



JANUARY 5-11, 1998

ST. DISTAFF'S DAY, JAN. 7.

**EPIPHANY**

January 6 is the Feast of Epiphany, or Twelfth Day, the end of the Yule festivities. The word is not specific to Christianity, however, as Zeus's alias, "Epiphaneus," can attest. It means "manifest one," from the Greek *epiphaino*, meaning "to shine upon," or "to be manifest."



More recently, Epiphany has come to be associated with the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of the appearance of Christ to the Gentiles or, in the Eastern Church, as the baptism of Christ. Traditionally, it is a time to remove the Christmas greens, lest bad luck come in where the drying evergreen needles fall.

*He who anticipates good fortune risks it by his presumption.*

— Spanish proverb

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Immerse frozen plants briefly in water, cover with newspapers, and set them in the dark for a few days. Gradual thawing may save them.

**DEEP-DISH PLUM PIE**

- 4 cups diced plums
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter
- pie pastry (top only)

pastry to 1/8 inch thick. Moisten pie-dish rim and lay pastry over plums. Seal edges and prick top. Bake at 400° F for approximately 35 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.

Place plums in a deep pie dish. Combine sugar, flour, and salt and sprinkle over plums. Dot with butter. Roll out



**The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*When the Moon runs high (January 11) expect unseasonably cold weather.*

*At Twelfth Day (Jan. 6) the days are lengthened a cock-stride.*

*As the day lengthens, the cold strengthens.*

*January warm, the Lord have mercy.*

**Friend's Stockyard Inc.**

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December 29, 1997

STOCK BULLS AND STEERS (200-500 LBS.) 57.00-77.00.  
STOCK HEIFERS: 36.00-60.00.  
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HOLSTEIN STEERS: HEAVY CHOICE 37.00-52.00, LIGHT 38.00-45.00.  
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: GOOD TO CHOICE 61.50-64.00; MEDIUM TO GOOD 47.00-61.00.  
BULLS: HEAVY 35.00-45.50, LIGHT 38.00-40.00.  
COWS: UTILITY (HOLSTEIN) 34.00-41.25, COMMERCIAL TO GOOD 31.00-34.00, CULL COWS 30.00 AND DOWN.  
VEALS: GOOD TO CHOICE 50.00-65.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 20.00-46.00.  
BOB CALVES: 20.00 AND DOWN.  
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES — RETURN TO FARM (90 TO 120 LB.)-UP TO 106.00.  
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES — RETURN TO FARM (90 TO 120 LB.)-UP TO 109.00.  
BEEF CROSS CALVES — RETURN TO FARM UP TO 60.00.  
HOGS: TOP QUALITY UP TO 44.50, HEAVY UP TO 42.00, LIGHT 30.00-41.00.  
SOWS: 30.00-34.00.

MALE HOGS: 25.00-30.00.  
LAMBS, LIGHT AND FEEDER, NONE AVAILABLE.  
SHEEP: 15.00-38.00.  
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**Lebanon Valley Livestock**

Fredericksburg, PA  
Dec. 30

Report Supplied by Auction  
STEERS CHOICE, NONE; SELECT 1240-1300 LBS. 61.00-63.00.  
HOLSTEINS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME, NONE.  
HEIFERS: SELECT 1200-1300 LBS. 37.00-40.00.  
COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 1400-1600 LBS. 36.50-38.25; CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1100-1700 LBS. 32.25-35.50; CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 22.00-25.00; SHELLS 15.00-20.00.  
BULLS: YG#2 1665-1900 LBS. 42.00-44.00.  
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 250-400 LBS. 50.00-65.00; HEIFERS 300-450 LBS. 42.00 AND 48.00 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS.  
FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 105-110 LBS. 106.00-112.00, #2 95-105 LBS. 85.00-105.00; #1 HOLSTEIN

HEIFERS 100-115 LBS. 112.00-120.00, #2 85-110 LBS. 45.00-75.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 100-110 LBS. 75.00-80.00.  
HOGS: BARROWS AND GILTS US#1-2 230-240 LBS. 34.00-36.00.  
SOWS: US#1-3 350-500 30.00-32.00.  
BOARS 24.00-26.00.

**New Holland Dairy**

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Wednesday, December 31, 1997  
Report supplied by auction  
93 DAIRY COWS, 141 HEIFERS, 4 BULLS. MARKET STRONGER.  
LOCAL FRESH COWS 360.00-985.00, FEW 1175.00-1250.00.  
LOCAL SPRINGERS 550.00-1275.00. FRESH HEIFERS 350.00-950.00, FEW 1010.00-1175.00.  
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