



JANUARY 4-10, 1999

TWELFTH NIGHT, JAN. 5.

**ST. DISTAFF'S DAY**

On January 7, "neither work nor play," says the old proverb, but the women were expected to get back to their spinning on this first day following Epiphany and the holidays. A distaff is the staff that holds the flax or wool in spinning. It came to symbolize the domestic sphere in general, and "the distaff side" meant the woman's side of the family. Distaff Day was also called Rock Day, the rock indicating a weight for holding the spinning fleece taut as it was being twisted into yarn. Interestingly, Plough Monday, the first Monday after Epiphany (January 11, this year) was when men were supposed to resume work, giving them extra days off.

*House goes mad when women gad.*

- Old proverb

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

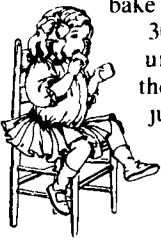
Stuck in the snow? Try placing your car floor mats under the tires.

**CORNY CORN BREAD**

- 2 cups yellow cornmeal
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2-1/2 cups milk
- 1-1/2 cups corn oil
- 5 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups cooked corn kernels

bowl Combine the two mixtures, stirring briefly. Fold in the corn kernels. Pour into a 13x9-inch baking pan and bake at 350° F for 30 minutes, or until firm in the center and just golden.

Makes about 15 squares.



Combine the dry ingredients in one bowl, then beat together the milk, oil, and eggs in a separate

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**Weekly Livestock Summary**

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**11 LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS**

**CATTLE** 2525 Compared with 4379 head last week and 2317 head a year ago. Compared with last Friday's summary slaughter steers and heifers steady to weak, sl cows steady to 1 00 higher, bulls 1 00 to 2 00 higher. **SLAUGHTER STEERS** few High Choice & Prime 2-4 60 50-64 25, Choice 1-3 56 00-62 00, Select and Low Choice 2-3 54 00-58 00, Select 1-3 52 00-56 00, Standard 1-2 44 50-51 75, few to 40 00. **HOLSTEINS** Choice 2-3 51 00-54 50, Select 1-2 44 50-52 00, Standard 36 00-44 00. **HEIFERS** Choice 2-4 55 00-61 00, few Select 1 3 52 00 56 00, few Standard 1-2 37 00-50 00. **COWS** Breakers 75 80% lean 31 25-40 75, Boners 80-85% lean 29 00-37 00, Lean 85-90% lean 24 00-33 00, few to 21 00. Shells down to 13 00. **BULLS** Yield Grade 1 1000-2400 lbs 40 00-50 00, few to 60 75, Yield Grade 2 900-2000 lbs 33 00-41 00. **FEEDER CATTLE** STEERS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 54 00-65 00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 300-600 lbs 51 00-64 00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 37 00-50 00, 550-900 lbs 34 00-47 50, BULLS Medium and Large 1 350-600 lbs 53 00-65 00, few to 74 50, 550-650 lbs 48 00-61 00, Medium and Large 2 300 475 lbs 40 00-51 50, 500-700 lbs 35 00-46 00.

*The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS*



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

*January and February eat more than Madrid and Toledo.*

*When oak trees bend with snow in January, good crops may be expected.*

*As the day lengthens, so the cold strengthens.*

US 1-3 300-500 lbs 6 00-10 00, 500-700 lbs 8 00-14 00 BOARS 1 50-5 00

**FEEDER PIGS** 481 Compared with 228 head last week and 225 head a year ago. Feeder pigs US 1-3 30-45 lbs 4 00-10 00, 45-65 lbs 10 00-18 00, few to 25 00 -- per head

**SHEEP** 2439 Compared with 3114 head last week and 1247 head a year ago. Slaughter lambs steady to 5 00 lower, New Crop lambs mostly steady. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice 50-80 lbs 70 00-100 00, 75-110 lbs 65 00-88 00, 105-130 lbs 60 00-70 00, few to 54 00. **NEW CROP LAMBS** Choice 35-60 lbs 125 00-185 00, few to 100 00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP** 20 00-55 00

