



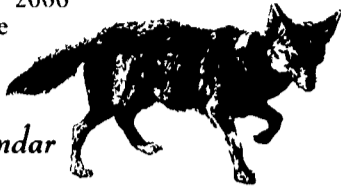
JANUARY 25-31, 1999

FULL OLD MOON, JAN. 31.

A LUNAR BEGINNING

The new year began with a full Moon on the first of January, called the Full Wolf Moon for those hungry wolves that howl in the snow. This week, January signs off with a second bold illumination, the Full Old Moon of January 31, which is called a "blue Moon" for being the second full Moon within a month. March 1999 will also have two full Moons (Full Crust and Full Worm), but February has no full Moon this year, and the year 2000 won't have any blue Moons at all.

Two full Moons in a calendar month bring on flood.



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



If sunset on Sunday is cloudy, it will rain before Wednesday.

If on Friday it rain, twill on Sunday again; if Friday be clear, have for Sunday no fear.

A January spring is worth naething.

Much rain in January, no blessing to the fruit.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Steam vaporizers and ultrasonic humidifiers are less apt than the cool mist variety to spread bacteria.

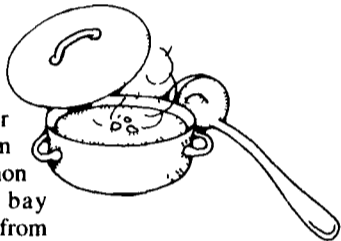
COLD PREVENTION SOUP

- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- ground pepper, to taste
- 1 bay leaf
- juice of 1 lemon

the steam — sure relief when a cold is coming on!

Makes 4 servings.

Combine all ingredients except the lemon juice in a saucepan and simmer briefly. Remove from heat and add the lemon juice. Remove the bay leaf and sip the soup from a mug so you can inhale



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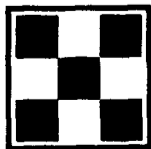


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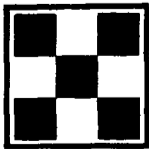
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Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, Jan. 18

	Calves	Sheep	Goats
Today	229	727	907
Last Week	262	1163	634
Last Year	230	1427	1309

CALVES: COMPARED TO THURS.'S AUCTION, VEALERS SOLD 1.00-2.00 HIGHER AND SLAUGHTER CALVES WERE FULLY STEADY. HOLSTEIN BULL FARM CALVES WERE STEADY TO 15.00 LOWER THAN THURS.'S ACTIVE MARKET AND HEIFERS WERE STEADY IN A LIGHT TEST.

VEALERS: GOOD AND CHOICE 70-110 LBS. 18.00-24.00. STANDARD AND LOW GOOD 60-90 LBS. 11.00-20.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: GOOD AND CHOICE 200-350 LBS. 85.00-95.00; 350-500 LBS. 65.00-80.00. STANDARD 300-600 LBS. 40.00-65.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-125 LBS. 80.00-124.00. PLAINER TYPE BULLS 80-115 LBS. 40.00-80.00. FEW HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 80-115 LBS. 140.00-196.00.

SHEEP: COMPARED TO THURS., WOOLED SLAUGHTER LAMBS OVER 80 LBS. SOLD 5.00 HIGHER; LIGHT-WEIGHTS AND NEW CROP LAMBS TRADED STEADY TO WEAK. SLAUGHTER EWE PRICES WERE STEADY TO 5.00 HIGHER.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: NEW CROP CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 30-50 LBS. 125.00-185.00; 50-90 LBS. 105.00-125.00. WOOLED CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 45-80 LBS. 100.00-115.00; 80-110 LBS. 80.00-105.00; 110-140 LBS. 70.00-80.00.

GOOD AND CHOICE 45-80 LBS. 75.00-100.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: GOOD AND CHOICE YEARLINGS AND 2 YEAR-OLDS 40.00-65.00. UTILITY AND GOOD 1-3 35.00-50.00. AGED BUCKS 200-280 LBS. 30.00-45.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE BILLIES 100.00-125.00, FEW TO 155.00, MEDIUM 70.00-125.00; CHOICE AND PRIME MUTTON 75.00-95.00; LARGE NANNIES 60.00-80.00, MEDIUM 40.00-60.00; CHOICE AND PRIME YEARLINGS 60.00-90.00; CHOICE AND PRIME KIDS 40.00-66.00, GOOD 20.00-40.00.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md
January 20, 1999

Report supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: 112 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 LOWER. UTILITY 34.00-37.50; HIGH DRESSING 38.00-40.25; CANNERS 30.00-34.00; SHELLY 30.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 3 HEAD. YG#1 1700-2000 LBS. 43.75-46.75; YG#2 1280 LBS. AT 40.00.

FED STEERS: 33 HEAD; ACTIVE, 1.00 HIGHER. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1200-1450 LBS. 63.75-65.50; CHOICE #1-3 60.50-63.00; LOW CHOICE 58.00-60.00; STANDARD 1100-1250 LBS. 48.00-51.00.

FED HEIFERS: 15 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1100-1375 LBS. 64.00-66.25; CHOICE #1-3 60.00-63.75; 900-1050 LBS. 55.50-60.75; LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1300 LBS. AT 46.75.

VEAL CALVES: 135 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS. 24.00-30.00, 60-80 LBS. 16.00-24.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY, SPOTS 5.00 HIGHER. #1 95-120 LBS. 85.00-115.00, FEW TO 120.00; #2 88-94 LBS. 50.00-80.00; 125-135

LBS. TO 77.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 150.00-190.00; #2 75-90 LBS. 50.00-100.00; BEEF X BULLS 50.00-75.00; HEIFERS TO 60.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 41 HEAD. #1&3 225-260 LBS. TO 27.50; 200-225 LBS 24.00-27.00; 1 LOT 284 LBS. AT 25.00; 300-375 LBS. 25.00-31.00.

SOWS: 400-650 LBS. 21.00-22.00, THIN 12.00-15.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 112 HEAD, ACTIVE; BIDDING PRICES HIGHER. STEERS MED. AND LRGE. FRAME 74.00-86.00; 400-600 LBS. 68.00-81.50; 4 HEAD 650 LBS. AT 69.50.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 65.00-73.00, 500-700 LBS. 58.00-68.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 75.00-82.00; 400-600 LBS. 63.00-72.00; 600-800 LBS. 52.00-65.00.

DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: 28 HEAD, LARGE SPRINGERS 960.00-1250.00; MEDIUM 650.00-975.00; SMALL 500.00-650.00; FRESH 535.00-725.00; SMALL HEIFERS 180.00-325.00; MEDIUM 380.00-525.00; LARGE OPEN 585.00-650.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS LARGE 650.00; SMALL TO MED. 350.00-520.00.

GOATS: 35.00-76.00. PIGS AND SHOATS: 76 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 30-45 LBS. 11.00-16.00; 45-60 LBS. 15.00-20.00.

LAMBS: 7 HEAD. 90-110 LBS. 69.00-77.00; 70-90 LBS. 85.00-91.00.

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- Tom Levar, Soil Ecologist
- Glenn Shirk, Lancaster County Dairy Extension Agent
- Don Weaver, Wayne Knerr, Maurice Sinam, Ed Koncle

Topics Include

- Meeting needs of replacement heifers and dry cows
- Managing soil nutrition for maximum production
- Herd health through proper nutrition
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Reservations required by noon Monday, Jan. 25

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