



DECEMBER 14-20, 1998

FIRST DAY OF CHANUKAH, DEC. 14.

**HOW TO SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"**

In French, it's *Joyeux Noel*; in Spanish, *Feliz Navidad*. The Swedes say *Glad Yul*, but Italians prefer *Buone Feste Natalizie*. However you say it, we hope it's a merry one and as memorable (but free of fires or shipwrecks!) as some of these notable Christmas Days: On



Christmas Day in 1492, Columbus's Santa Maria was shipwrecked. December 25, 1642, saw the birth of Isaac Newton. On Christmas, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware River. In 1777, Captain Cook discovered Christmas Island. December 25, 1821, marked the birth of Clara Barton. And on Christmas, 1849, the great San Francisco fire occurred.

*A green Christmas, a white Easter.*

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Run a wire from the top of the Christmas tree to the ceiling for added stability.

**UNCOOKED WINTER RELISH**

- 1-1/2 cups diced celery
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1-1/2 cups chopped, cooked beets
- 1/3 cup horseradish
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- cold cider vinegar, to moisten

closely, and let stand for at least 24 hours (From *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, 1949)

Makes 6 servings.



Combine the ingredients in the order given. Place into a jar, cover

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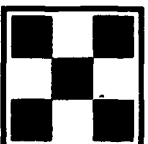
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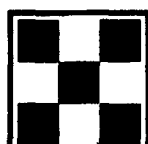
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**Oklahoma City**

**Feeder Cattle**

Oklahoma City, OK  
Wed Dec 9, 1998

USDA-OK Dept Ag Market News  
Oklahoma National Stockyards - Weekly Cattle Summary

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle steady to 2.00 higher. Demand good for feeders despite downward movement in CME Monday. Steer calves steady. Heifer calves 2.00-3.00 lower. Demand remains good for calves as wheat and rye pastures continue excellent. Quality plain to average and this well below last week. Weight-ups average. Calves in slightly thin through fleshy condition; feeders in thin to medium flesh. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter bulls 1.00 higher. Packer demand moderate with best action from southern buyers. Replacement and feeder cow buyers remain aggressive. Cows and bulls totaled 650 head with 50 percent to packers. Receipts this week 10,050; last week 8,356; last year 9,855. Supply consisted of 32 percent yearlings and calves over 600 lbs; 62 percent calves under 600 lbs; 6 percent cows and bulls. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis.

**Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 Calves: 300-400 lbs (350 lb) 97.00- 106.50 (102.91); 400-450 lbs (424 lb) 91.50-98.00 (94.84); 450-500 lbs (470 lb) 84.75-93.00 (88.27); 500-550 lbs (524 lb) 78.50-86.75 (83.84); 550-600 lbs (576 lb) 74.25-83.50 (77.67); 600-650 lbs (616 lb) 70.25-74.00 (72.75); 650-700 lbs (661 lb) 67.50-72.50 (70.86); Yearlings: 600-650 lbs (630 lbs) 76.00-78.25 (76.53); 650-700 lbs (677 lbs) 72.75-75.00 (74.48); 700-800 lbs (750 lb) 70.00-74.00 (72.42); 800-850 lbs (819 lbs) 68.00-73.50 (71.25); load 895 lbs 63.00; part load 915 lbs 63.00.**

*The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS*



*December's frost and January's flood, never boded the husbandman's good.*

*December cold with snow, good for rye.*

*There is never a Saturday without some sunshine.*

*If it rains on Sunday before mass, it will rain the whole week.*

**Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 Calves: 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 80.00-88.00 (85.23); 400-450 lbs (427 lbs) 76.00-83.00 (78.74); 450-500 lbs (481 lbs) 71.00-79.00 (75.15); 500-550 lbs (532 lbs) 68.00-76.00 (72.01); 550-600 lbs (563 lbs) 67.50-70.50 (68.87); 600-675 (650 lbs) 63.50-67.50 (64.04); Yearlings: 550-600 lbs (582 lbs) 68.50-73.50, load thin 78.00 (71.09); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 65.00-70.00 (68.09); 700-750 lbs (712 lbs) 63.75-65.50 (64.77); 750-800 lbs (776 lbs) 61.50- 62.50 (62.23); 825 lbs 59.50.**

**Slaughter Cows: Head %Lean Weight Average Dress High Dress Low Dress \*Brk 28 75-80% 900-1350 29.00-31.50 32.75-33.50 29.00 \*Bnr 83 80-85% 900-1475 29.50-32.00 32.50-37.00 26.50-29.50 Lean 81 85-90% 800-1375 28.00-30.50 32.50-34.00 24.00-28.00 Light 46 85-92% 675-850 24.00-26.75 19.75-24.50**

**\*Brk=Breakers (fat cows), \*Bnr=Boners (smooth cows)**  
**Slaughter Bulls: Head Weight Average Dress High Dress Low Dress Y.G. 1-2 26 1300-1950 41.00-44.50 43.00-48.50 37.50-41.00**

Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Lean 63.35, light carcasses 58.95; Boners 62.40; Breakers 59.30. Bulls 76.15.

**Replacement Cows: Pretested for bangs, pregnancy, and age Medium and Large 1 Age Weight Months Bred Quality Price 4-6 yr old 1000-1150 7-8 months High Quality 600.00-665.00; 4-7 yr old 950-1150 5-6 months High Quality 500.00-575.00; 4-7 yr old 850-1250 4-6 months Avg Quality 420.00-480.00; 4-7 yr old 850-1050 2-4 months Avg Quality 320.00-390.00; 9-10+ yr old 850-1050 5 months Avg Quality 300.00-370.00.**

**Pairs: Medium and Large 1 Age Weight Calf Wt Quality Price 3-4 yr old 900-1150**

125-275 lbs High Quality 575.00-650.00; 6-7 yr old 1000-1150 150-175 lbs Avg Quality 495.00-540.00.

**Morrison Cove Livestock**

Martinsburg, Pa.  
Dec. 7, 1998

Report supplied by auction

**CATTLE 207. STEERS CHOICE 61.50-64.50; GOOD 56.00-60.50. HEIFERS: CHOICE 60.50-64.00; GOOD 55.00-59.50.**

**COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 31.50-39.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 16.00-30.00.**

**BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 38.00-45.00.**

**BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1 36.00-44.00.**

**FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 48.00-59.00; BULLS 38.00-55.00; HEIFERS 39.00-56.00.**

**CALVES 128. PRIME, NO MKT. TEST; CHOICE 62.00-77.00; GOOD 55.00-60.00; STANDARD 12.00-28.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 45.00-80.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 90.00-133.00.**

**HOGS: 296. US NO. 1-2 19.00-20.00; US NO. 1-3 18.00-19.00.**

**SOWS: US NO. 1-3 10.00-17.00.**

**BOARS: 3.00-8.00.**

**FEEDER PIGS: 55 HEAD. US#1&3 20-50 LBS. 7.00-12.00.**

**SHEEP: 50 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 76.00-84.00, GOOD LAMBS 65.00-72.00, SLAUGHTER EWES 25.00-30.00.**

**GOATS: 22.00-64.00 EACH.**

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