



DEC. 29, 1997-JAN. 4, 1998

HOLY INNOCENTS, DEC. 29.

**NEW YEAR, NEW BABY**

What better way to start the New Year than with a brand new baby? Every January, we see a few new faces from the maternity wards gracing the newspapers. But did you know that J. Edgar Hoover, later head of the F.B.I. for almost 50 years, was a New Year's baby? So, too, were writers J. D. Salinger (*Catcher in the Rye*) and E. M. Forster (*A Passage to India*). Actress and comic Carole Landis was another beautiful baby born on January 1. And Paul Revere and Betsy Ross started their patriotic days on New Year's Day. Barry Goldwater did the same.



*A man shows in his youth what he will be in his age.*

- Yugoslavian proverb

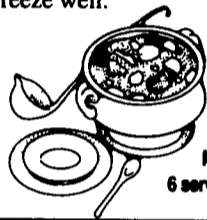
**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Rosemary and lemon-balm teas are reputed to combat postpartum depression.

**HAM-AND-BEAN SOUP**

- 1 pound dry, small white beans
- 1-1/2 pounds ham hock
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 cups peeled, diced potatoes
- 1 cup chopped carrots
- salt and pepper, to taste

Add vegetables and simmer for another hour. Remove ham hock, cool, and cut any remaining meat from bone, returning the meat to the soup. Season to taste. Leftovers freeze well.



Makes 6 servings.

Soak beans overnight; drain. Add 10 cups fresh water, ham hock, onion, and garlic. Cover and simmer 1 1/2 hours.

**The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*When the Moon runs low (Dec. 29), expect unseasonably warm weather.*

*Wolves always howl more before a storm.*

*A crow flying alone is a sign of foul weather.*

Got a Question? Every day, the editors of *The Old Farmer's Almanac* answer a question on the Internet. All questions are archived there as well. Go to [www.almanac.com](http://www.almanac.com).

**MIDDLEBURG LIVESTOCK AUCTION**  
MIDDLEBURG, PA  
December 23, 1997

CATTLE 251 [PDA] Compared with last week's sale sl steers uneven with spots 1 50 lower, cows 1 00 to 4 00 higher  
SLAUGHTER STEERS few High Choice and Prime 1445/1475 lbs 68 00-69 00, Choice 1035/1530 lbs 64 50-66 50, few 1560/1775 lbs 60 25-63 75, Select 57 75-64 00, Standard 50 50-56 50  
HOLSTEINS few High Choice and Prime 1350/1585 lbs 59 00-61 75, few Choice 1350/1615 lbs 56 75-58 75, Select 52 00-55 25, Standard 39 75-50 75  
HEIFERS: Choice 1055/1315 lbs 63 75-66 50, few Select 59 50-63 00, Standard 42 25-53 00  
COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 37 00-44 50, Cutter and Boning Utility 32 00-38 00, Canner and Low Cutter 24 75-35 50 Shells down to 20 00  
BULLS few Yield Grade No 1 900/1725 lbs 43 25-49 50  
FEEDER CATTLE STEERS: few Medium Frame No 1 485/600 lbs 55 50-60 50, HEIFERS: Medium Frame No 1 365/535 lbs 51 00-51 50, few Medium & Large Frame No 2 535/705 lbs 32 00-45 00, BULLS few Medium Frame No 1 600/625 lbs 44 50-51 00, few Medium & Large Frame No 2 540/975 lbs 34 00-42 00  
CALVES 212 VEALERS Standard and Good 75/120 lbs 25 00-35 00, Utility 65/105 lbs 11 00-21 00  
FARM CALVES No 1 Holstein bulls 10 00 to 15 00 higher, No 2 bulls steady to spots 5 00 lower No 1 Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs 80 00-130 00, 80/90 lbs 65 00-80 00, No. 2 80/110 lbs. 28 00-55 00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 95/115 lbs 70 00-109 00, No 2 70/105 lbs 26 00-40 00.  
HOGS 184 (12/22 & 23/97) Bulk of supply sold on Monday and sold by the auction  
BARROWS AND GILTS US 1-2 230/260 lbs 39 50-44 00, few 42 50, US 1-3 250/270 lbs. 34 50-39 00, one lot US 1-3 210 lbs @ 32 00  
SOWS US 1-3 300/600 lbs 29 00-44 50 most sales 30 50-35 75.  
BOARS few 350/550 lbs 22 00-25 25, one 250 lbs @ 31 50  
FEEDER PIGS 69 Few US 1-3 15/35 lbs 9 00-32 00, 40/55 lbs 25 00-36 00 --- per head.  
SHEEP 13 SLAUGHTER LAMBS. few Choice 30/40 lbs 110 00-150 00, few 80/100 lbs 80 00-87 00, couple 140 & 145 lbs 64 00 & 69 00  
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: one @ 39 00  
GOATS 9. Couple Medium Nannies 35 00 & 60 00, couple Large Kids 34 00 & 51 00, few Small 13 00-16 00 --- per head

