



DECEMBER 2-8, 1996

FIRST DAY OF CHANUKAH, DEC. 6.

DECEMBER'S FOR PLAYING

Sometimes the busy holiday season has us scurrying around so fast, we forget to stop and play. Keep in mind, though, some of December's heritage. It's the month that the first ball-bearing roller skates were patented in 1884. It's when Monopoly was first introduced in 1935. In fact, it's the birthday month of the founder of Parker Brothers, George S. Parker, born in 1866. It's when the first YMCA was opened in 1851, and when Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* was first published in 1843. It was the month of the first table tennis tournament in 1901. So light a fire, get out your books, board games, and Ping Pong paddles, and take time to play.



Play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do.

- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

The Old Farmer's WEATHER PROVERBS



If on the trees the leaves still hold, the coming winter will be cold.

When cattle and horses stay in close groups, a storm is coming.

When the spider cleans its web, fair weather is indicated.

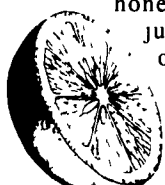
When an ox sticks up his tail, it is a sign of a change in the weather.

TIP OF THE WEEK

To reduce drier use (and cost), run towels through an additional spin cycle in the washer first.

WINTER FRUIT SALAD

- 2 oranges
- 1 grapefruit
- 2 apples, cored and diced
- 1/2 pound seedless red grapes
- 2 small bananas
- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 2 kiwi fruit
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange juice



Peel and seed oranges and grapefruit. Slice oranges into rounds and break grapefruit into sections. Prepare remaining fruit and place all in a large glass bowl. Mix honey with citrus juices and pour over fruit. Chill before serving. Makes 8 servings.

Central U.S. Carlot

Pork Report  
November 26, 1996  
Report supplied by USDA  
COMPARED TO TUESDAY'S 3 P.M. CLOSE: FRESH LOINS 2.00 HIGHER; BUTTS UNEVENLY STEADY; SKND. HAMS 17-20 LBS. STEADY TO 1.00 LOWER, 20-26 LBS. 2.00-3.00 LOWER; SDLS. BELLIES STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER; LEAN TRIMMINGS STEADY TO 2.00 LOWER. TRADING MODERATE, WITH MODERATE RETAIL DEMAND AND LIGHT TO MODERATE RETAIL OFFERINGS, AND MODERATE PROCESSING DEMAND AND HEAVY HAM OFFERINGS.  
LOADS PORK CUTS: 77.0  
LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 47.0  
LOINS, REG., FRESH  
14-18 LBS. \*, 20.5 LOADS, RANGE 120.00-125.00, WGHTD. AVG. 122.51.  
1/2" TRM 14-18 LBS., 9.5 LOADS, RANGE 142.00-145.00, WGHTD. AVG. 143.32.  
1/4" TRM/LESS 14-18 LBS., 11.0 LOADS, RANGE 143.00-150.00, WGHTD. AVG. 146.18.  
18-22 LBS. \*, 2.0 LOADS, RANGE 120.00-121.00, WGHTD. AVG. 120.50.  
1/4" TRIM 18-22 LBS., 2.0 LOADS, RANGE 140.00-141.00, WGHTD. AVG. 140.50.  
COMBOS 22 LBS. AND UP, RANGE 89.00, WGHTD. AVG. 89.00 C.  
LOIN, BNLS, CNTR CUT  
5-9 LBS. STRAP-ON, 0.5 LOADS, RANGE 263.00, WGTHD. AVG. 263.00.  
5-9 LBS. STRAP-OFF, 2.5 LOADS, RANGE 257.00-278.00, WGHTD. AVG. 261.20.  
BNLS SIRLOIN .75-1 LB. 0.5 LOADS, RANGE 125.00, WGHTD. AVG. 125.00.  
PICNIC, FRESH  
SMKR TRM, RS, COMBO, RANGE 68.00, WGHTD. AVG. 68.00 A.  
COMMODITY 4-8 LBS., RANGE 50.00, WGHTD. AVG. 50.00 D.  
BOSTON BUTT  
4-8 LBS. \*, 9.0 LOADS, RANGE 69.00-71.00, WGHTD. AVG. 69.78.  
1/4" TRIM 4-8 LBS., 9.0 LOADS, RANGE 87.00-90.00, WGHTD. AVG. 87.83.  
SPARERIBS, FRESH  
1.5-3.5 LBS., RANGE 113.00-115.00, WGHTD. AVG. 114.00.  
3.5-5.5 LBS., RANGE 97.00, WGTHD. AVG. 97.00 D.

