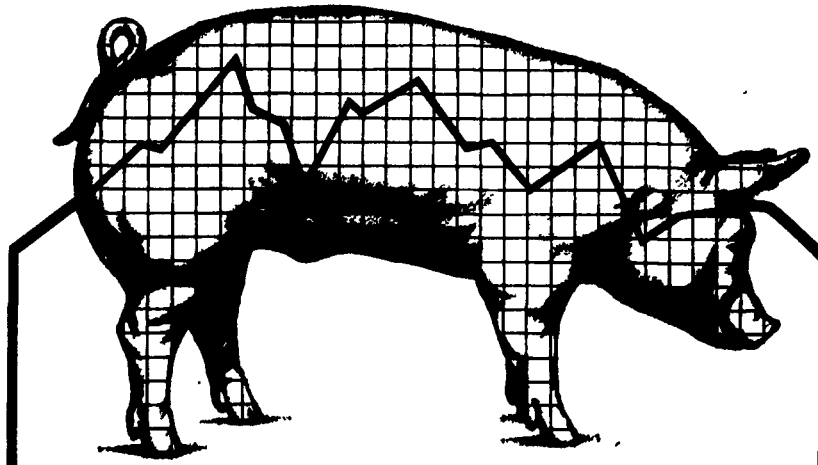
251,000 13,000 743,000 39,000

Previous Day Estimated Steer and Heifer

Cow and Bull Tuesday 99,000 29,000

*Revision on Tuesday's Hog Slaughter...

341,000 *Revision on Tuesday's Sheep Slaughter.. 17,000



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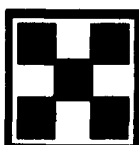
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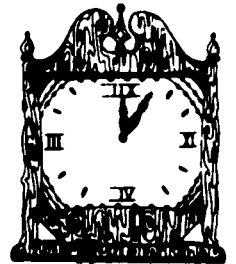
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