



DECEMBER 23-29, 1996

CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25.

### FULL LONG NIGHTS MOON

Christmas Eve marks the night of the Full Long Nights Moon this year, so carolers should have a well-lit path, despite the longer periods of darkness this time of year. The good news is that the length of daylight has already increased by a full minute from its all-year low of 9 hours, 4 minutes. (In June the daylight stretches to about 15 hours, 17 minutes, by comparison.) According to the old moonlore, if Christmas comes during a waning Moon (as this year), it predicts a hard year to come. However, the nearer to the end of the waning Moon, the worse the luck, and this year's Christmas Moon is barely a day into its wane, so it can't be all that bad.

Christmas comes but once a year.



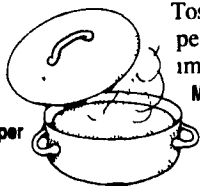
### TIP OF THE WEEK

Recycle those Christmas ribbons and wrapping papers. Most papers can be ironed smooth of any creases.

### GOOD LUCK HOPPIN' JOHN

Long-held Southern tradition has it that eating this dish on New Year's Day will bring good luck in the coming year.

- 4 strips bacon, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 cups cooked black-eyed peas (or 2 10-ounce packages frozen)
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed dried red pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper



Cook bacon in a Dutch oven, add onion, and cook until bacon is crisp and onions are soft. Add black-eyed peas, rice, water, and crushed red pepper. Cover and simmer over low heat until rice is done, about 20 to 25 minutes.

Toss with salt and pepper and serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

### The Old Farmer's WEATHER PROVERBS



Snow on Christmas night, good hop crop next year.

If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse thereafter.

If you find a pack rat's nest with much height to it, there will be a hard winter.

When snow drifts face to the North, spring will arrive early.

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PEN LOTS OF CATTLE WILL BE SOLD IN ORDER RECEIVED.

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CARLISLE LIVESTOCK WILL BE CLOSED TUES., DEC. 24 AND WED., DEC. 25. HATFIELD WILL BE TAKING HOGS SAT., DEC. 28 FROM 7-9:30 A.M.

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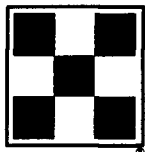
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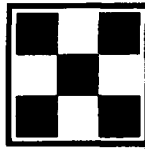
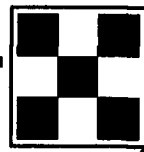
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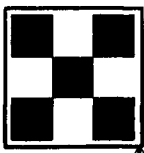
### Farmer Comments:

- "Cows went up in milk right away"
- "Cows are eating more"
- "Didn't expect this type of milk response!"

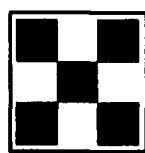
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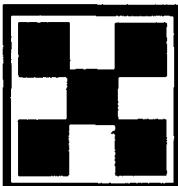
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