



FEBRUARY 12-18, 1996

NEW MOON, FEB. 18.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

According to the 1943 *Old Farmer's Almanac*, "Love letters, if enclosed in red envelopes, go through the mail in South America, half rate. Love letters in North America, coming into lawyers' hands, sometimes cost double." In the 1990s, over 900 million valentines are sent to mark the February 14 occasion each year, most of them some sort of preprinted greeting card. Some would argue that the greeting card is to a letter what television is to a book: that is, a poor substitute for the real thing. (Interestingly, it's estimated that about 90% of greeting cards are purchased by women.)



*"The public will always give up its dinner to read love letters."*

- George Jean Nathan

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

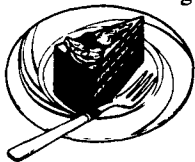
You'll get more wear from your shoes if you alternate two pairs, rather than wear one pair day after day.

**CHOCOLATE SILK PIE**

- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 1-1/4 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon brandy (optional)
- 4 ounces melted, unsweetened chocolate
- 3 eggs
- additional hard chocolate, to grate
- graham cracker or chocolate crumb pie crust

Cream butter and sugar until light. Stir in vanilla and brandy, then add melted chocolate and mix well. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each one. Scrape the filling into the pie crust and grate some chocolate over the top. Refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.



**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*If the Sun doth smile on St. Eulalie's Day (Feb. 12), 'tis good for apples and cider, they say.*

*A calf born in a blizzard will get dysentery unless it's born tail first.*

*Crows flying crazily indicate a storm on the way.*

*Open and shet — bound to be wet.*

**Eighty-Four Livestock**

**Eighty-Four, Pa.**  
 Monday, February 5, 1996  
 CATTLE...86 (PDA)...COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK'S SALE...COWS STEADY TO 2.00 HIGHER, BULLS STEADY.  
 STEERS: SELECT 54.50-55.50.  
 HEIFERS: SELECT 50.50-52.75, STANDARD 27.50-35.50.  
 COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 34.50-37.25, CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 32.00-35.50, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 25.25-31.75, SHELLS DOWN TO 18.50.  
 BULLS: YG#1 1370-1650 LBS. 45.75-50.25, #2 1200-2000 LBS. 34.50-39.50.  
 BULLOCKS: SELECT 36.00-44.50.  
 FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME #2 675-950 LBS. 39.00-48.00; HEIFERS MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME #2 600-900 LBS. 27.50-38.00; BULLS MEDIUM FRAME #1 400-700 LBS. 46.50-57.50; MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME #2 400-725 LBS. 31.00-40.00.  
 CALVES: 90...FARM CALVES STEADY. VEALERS CHOICE 130-135 LBS. 60.00-73.00, GOOD 125-135 LBS. 40.00-50.00, STANDARD AND GOOD 60-100 LBS. 25.00-35.00, UTILITY 60-80 LBS. 18.00-24.00.  
 FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-120 LBS. 65.00-92.50, #2 80-120 LBS. 35.00-65.00; #2 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 95-110 LBS. 110.00-112.50, #2 80-95 LBS. 35.00-57.50; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 75-100 LBS. 40.00-79.00.  
 HOGS: 42...BARROWS AND GILTS STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER. BARROWS AND GILTS US#1-3 215-250 LBS. 42.00-45.75; SOWS US#1-3 265-500 LBS. 28.00-33.75; BOARS, TWO, 215 AND 505 LBS. AT 25.00.  
 FEEDER PIGS: 7...SIX US#1-3 48 LBS. AT 17.00 PER HEAD.  
 SHEEP: 49...SLAUGHTER LAMBS WERE STEADY. CHOICE 80-95 LBS. 75.50-80.00, 45-50 LBS. 92.00-98.00, GOOD AND CHOICE 100-110 LBS. 68.00-72.50; FEEDER LAMBS GOOD AND CHOICE 60-65 LBS. 72.00-77.00; SLAUGHTER SHEEP 29.00-40.00.  
 GOATS: 0...NO MARKET TEST.