Middleburg Livestock

MIDDLEBURG, PA  
NOVEMBER 26, 1996  
CATTLE 367... RBORT SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION Compared to last week's sale...slaughter steers & heifers 1.50 lower, sl. cows & bulls steady.  
STEBERS: High Choice and Prime 1200/1450 lbs. 75.00-78.50, Choice 1150/1400 lbs. 68.50-75.00, Select 62.00-68.00, Standard 50.00-62.00.  
HOLSTEINS: High Choice and Prime 1075/1450 lbs. 60.00-64.00, Choice 1100/1500 lbs. 57.00-60.00, Select 52.00-57.00, Standard 40.00-51.00.  
HEIFERS: High Choice & Prime 1050/1350 lbs. 68.00-74.00, Choice 1050/1250 lbs. 62.00-68.00, Select 50.00-62.00, Standard 38.00-50.00.  
COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 34.50-41.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 28.00-34.00, Canner and Low Cutter 24.00-28.00. Shells 18.00.  
BULLOCKS: Choice 40.00-45.00, Select 35.00-40.00.  
BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1200/1800 lbs. 36.00-38.50, No. 2 1100/1900 lbs. 30.00-36.00.  
CALVES 251...  
FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 95/125 lbs. 75.00-91.00, No. 2 95/125 lbs. 60.00-75.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 100/110 lbs. 117.00-150.00, No. 2 80/100 lbs. 30.00-100.00.  
HOGS 285...(11/25 & 26/96)..Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction.  
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 240/260 lbs. 54.50-57.00, US 1-3 220/270 lbs. 52.25-54.50, US 2-3 220/280 lbs. 49.75-52.00..  
SOWS: US 1-3 300/500 lbs. 41.00-47.00, 500/650 lbs. 51.00-56.00.  
BOARS: 640/710 lbs 38.00-38.25, one 395 lbs 36.50.  
FEEDER PIGS 101...No prices reported.  
SHEEP 17...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 80/90 lbs. 95.00-105.00.  
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 25.00-36.00.  
GOATS 11...Large 65.00-80.00, Medium 40.00-65.00, Small 20.00-35.00. --- per head.

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, PA  
Tuesday, November 26, 1996  
Report supplied by Auction  
STEBERS: SELECT 55.50-60.00.  
COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 36.00-41.25; CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 30.00-34.50; CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 25.00-28.00; SHELLS 22.00 AND DOWN.  
BULLS: YG#2 37.00-39.00.  
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS, 2 HEAD AT 50.25.  
CALVES: STANDARD AND GOOD 40.00-50.00; UTILITY 60-75 LBS. 10.00-25.00.  
FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 78.00-85.00, #2 HOLSTEIN BULLS 65.00-74.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 75.00-100.00, #2 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 40.00-50.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 50.00-60.00.  
SOWS: US#1-2 52.25.  
SOWS: US#1-3 48.50-51.50 AND 42.00-46.00; MEDIUM 35.00-40.00.  
BOARS 36.00.  
SHEEP: GOOD AND CHOICE 75.00.  
GOATS: MEDIUM 29.00-35.00.

New Holland Sales Stables Goat and Sheep Sale

Monday, November 25, 1996  
GOATS: 977 HEAD. BILLIES 70.00-100.00 AND 100.00-150.00, FEW 150.00-170.00; MUTTON 70.00-90.00; NANNIES 40.00-60.00, FEW 60.00-70.00; YEARLINGS 50.00-80.00; KIDS 20.00-40.00 AND 40.00-60.00.  
SHEEP: 668. ALL WEIGHTS, SLAUGHTER EWES 25.00-60.00; SLAUGHTER RAMS 25.00-45.00; 1 YEAR-OLDS 45.00-70.00; 2 YEAR-OLDS 30.00-50.00.  
LAMBS: 40-60 LBS. 100.00-160.00; 60-80 LBS. 95.00-110.00; 80-100 LBS. 85.00-100.00; 100-130 LBS. 75.00-85.00.

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