



JANUARY 20-26, 1997

M. L. KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY, JAN. 20.

FULL WOLF MOON

Called by some the Winter Moon, the Full Wolf Moon this January 23 signals a time of long, cold nights. Besides Moon names, early Native Americans also had a bevy of remedies for the colds, chills, and chilblains that came at this time of year. Onions often predominated, whether in a restorative gruel, made into a plaster for the chest, roasted and applied hot to the feet for chilblains, or juiced for cough syrups and ear drops. For chills, hot rocks at the feet, warm blankets, and hot teas made with sage, peppermint, or yarrow were prescribed.



If cold wind reach you through a hole, say your prayers, and mind your soul.

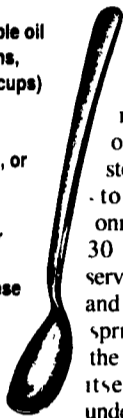
TIP OF THE WEEK

Cloth dish towels can spread germs; let your dishes air-dry in a rack instead.

ONION SOUP

(Good for what ails you!)

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 pounds yellow onions, sliced thin (about 7 cups)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 quarts beef, chicken, or vegetable stock
- pepper, to taste
- French bread slices or cubes (optional)
- grated Parmesan cheese (optional)



over low heat for about 20 minutes. Sprinkle flour over onions and cook a few more minutes. Transfer onions to a dish, add stock to the pot, and heat to simmering. Return onions to pot and simmer 30 minutes. Just before serving, toast French bread and add to soup. You can sprinkle grated cheese on the bread, or on the soup itself. Melt the cheese under the broiler, if desired.

Melt butter in a 5-quart stock-pot, then add oil, onions, and salt. Sauté

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A fair day in winter is the mother of a storm.

Fog in January makes a wet spring.

If St. Paul's Day (Jan. 25) be fair and clear, it will betide a happy year.

Special Offer. Handy chart full of interesting weather proverbs. Send \$3 to Weather Chart, Dept. UF, The Old Farmer's Almanac, Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444

Eighty Four Livestock

EIGHTY FOUR, PA
JANUARY 13, 1997

CATTLE 201... PDA ...Compared with last week's sale...Slaughter cows steady to 4.00 higher, bulls steady to 2.00 higher.
SLAUGHTER STEERS: Standard 43.50-53.50.
HEIFERS: Standard 27.50-41.50.
COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 33.50-38.25, Cutter and Boning Utility 29.00-32.75, Canner and Low Cutter 21.50-28.50. Shells down to 16.00.
BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1130/1610 lbs. 35.00-43.00, No. 2 1025/1765 lbs. 22.50-35.50.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium & Large Frame No. 1 350/850 lbs. 50.00-62.00, Medium & Large Frame No. 2 205/850 lbs. 27.50-44.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium & Large Frame No. 1 290/750 lbs. 40.00-54.50, Medium & Large Frame No. 2 200/760 lbs. 27.00-40.00; **BULLS:** Medium & Large Frame No. 1 350/925 lbs. 46.00-60.00, Medium & Large Frame No. 2 250/750 lbs. 30.00-45.00.
CALVES 136...
VEALERS: Few Choice 185/200 lbs. 54.00-56.00, Good 130/265 lbs. 33.00-49.00, Standard and Good 90/105 lbs. 18.00-24.00, 65/85 lbs. 17.00-23.50, Utility 65/90 lbs. 6.00-16.00.
FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady. No. 1 90/120 lbs. 60.00-99.00, No. 2 80/115 lbs. 25.00-55.00; No. 1 Holstein heifer 85/125 lbs. 85.00-117.50, No. 2 75/120 lbs. 27.50-63.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 75/120 lbs. 22.00-48.00.
HOGS 30...BARROWS AND GILTS steady. US 1-3 240/265 lbs. 49.50-52.00, US 2-3 290/300 lbs. 50.00-51.00.
SOWS: few US 1-3 400/420 lbs. 41.00-44.50.
BOARS: few 175/380 lbs. 30.00-37.75.
FEEDER PIGS 5...US 1-3 38 lbs. 33.50-37.75. --- per head.
SHEEP 41...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: High Choice and Prime 80/120 lbs. 100.00-108.00, Choice 60/75 lbs. 90.00-115.00, Good 105/130 lbs. 45.50-60.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 20.00-52.00.
GOATS 35...Large 100/120 lbs. 56.00-92.00. --- per cwt. Medium 33.00-66.00, Small 5.00-25.00. --- per head.