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Wednesday, February 7, 1996  
 SLAUGHTER STEERS: MARKET STEADY. CHOICE 2-4 1100-1400 LBS. 62.00-64.00; SELECT & LOW CHOICE 1000-1500 LBS. 57.00-61.00; HOL. STEERS HI CHOICE & PRIME 1250-1400 LBS. 54.00-57.00; CHOICE 1200-1500 LBS. 53.50-56.00; SELECT, ALL WEIGHTS 45.00-49.00.  
 SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: MARKET STEADY. CHOICE & PRIME 950-1300 LBS. 61.50-63.50; SELECT ALL WEIGHTS 900-1400 LBS. 53.00-59.00.  
 COWS: MARKET 1.00 HIGHER. BRK. UT. & COMM. 2-4 BULK 35.00-39.00; HI DRESSING 39.00-42.00; CUTTER & BON. UT. 34.00-37.00; HI DRESSING 37.00-39.00; CANNER & CUTTERS 29.00-33.00; LOW DRESSING 25.00 AND DOWN.  
 BULLS: MARKET 1.50 HIGHER. ALL WEIGHTS 1100-1900 LBS. 39.00-48.50.  
 VEAL CALVES: MARKET STEADY. CHOICE AND PRIME 200-400 LBS. 69.00-78.00; HI GOOD AND LOW CHOICE ALL WEIGHTS 46.00-59.00.  
 FARM CALVES: MARKET STEADY. HOL. BULLS 100-125 LBS. 70.00-98.00; HOL. BULLS 85-95 LBS. 53.00-74.00; HOL. HEIFER CALVES 100-120 LBS. 110.00-126.00; SMALL FRAME 70-105 LBS. 40.00-85.00; SLAUGHTER CALVES ALL WEIGHTS 20.00-35.00.  
 FEEDER CATTLE: MARKET STEADY. BULLS & STEERS 400-900 LBS. 39.00-60.00; HEIFERS 300-700 LBS. 44.00-47.00.  
 LAMBS: MARKET 3.00 HIGHER. CHOICE & PRIME 90-110 LBS. 90.00-105.00; LIGHTER LAMBS 73.00-117.00; BWES - HEAVY 24.00-30.00, LIGHT 32.00-43.00.  
 GOATS: MARKET STEADY. SMALL 30.00-40.00; MEDIUM 45.00-65.00; LARGE 98.00-115.00.  
 HOGS: MARKET STEADY. 210-250 LBS. 39.00-43.00; 255-300 LBS. 38.00-43.00; SOWS - HEAVY

29.00-32.00; SOWS - LIGHT 18.00-24.00; BOARS ALL WEIGHTS 22.00-25.00.

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STOCK BULLS AND STEERS (200-500 LBS.) NONE AVAILABLE DUE TO WEATHER.  
 STOCK HEIFERS: NONE AVAILABLE DUE TO WEATHER.  
 SLAUGHTER STEERS: GOOD TO CHOICE 59.00-63.10, MEDIUM TO GOOD 54.00-59.00, HEAVY CHOICE OVER 1450 LB. 55.00-60.00.  
 HOLSTEIN STEERS: HEAVY 47.00-54.00, LIGHT 40.00-47.50.  
 SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: GOOD TO CHOICE 59.00-63.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 50.50-58.00.  
 BULLS: HEAVY 35.00-42.50, LIGHT 30.00-43.00.  
 COWS: FEW HIGH DRESSING UP TO 40.00, UTILITY (HOLSTEIN) 30.00-38.75, COMMERCIAL TO GOOD 26.00-29.00, CULL COWS 25.00 AND DOWN.  
 VEALS: GOOD TO CHOICE 40.00-60.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 30.00-44.00.  
 BOB CALVES: 28.00 AND DOWN. HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES — RETURN TO FARM (90 TO 120 LB.) 60.00-90.00.  
 HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES — RETURN TO FARM (100 TO 120 LB.) — UP TO 90.00.  
 BEEF CROSS CALVES — RETURN TO FARM UP TO 55.00.  
 HOGS: TOP QUALITY 45.00-47.00, HEAVY 35.00-44.00, LIGHT 30.00-38.50.  
 SOWS: 28.00-32.50.  
 MALE HOGS: 20.00-24.00.  
 LAMBS, NONE AVAILABLE DUE TO WEATHER; FEEDER LAMBS 55.00-77.00; SHEEP 18.00-29.00.  
 SHEEP 18.00-29.00.  
 LIVESTOCK PRICES ARE ALL GIVEN PER HUNDRED WEIGHT!

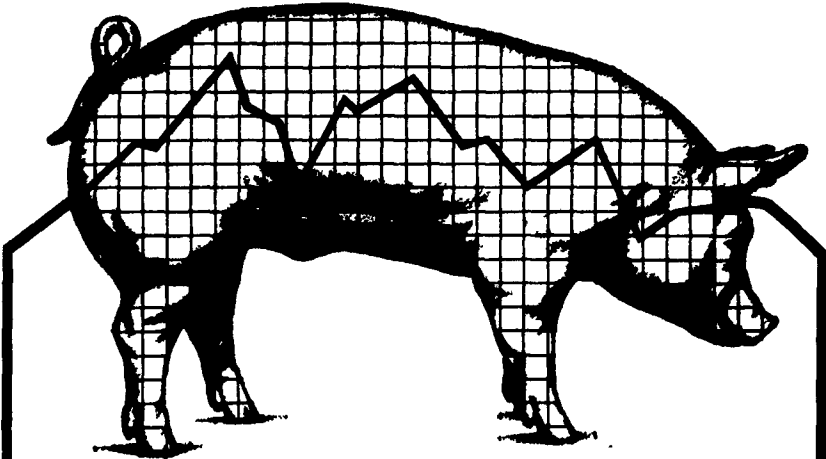
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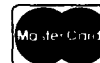


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