**TWO GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES** 4132 Compared with 2140 last week and 850 head a year ago. Feeder pigs steady to weak, many sold for slaughter for the Holiday season. US 1-2 30-40 lbs 26 00-50 00, few to 20 00, 40-50 lbs 20 00-35 00, few to 10 00, 50-60 lbs 24 00-33 00, 60-80 lbs 20 00-32 00, Slaughter 1-2 20-35 lbs 50 00-90 00, 15-55 lbs 20 00-35 00 -- per hundredweight

**Leesport Livestock Auction**

Leesport, Pa.  
Dec. 16, 1998  
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**CATTLE** 277 [PDA] [Supply included 61 slaughter steers and heifers, 122 slaughter cows and 75 feeder cattle] sl steers steady to 1 00 lower, sl cows mostly steady, sl bulls steady to strong

**SLAUGHTER STEERS** Choice 2-4 1150-1470 lbs 57 00-62 00, Select 1-3 52 50-56 75, Standard 1-2 44 25-52 50

**HOLSTEIN STEERS** few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1420-1575 lbs 54 50-54 75, Choice 2-3 1225-1595 lbs 50 00-54 00, Select 1-2 44 75-51 50, few Standard 1-2 34 00-44 00

**HEIFERS** few Standard 1-2 38 75-45 75

**COWS** Breakers 75-80% lean 34 00-38 75, low dressing 31 25-32 50, Boners 80-85% lean 32 25-36 00, low dressing 28 75-31 50, Lean 85 90% lean 24 50-32 75 Shells down to 18 50

**BULLS** Yield Grade 1 1000-1800 lbs 39 50-45 00, Yield Grade 2 1050-2555 lbs 36 00-40 50

*Some markets not available due to the holiday*

**FEEDER CATTLE** STEERS few Medium 1-2 575-755 lbs 48 00-53 50, one 475 lbs at 65 00, Large 2 630-800 lbs 48 00-52 00, HEIFERS Medium 1 2 250-400 lbs 46 00-57 50, 500-775 lbs 43 50-55 00, BULLS Medium 1-2 200-300 lbs 60 00-72 50, 400-540 lbs 45 00-56 50

**CALVES** 166 VEALERS Good and Choice 160-280 lbs 50 00-75 00, few Good 120-125 lbs 42 50-50 00, Standard and Good 75-105 lbs 22 00-30 00, Utility 70-80 lbs 17 00-22 00, 50-65 lbs 5 00-17 50

**FARM CALVES** Holstein bulls weak with spots to 10 00 lower No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 60 00-90 00, No 2 85-120 lbs 30 00-60 00, with a few down to 25 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 80-130 lbs 135 00-200 00, No 2 80-110 lbs 55 00-125 00. Few beef type bulls and heifers 115-150 lbs 72 50-85 00

**HOGS** 100 Barrows and gilts 2 00 to 5 00 lower, sows 3 00 to 5 00 lower

**BARROWS AND GILTS** 49-54% lean 225-250 lbs 17 00-20 00, 45-50% 225-265 lbs 11 50-16 00, 40-45% 270-330 lbs 12 50-15 50

**SOWS** US 1-3 385-490 lbs 4 50-8 50, 500-635 lbs 5 50-6 50

**BOARS** 210-535 lbs 3 00-4 50

**FEEDER PIGS** 67 US 1-3 20-45 lbs 40 00-55 00 -- per cwt

**SHEEP** 94 Slaughter lambs steady to 10 00 higher

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice 40-65 lbs 82 00-97 00, 70-95 lbs 62 50-90 00, one lot at 101 00, 100-150 lbs 60 00-72 50

**NEW CROP LAMBS** Choice 40-55 lbs 120 00-175 00, 60-70 lbs 110 00-117 50

**SLAUGHTER SHEEP** few 25 00-34 00, Yearlings 40 00-47 50

**GOATS** 24 Few Large Billies 65 00-72 50, Medium 42 00-57 50, few Large Nannies 57 50-62 50, few Medium 55 00-65 00, Large Kids 50 00-80 00 -- per head



**Needed for population this fall through Spring of 99**

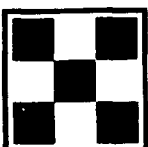
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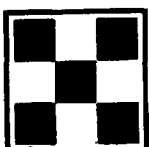
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