NEW WILMINGTON LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
PA DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE  
NEW WILMINGTON, PA  
December 23, 1997  
CATTLE 110 [PDA] Compared with last week's sale slaughter cows .25 to 1 75 higher  
SLAUGHTER STEERS few Standard 42 00-43 75  
HEIFERS one Select 54 00  
COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 33 75-38 00, few to 41 00, Cutter and Boning Utility 28 00-35 00, Canner and Low Cutter 24 75-28 50 Shells down to 20 00  
BULLS few Yield Grade No 2 990/1330 lbs. 35 00-36 75

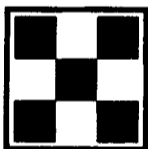
FEEDER CATTLE BULLS: few Large & Medium Frame No 2 245/585 lbs 33 50-39 50  
CALVES 183 VEALERS Standard and Good 70/105 lbs 19 00-30 00, Utility 50/70 lbs 5 00-16 00  
FARM CALVES No. 1 Holstein bulls 110/130 lbs 90 00-92 00, 90/110 lbs 105 00-126 00, few 85 lbs @ 61 00, No 2 90/120 lbs 50 00-92 00, few No 1 Holstein heifers 105/130 lbs 105 00, No 2 80/110 lbs 35 00-95 00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 80/125 lbs 27 50-55 00  
HOGS 286 Barrows and gilts 3 50 to 5 50 lower  
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 230/270 lbs 36 75-39 00, US 1-3 210/275 lbs 36 00-36 85, US 2-3 210/260 lbs 33 00-35 00, couple US 1-3 195 lbs @ 40 00  
SOWS US 1-3 300/500 lbs 31 00-33 00, 500/670 lbs 33 00-36 25  
BOARS. few 300/595 lbs 24 50-37 00  
FEEDER PIGS 128 US 1-3 25/55 lbs 25 00-32 50, few US 2-3 70/80 lbs 25 00 --- per head  
SHEEP 77 SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 50/80 lbs 102 00-120 00, 80/115 lbs 68 00-100 00  
FEEDER LAMBS Choice 45/75 lbs 67 50-95 00  
SLAUGHTER SHEEP 25 00-52 00  
GOATS 33 . Large 60 00-70 00, few Medium 37 50-58 00, few Small 27 50-30 00, Small 1 50-9 00 --- per head



United Feature Syndicate  
(Printed in the U S A)

200 Madison Ave.  
N.Y., NY 10016  
(212-293-8500)

**AVAILABLE SPRING '98**

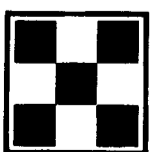


**WEANER and/or FEEDER PIGS**



**Take Advantage of the Benefits of Single Source, Multi-site Raised Pigs**

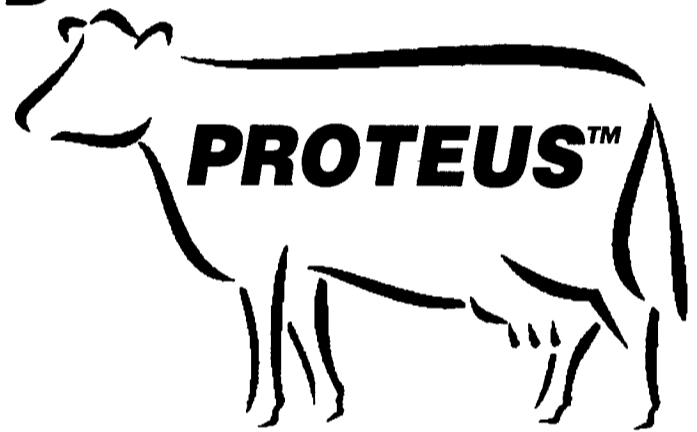
- Features:
- 1600 pigs available/week
  - Single source supply
  - Located in Central PA
  - AI for best genetics
  - Availability sized to finisher needs
  - Financing assistance available



**PURINA MILLS, Inc.**  
**800-873-5300**

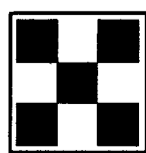
Manufacturing Facilities: Lancaster, Harrisburg, Hagerstown, Wyalusing and Knoxville

**WORRIED ABOUT HIGH M.U.N.**



**OR B.U.N. LEVELS?**

CALL US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT **PURINA'S PROTEUS™**



**HIGH BROS.**

441 Centerville Road  
Gordonville, PA 17529  
Phone 717-354-0301

