



DECEMBER 15-21, 1997

WINTER SOLSTICE, DEC. 21.

EMBER DAYS

This Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday follow the third Sunday in Advent, which makes them Ember Days. Almanacs note four annual sets of Ember Days because they are traditionally used for predicting the weather. The weather on Wednesday, December 17, for example — whether blustery, unseasonably warm, or characteristically seasonable — is supposed to predict the type of weather for January 1998. Friday the 19th predicts that for February 1998, and the Saturday weather (Dec. 20) has something to tell us about March. Ember Days also follow the first Sunday in Lent, Whit Sunday, and the third Sunday in September



As long as the Sun shines, one does not ask for the Moon.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Mittens are warmer than gloves, and many light layers are warmer than one heavy one.

PORK CHOP & POTATO BAKE

- 4 to 5 medium potatoes, sliced thin
- 1 onion, sliced thin
- salt and pepper
- 4 center-cut pork chops
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup (or other cream sauce)

spread onions over them, and add salt and pepper to taste. Top with pork chops, then spread cream of mushroom soup (don't add water) or cream sauce over the top. Bake at 375° F for about 1 hour, until the potatoes are cooked through and the pork chops are tender.

Makes 4 servings.

Grease a deep-dish pie plate or casserole. Place sliced potatoes evenly on the bottom,

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



St. Thomas gray! St. Thomas gray! The longest night and the shortest day (Dec. 21).

On St. Thomas the Divine, kill all turkeys, geese, and swine.

- Russian proverb

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Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa. Dec. 8, 1997

CATTLE 590...PDA...COMPARED WITH LAST MONDAY'S SALE. SUPPLY INCLUDED 95 SL. STEERS AND HEIFERS, 348 SL. COWS, 14 BULLS AND 133 FEEDER CATTLE...SL. STEERS STEADY.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1230-1325 LBS. 67.00-70.25, CHOICE 1200-1515 LBS. 63.75-66.50, SELECT 57.00-63.25, STANDARD 45.75-55.50.

HOLSTEINS: FEW HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1300-1545 LBS. 60.25-63.00, FEW CHOICE 1300-1395 LBS. 56.00-61.50, FEW SELECT 51.25-53.50, FEW STANDARD 48.50-50.00.

HEIFERS: FEW CHOICE 1075-1335 LBS. 63.00-65.75, SELCT 55.75-63.00, FEW STANDARD 43.50-53.75.

COWS: FEW EARLY SALES BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 35.00-40.50, CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 30.25-35.50, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 23.00-30.50. SHELLS DOWN TO 15.00.

BULLS: YG#1 965-2210 LBS. 39.75-44.50, #2 1030-1790 LBS. 31.00-38.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS MED. & LRGE. FRAME #1 250-450 LBS. 64.00-85.00, 975-1025 LBS. 60.00-65.00, MED. FRAME #2 245-440 LBS. 50.00-56.00, 925-1050 LBS. 39.00-50.50, LARGE FRAME #2 875-955 LBS. 32.00-35.00; HEIFERS MED. & LRGE. FRAME #1 250-400 LBS. 56.00-72.00, 400-600 LBS. 66.50-74.00, MED. FRAME #2 250-590 LBS. 36.00-53.00, FEW 600-700 LBS. 40.00-53.00; BULLS MED. & LRGE. FRAME #1 200-375 LBS. 66.00-76.00, 600-650 LBS. 56.00-73.00, MED. & LRGE. FRAME #2 250-500 LBS. 31.00-48.00, 700-875 LBS. 29.50-39.00.

CALVES: 486...VEALERS STANDARD AND GOOD 80-110 LBS. 21.00-29.00, UTILITY 55-80 LBS. 10.00-20.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY...#1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-125 LBS. 60.00-100.00, WITH COUPLE AT 55.00, #2 80-125 LBS. 28.00-50.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-115 LBS. 97.50-130.00 WITH A COUPLE AT 65.00 AND 70.00, #2 80-100 LBS. 26.00-55.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 80-110 LBS. 26.00-50.00.

HOGS 56...SOWS US#1-3 265-375 LBS. 40.00-45.00, 400-670 LBS. 34.50-39.00, MED. 350-450 LBS.

29.00-31.00.

BOARS FEW 500-750 LBS. 30.00-30.50.

FEEDER PIGS 39...SLAUGHTER UTILITY 45-90 LBS. 40.00-57.00 PER CWT.

SHEEP: 121...SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE 55-65 LBS. 100.00-130.00, 70-90 LBS. 93.00-122.50, 100-130 LBS. 75.00-87.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 27.00-47.00, ONE AT 50.00.

GOATS 240...BY THE HEAD, LARGE BILLIES 87.00-140.00, MED. 47.50-90.00, LARGE NANNIES 67.50-87.50, WETHERS 65.00-87.00, MED. 47.00-75.00, LARGE KIDS 23.00-55.00, SMALL 10.00-21.00 HEAD.

