



DECEMBER 16-22, 1996

WINTER SOLSTICE, DEC. 21.

HALCYON DAYS

Halcyon Days occur around the time of the winter solstice and are supposed to be a time when the seas are calm enough to allow the kingfisher to lay quietly afloat on its nest at sea. These days have come to signify a time of peace and restfulness, not only for the weather and the birds, but for all. In 1773, however, neither the seas nor mankind were particularly restful at this time. December 16 marks the date of the stealthful Boston Tea Party, when crates of prized English tea were tossed overboard into Boston Harbor by colonists disguised as Mohawks. Two hundred forty-two boxes of tea, valued at over £ 9,000, were thrown off the East India Company ships



There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea. -Henry James

TIP OF THE WEEK

Put a dollar bill in your refrigerator door. If it slips out easily, it's time to replace the door seal.

QUICK TEA LOAF

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1-1/4 cups orange juice
- 3 cups biscuit mix
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 cups chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup raisins or chopped dates
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar (optional)



Preheat oven to 350° F. Combine first five ingredients and beat well. Stir in remaining ingredients and pour into greased loaf pan. Bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean; about 50 minutes. Cool completely before slicing. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar, if desired.

Makes 1 loaf.

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Birds eat more just before a storm.

When birds stop singing and trees start singing, a storm is on its way.

If a goose shows a generous tuft of down at the base of its feathers, it will be a cold winter. (Time for those eider-down quilts!)

Estimated Daily Livestock Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection
December 11, 1996

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
WEDNESDAY 12/11/96 (EST)	132,000	5,000	354,000	17,000
WEEK AGO (EST)	123,000	6,000	359,000	17,000
YEAR AGO (ACT)	130,000	6,000	355,000	18,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	392,000	17,000	1,051,000	50,000
SAME PD LT WK (EST)	385,000	18,000	1,063,000	48,000
SAME PD LT YR (EST)	383,000	18,000	1,065,000	49,000

PREVIOUS DAY ESTIMATED TUESDAY, STEER AND HEIFER 100,000, COW AND BULL 33,000.

***REVISION TUES. CATTLE SLAUGHTER...133,000.
***REVISION TUES. HOG SLAUGHTER...360,000.

Valley Stockyards

Athens, Pa.
December 9, 1996
Report supplied by auction
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES TO 140.00.
VEAL CALVES, NONE.
VEALER BULL CALVES 70.00 AND DOWN.
SLAUGHTER CALVES 25.00 AND DOWN.
GRASSERS AND FEEDERS 10.00-28.00.
LAMBS 75.00-127.50.
SHEEP 21.00-40.00.
HOGS, 200-250, NONE.
SOWS 40.50-46.00.
BOARS, NONE.
PIGS TO 45.00.
HEIFERS 22.00-39.50.
STEERS TO 29.50.
STEERS, FEEDER, TO 43.75.

BULLS 21.00-37.75.
COWS, GOOD, 35.25-40.25.
COWS, MEDIUM, 27.00-34.50.
COWS, POOR OR SMALL, 26.25 AND DOWN.
HORSES, NONE.
PONIES 90.00.
GOATS 32.50-100.00.
DAIRY SALE THURS., DEC. 19, 1:30 P.M.

North Jersey Livestock

Hackettstown, NJ
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, December 10, 1996
CALVES .05-1.17% .
COWS .12% -40% .
EASY COWS .10-.19% .
FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .10-.57.
HEIFERS .15-.52% .
BULLS .24% -45% .
STEERS .26% -56% .
HOGS .35-.52.

ROASTING PIGS EACH 23.00-27.00.
BOARS .34.
SOWS .33.
SHEEP .13-.69.
LAMBS EACH 20.00-116.00.
LAMBS PER LB. .39-1.28.
GOATS EACH 44.00-126.00.
KIDS EACH 1.00-90.00.
HIDES EACH 23.00.
TOTAL: 1047.

VA Feeder Sales

WYTHEVILLE, VA
DECEMBER 10, 1996
Feeder Cattle 343 head Steers 105 head Medium and Large 1 Small 1 300-400 - 44.00 - 52.00 500-600 - 36.00 - 45.00 600-700 - 51.00 - 53.00 800-900 46.00 - 54.00 - 900-1000 53.00 - 1000-1100 51.00 - 56.25 -

SOUTHSIDE, VA DECEMBER 11, 1996

Feeder Cattle 291 head Steers 116 head Medium and Large 1 Small 1 Medium and Large 2 300-400 - 39.00 - 400-500 - 39.00 - 42.00 50.00 - 51.50 500-600 52.50 - 55.00 35.00 - 40.50 44.00 - 51.00 600-700 52.00 - 54.50 - 47.00 - 49.50 700-800 45.00 - 46.50 - 46.00 - 53.00 800-900 50.50 - 46.00 - 48.00 900-1000 48.50 - 49.50 - -

DUBLIN, VA DECEMBER 11, 1996

Steers Medium and Large 1 Small 1 Medium and Large 2 300-400 - few 54.25 few 61.25 400-500 66.00 - 69.00 54.75 61.50 - 66.00 500-600 60.00 - 72.75 49.75 54.00 - 60.00 600-700 57.00 - 61.00 700-800 57.00 - 61.75 - 54.25 - 56.25 800-900 58.00 - 59.50 - 54.25 900-1000 57.75 - 58.25 - 52.50

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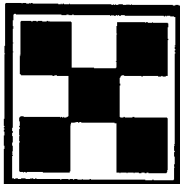
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