



DECEMBER 22-28, 1997

FIRST DAY OF CHANUKAH, DEC. 21.

**CONSTANCY AT CHRISTMAS**

In the language and sentiment of flowers, boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens*) denotes constancy. Though its root system is shallow, it is one of the evergreens that shows good longevity, as long as you don't plant it in a climate prone to extremes, such as the Deep South or more northern zones. Cuttings of the boxwood plant are traditional for wreaths, tabletop topiary, and other indoor greenery such as ropes and swags → another good reason to cultivate plenty of it in your outdoor landscape. Box is slow-growing but likes to be pruned and has an agreeably pungent fragrance.

*Holly and ivy, box and bay,  
Put in the church on Christmas Day.*

-15th C Christmas carol



**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Use green twine to anchor greenery to a mantelpiece, and remove it before it becomes a dried-out fire hazard.

**CINNAMON DIAMONDS**

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 egg white
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts

10x15-inch baking pan. Brush with egg white. Sprinkle with nuts and press them lightly into the top. Bake at 350° F for 18 to 20 minutes. Cut into diamonds while still warm.

Makes about 2 dozen.

Cream butter and brown sugar; beat in egg yolk and vanilla. Stir together flour and cinnamon, and add to creamed mixture. Pat into an ungreased



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*When the snow melts off the roof, the next storm will be rain. When the snow blows off, reckon on snow.*

*Year of snow, crops will grow.*

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DECEMBER 12, 1997

**14 LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS**  
**CATTLE 5854** Compared with 4513 head last week and 5270 head a year ago. Compared with the summary for two week's ago, slaughter steers steady to 75 lower, sl heifers uneven, mostly steady to 50 lower, sl cows and bulls steady to 100 lower  
**SLAUGHTER STEERS** High Choice & Prime 67 75-71 00, few to 71 50, Choice 63 00-68 25, Select and Low Choice 61 00-65 50, Select 54 50-63 50, Standard 43 00-55 00.  
**HOLSTEINS** High Choice & Prime 57 60-63 00, Choice 54 50-59 00, few to 61 00, Select 49 00-55 50, few Standard 38 00-49 00  
**HEIFERS** Choice 61 00-66 50, Select 55 50-63 00, Standard 41 00-56 00, few to 35 00  
**COWS** Breaking Utility & Commercial 32 50-40 00, few to 42 50, Cutter & Boning Utility 27 00-36 00, Canner and Low Cutter 23 00-31 00, few to 21 75 Shells down to 12 00  
**BULLS** Yield Grade No 1 1000/2400 lbs 39 00-46 00, No 2 900/2000 lbs 32 00-40 00, few to 27 00  
**FEEDER CATTLE STEERS** Medium & Large Frame No 1 275/550 lbs 64 00-80 00, few to 85 00, 500/900 lbs 50 00-66 00, Medium & Large Frame No 2 300/850 lbs 34 00-60 50 mostly 40 00-56 00, Large Frame No 2 400/900 lbs Holsteins 32 00-44 00, few to 51 50,  
**HEIFERS** Medium & Large Frame No 1 275/700 lbs 55 00-72 00, few Medium & Large Frame No 2 300/800 lbs 40 00-55 00, few to 30 00, **BULLS** Medium & Large Frame No. 1 285/550 lbs 60 00-78 00, 550/800 lbs. 52 00-71 00, Medium & Large Frame No 2 275/850 lbs 38 00-60 00, few to 30 00

**CALVES 3455**...Compared with 3421 head last week and 3069 head a year ago.  
**VEALERS**: mostly steady..few Choice 140/325 lbs 68 00-94 00, Good 125/300 lbs 40 00-70 00, few to 30 00, Standard and Low Good 70/110 lbs 15 00-30 00, Utility 50/100 lbs 5 00-21 00, few to 3 00  
**FARM CALVES** Holstein bull calves strong to 30 00 higher, Holstein heifers steady to 10 00 higher No. 1 Holstein bulls 85/125 lbs 50 00-142 00 mostly 70 00-131 00, No 2 80/125 lbs. 25 00-90 00 mostly 29 00-75 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 85/125 lbs 70 00-130 00, No 2 75/125 lbs 25 00-70 00 Beef cross bulls and heifers 70/135 lbs 30 00-90 00  
**HOGS 4038** Compared with 2686 head last week and 3460 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts steady to 50 lower, sows steady to 100 lower..  
**BARROWS AND GILTS** US 1-2 220/265 lbs 44 00-46.25, few to 47 50, US 1-3 210/270 lbs 43 00-45 00, US 2-3 220/300 lbs 40 00-43 50 **SOWS** US 1-3 300/500 lbs 29 00-34 00, few to 42.00, 500/700 lbs 33 00-38 00, few Medium 275/500 lbs 25 00-31 00 **BOARS** 26 50-30 00.  
**FEEDER PIGS 514** Compared with 227 head last week and 467 head a year ago  
**Feeder pigs** US 1-3 30/50 lbs 19 00-35 00, few 50/60 lbs 33 00-45 50 --- per head  
**SHEEP 1741** Compared with 1299 head last week and 1466 head a year ago  
**Slaughter lambs** under 50 lbs steady to strong, over 50 lbs mostly steady  
**SLAUGHTER LAMBS** few Choice 25/45 lbs 170 00-250 00, 40/60 lbs 97 50-145 00, few to 205 00, 60/85 lbs 95 00-130 00, 80/110 lbs 80 00-110 00, few to 72 00, 105/130 lbs 75 00-100 00, few

Good and Choice 40/85 lbs. 70.00-111.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP**: 25.00-60.00  
**TWO GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES** 1373 Compared with 1352 head last week and 1422 head a year ago. Feeder pigs under 50 lbs steady to 8 00 higher, over 50 lbs steady to 8 00 lower, Slaughter 10 00 to 50.00 higher US 1-2 30/40 lbs 67 50-85 00, 40/50 lbs 60 00-85 00, 50/60 lbs 57 50-67 50, 60/70 lbs 50 00-62 50, Few Slaughter 18/23 lbs 160 00-195 00, 21/29 lbs 110 00-150 00, 30/40 lbs 74 00-95 00, few to 135 00, 40/60 lbs 74 00-86 00 --- per hundredweight

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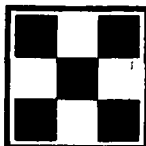


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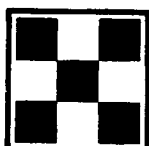


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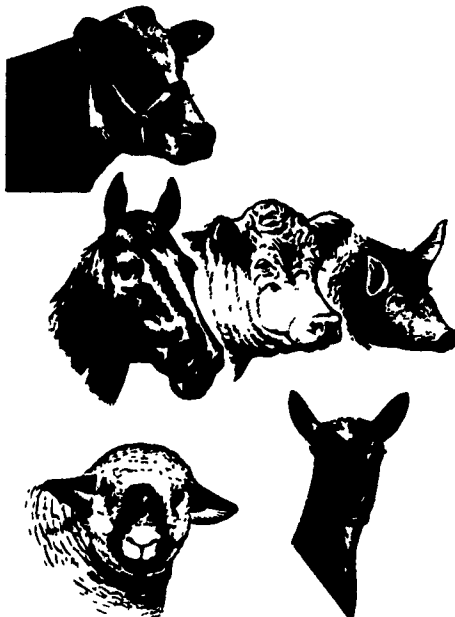
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