Westminster Livestock Auction

Hagerstown, Md. December 9, 1997

Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: 167 HEAD, PRICES STEADY TO 1.00 LOWER. UTILITY 34.00-38.75; HIGH DRESSING 39.50-41.75; CANNERS 28.00-34.00; SHELLY 28.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 12 HEAD. YG#1 NONE OFFERED; YG#2 35.00-40.00; 1 CHOICE BULLOCK AT 52.50; 1 SELECT AT 44.00.

FED STEERS: CHOICE 1150-1300 LBS. 66.00-67.50; LOW CHOICE 1000-1150 LBS. 62.00-63.00.

FED HEIFERS: LOW CHOICE 1100-1200 LBS. 62.50-63.25; 1 HIGH CHOICE 1050 LBS. AT 65.75.

VEAL CALVES: 117 HEAD. 1 CHOICE 250 LBS. AT 61.00; 1 GOOD 232 LBS. AT 51.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 25.00-29.00; 60-80 LBS. 20.00-26.00; WEAK/ROUGH 19.00 DOWN.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS GOOD DEMAND. #1 95-120 LBS. 75.00-96.00; 85-95 LBS. 35.00-70.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS FEW 85-110 LBS. 75.00-100.00; 75-85 LBS. 35.00-50.00; BEEF X BULLS 1 132 LBS. AT 62.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: SMALL RUN. NO TOP WEIGHTS OFFERED. #1&3 270-295 LBS. 40.00-41.00; 300-375 LBS. 37.00-40.00.

SOWS: 400-500 LBS. TO 35.50; 500-700 LBS. 34.00-36.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 198 HEAD. STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 70.00-75.00; 400-600 LBS. 68.00-76.00; 600-800 LBS. FEW 55.00-67.00; 800-1000 LBS. 52.00-62.00.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 53.00-65.00; 500-700 LBS. 54.00-63.00; 700-900 LBS. FEW TO 54.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 64.00-70.00, 2 HEAD AT 83.00; 400-600 LBS. 54.00-67.00; 600-800 LBS. 51.00-60.00, 1 AT 67.00; 800-900

LBS. 4 AT 49.50.

LAMBS: 30 HEAD. FEW CHOICE 120 LBS. TO 85.00; 80-100 LBS. 90.00-95.00; 60-80 LBS. 97.00-115.00; 35-60 LBS. 112.00-130.00; YEARLINGS 150 LBS. TO 60.00.

SHEEP: LIGHTWEIGHTS 56.00-70.00; HEAVYWEIGHTS 42.00-50.00.

GOATS: 25 HEAD. LARGE 75.00-124.00; MEDIUM 40.00-70.00; SMALL 20.00-35.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: BY THE HEAD, 15-25 LBS. 12.00-23.00; 30-40 LBS. 25.00-28.00; BY THE LB., 29 HEAD 50-55 LBS. 55.00-64.00; 5 HEAD 75-90 LBS. 56.00-61.00.

BOARS: 300 LBS. TO 29.75.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland

Report Supplied by Auction Sat., December 6, 1997

STOCK BULLS AND STEERS 200-500 LBS. 45.00-77.00.

STOCK HEIFERS 35.00-61.00. SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-61.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 41.50-49.00; LIGHT 35.00-48.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD 42.00-60.50.

BULLS: HEAVY 36.00-42.50, LIGHT 40.00-49.00.

COWS: UTILITY HOLSTEINS 30.00-36.50, CANNERS 25.00-29.50, CULLS 27.00 AND DOWN.

VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 76.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 35.00-55.00. BOB CALVES: 22.00 AND DOWN.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM: 90-120 LBS. UP TO 75.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM, NONE AVAILABLE.

BEEF X CALVES RETURN TO FARM: UP TO 60.00.

HOGS: TOP QUALITY 43.00-45.50, HEAVY 43.00-45.00, LIGHT 40.00-43.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD, UP TO 37.00.

SOWS: UP TO 40.00. MALE HOGS: UP TO 35.00.

LAMBS: 70-85 LBS. UP TO 90.00; 85-125 LBS. UP TO 98.00; 30-60 LBS., UP TO 115.00; CULLS 60.00 AND DOWN.

SHEEP: UP TO 40.00. GOATS: ALL BY THE HEAD, LARGE 50.00-85.00; MEDIUM 20.00-50.00; SMALL 8.00-34.00.

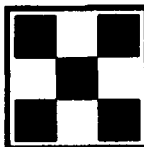
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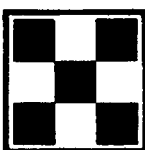


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Sale Day Hours: 8:00 - 7:00 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Dec. 15, 17, and 19

Sale Day Hours: 8:00 - 5:00 Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 16 and 18

