



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 blowy.*

*January wet, no wine you get.*

**Frederick Livestock Auction**

Frederick, Md.

January 1, 1996

Report Supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: GOOD DEMAND. UTILITY 33.00-37.50; HIGH DRESSING 38.00-39.75; CANNERS 29.00-33.00; SHELLY 29.00 DOWN.

BULLS: YG#1 1990 LBS. 42.50. FED STEERS: NONE. FED HEIFERS: NONE.

VEAL CALVES: CHOICE, 1170 LBS. AT 75.00; FEW 120-150 LBS. 48.00-70.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 32.00-41.00; 50-80 LBS. 26.00-35.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 90.00-120.00; 90 LBS. 70.00-90.00; #2 80-95 LBS. 45.00-60.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 120.00-140.00; #2 80-95 LBS. 70.00-97.00; BEEF X BULLS 40.00-70.00; HEIFERS TO 50.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: US#1&3 225-265 LBS. 42.50-43.75; 5 HEAD 290-300 LBS. 37.00-39.50; 2 HEAD 375 LBS. TO 34.50. STOCK CATTLE: 30 HEAD. STEERS, NONE.

HEIFERS: GOOD HOLSTEINS

200-300 LBS. TO 72.00; ROUGH BEEF BREEDS 300-600 LBS. 31.00-40.00. GOATS: FEW SMALL FLESHY 41.00. PIGS AND SHOATS: FEW OFFERED. SOWS: 500 LBS. TO 35.00. BOARS: NONE. HATFIELD QUALITY MEATS...42.18 PLUS BONUS ON QUALITY HOGS. BUYING STATION HELD EVERY TUES. AT FOUR STATES. NOTE: HATFIELD IS NOW BUYING HOGS ON THE WEIGHT AND GRADE OR LIVE WEIGHT BASIS. THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

**Morrison Cove Livestock**

Martinsburg, Pa.

January 1, 1996

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 189. STEERS CHOICE 64.00-69.00; GOOD 58.00-63.50.

HEIFERS: CHOICE 62.00-67.00; GOOD 57.00-61.75.

COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 34.00-40.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 26.00-33.00.

BULLOCKS: 45.00-51.00. BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1 40.50-46.00. FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS, NO MKT TEST; BULLS, NO MKT. TEST; HEIFERS, NO MKT. TEST. CALVES 98. PRIME, NO MKT. TEST; CHOICE 70.00-75.00; GOOD 60.00-68.00; STANDARD 20.00-35.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 65.00-105.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 50.00-110.00. HOGS: 109. US NO. 1-2 44.00-44.50; US NO. 1-3 43.00-44.00. SOWS: US NO. 1-3 28.00-35.00. BOARS: 25.00-27.50. FEEDER PIGS: 34 HEAD. US#1&3 20-50 LBS. NO MKT. TEST. SHEEP: 3 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS, NO MKT. TEST; GOOD LAMBS, NO MKT. TEST; SLAUGHTER EWES, NO MKT. TEST. GOATS: 40.00-81.00. 18 LOADS OF HAY. ALFALFA 83.00-100.00; TIMOTHY 82.00-93.00; 6 LOADS OF FIREWOOD 15.00-31.00 LOAD; 3 LOADS OF STRAW 68.00-85.00.

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