New Wilmington Livestock

NEW WILMINGTON, PA
JANUARY 13, 1997

CATTLE 132... PDA ...Compared with last week's sale...slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher.
SLAUGHTER STEERS: One Choice 1275 lbs 67.50, one Select 60.00.
HEIFERS: few Choice 1075/1150 lbs. 62.50-65.00, few Standard 40.00-45.25.
COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 34.00-39.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 24.00-35.00, Canner and Low Cutter 20.00-25.00. Shells down to 15.25.
BULLS: Couple Yield Grade No. 2 1090/1140 lbs. 34.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium Frame No. 1 375/550 lbs. 35.00-45.50, Medium Frame No. 2 200/300 lbs. 16.00-28.00; **HEIFERS:** few Medium Frame No. 1 400/475 lbs. 34.00-35.50, Medium Frame No. 2 200/300 lbs. 16.00-30.00.
CALVES 142...VEALERS: Standard and Good 80/115 lbs. 20.00-27.50, Utility 70/80 lbs. 5.00-17.50.
FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 95/130 lbs. 79.00-85.00, few 90 lbs. 73.00, No. 2 95/120 lbs. 50.00-75.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 95/110 lbs. 127.50-132.50, few No. 2 80/95 lbs. 47.50-100.00.
HOGS 199...Barrows and gilts .25 to 1.50 higher.
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 220/260 lbs. 52.60-55.00, US 1-3 210/270 lbs. 50.50-52.10, US 2-3 200/250 lbs. 48.00-49.85, few US 1-3 190/200 lbs. 45.00-48.50.
SOWS: few US 1-3 345/385 lbs. 43.50-45.00, few 500/660 lbs. 46.25-49.00.
BOARS: few 245/680 lbs. 38.00-39.00.
FEEDER PIGS 0...
SHEEP 48...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 80/115 lbs. 88.00-102.00. **NEW CROP:** Couple Choice 65/70 lbs. 126.00 & 130.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 30.00-63.00 mostly 45.00-56.00.
GOATS 1... All sold by the head. One Medium 47.50. --- per head.

Middleburg Livestock

MIDDLEBURG, PA
JANUARY 14, 1997
CATTLE 409... SUPPLIED BY THE

AUCTION ...Compared with last week's sale...steers 1.00 to 3.00 lower, heifers 2.00 to 3.00 lower, cows 2.00 to 3.00 higher.
STEERS: High Choice and Prime 71.00-73.00, Choice 66.00-71.00, Select 60.00-65.00.
HOLSTEINS: High Choice and Prime 59.00-61.00, one 63.00, Choice 54.00-58.00, Select 45.00-51.00.
HEIFERS: High Choice and Prime 68.00-70.75, Choice 63.00-67.00.
COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 37.00-38.50, one 41.50, Cutter and Boning Utility 30.00-33.50, Canner and Low Cutter 24.00-29.00.
BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 39.00-42.50, No. 2 34.00-38.00.
CALVES 172...VEALERS: Utility 60/80 lbs. 15.00-22.00.
FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90.00-102.00, No. 2 70.00-90.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 117.00, No. 2 40.00-60.00.
HOGS 204...(01/13 & 14/97)...Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction.
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 52.00-54.00, US 1-3 48.00-51.50.
SOWS: US 1-3 48.00.
BOARS: 35.00-40.25.
FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!
SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!
GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!
St. Louis Cattle, Hogs
SPRINGFIELD, IL
JANUARY 13, 1997
Cattle: 250 head, last week 500, and last year 300 head. Compared to last Monday, slaughter steers and heifers 1.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady. Too few bulls to establish a market. Supply mainly Select and Choice steers and heifers. Receipts curtailed due to extreme cold weather.
SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1025-1200 lbs. 64.00-66.00; Select and Choice 2-3 975-1175 lbs. 59.00-63.00; Select 2-3 975-1200 lbs. 54.00-59.00. Holstein Steers: Absent.
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 925-1175 lbs. 63.00-65.00; Select and Choice 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 58.00-62.00; Select 2-3 875-1150 lbs. 53.00-58.00.
SLAUGHTER COWS: Cutter, Boning and Breaking Utility 1-4 27.00-30.00; High Yielding absent; Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 24.00-28.00; Shelly Canner 1-2 19.00-24.00.
BULLS: Scarce.

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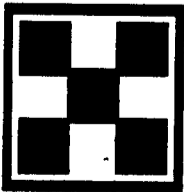
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