



DECEMBER 6-12, 1999

ST. NICHOLAS, DECEMBER 6.

'TIS A GIFT TO BE SIMPLE

Let us take a renewed approach to the holidays by choosing our traditions with care. What small improvements can we make to add meaning, not glitter, to our holidays? Will you spend more time than money with children? Are listening, laughter, favors and compliments among your gifts? Will you spend your money well and only on items you value? If you are a letter writer, will your Christmas cards reflect your thoughts beyond peace and goodwill? Light a candle of remembrance or line your community's sidewalks with luminaries for the solstice. There is no one way, no right way, except that it be your chosen gift.



A gift much expected is paid, not given.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Let children cut wrapping-paper scraps into strips to make decorative paper chains for the tree.

MAPLE SYRUP COOKIES

- 1-1/2 cups maple syrup
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon baking soda dissolved in 1 tablespoon water
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups flour, approximate

water. Let cool then add oats, salt and enough flour to roll out. Roll to about 1/8 inch thick and cut with a cookie cutter. Bake at 375° F for about 8 minutes, until lightly browned. Makes about 3 dozen.



THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A bad winter betide, if hair grows thick on the bear's hide.

When dry leaves rattle on the trees, expect snow.

Snow coming two or three days after the new Moon (Dec. 0) will remain on the ground some time, but that coming after the full Moon (Dec. 21) will go off soon.

New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied By USDA
Monday, November 29, 1999

	Calves	Sheep	Goats
Today	178	435	993
Last Week	221	585	972
Last Year	207	1220	1006

CAVES: COMPARED TO FRI'S AUCTION, THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH SMALL PRICES. THE LARGE SLAUGHTER CALF RUN WAS ALSO TOO LIGHT FOR A MARKET TEST. TRADING WAS ACTIVE FOR HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURNING TO FEED AND PRICES WERE FULLY STEADY TO FIRM. A FAIRLY GOOD TEST OF HOLSTEIN HEIFERS SOLD MOSTLY 50.00 HIGHER.

VEALERS: NOT WELL TESTED. SLAUGHTER CALVES: GOOD AND CHOICE FEW 250-350 LBS. 85.00-95.00; FEW 350-500 LBS. 55.00-60.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-125 LBS. 110.00-160.00. PLAINER TYPE BULLS 75-115 LBS. 80.00-112.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 80-115 LBS. 290.00-335.00. PLAINER HEIFERS 70-100 LBS. 150.00-300.00.

SHEEP: THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH SHEEP OR LAMBS LAST FRI TO COMPARE PRICES. HOWEVER, PRICES WERE FULLY STEADY WITH LAST MON. AND TRADING

WAS VERY ACTIVE FOR BOTH SHEEP AND GOATS AS DEMAND IS NOW RESPONDING TO TRADITIONAL AND ETHNIC HOLIDAYS.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: NEW CROP CHOICE AND PRIME 22.3 35-50 LBS. 125.00-175.00; 50-70 LBS. 110.00-135.00. WOOLED CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 70-95 LBS. 95.00-110.00; 95-105 LBS. 83.00-95.00; 105-120 LBS. 80.00-85.00; 120-160 LBS. 65.00-80.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: GOOD AND CHOICE YEARLINGS AND 2 YEAR-OLDS 40.00-65.00. UTILITY AND GOOD 1-3 30.00-50.00. AGED BUCKS 150-300 LBS. 32.00-45.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE BOLLIES 130.00-150.00. MEDIUM 100.00-130.00. THIN 75.00-100.00; CHOICE AND PRIME MUTTON 80.00-110.00; LARGE NANNIES 65.00-85.00; FEW UP TO 100.00. MEDIUM 40.00-65.00; CHOICE AND PRIME YEARLINGS 60.00-90.00; CHOICE AND PRIME KIDS 30.00-60.00.

Valley Stockyards

Athens, Pa.
November 29, 1999
Report Supplied By Auction
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES: 90.00-310.00.
BACK TO FARM CALVES: 95-120 LBS. 39.00-157.50, 70-95 LBS. 30.00-137.50.
SLAUGHTER CALVES: 5.00-32.50.
GRASSERS AND STR. CFS.: 28.00-58.00.
FEEDERS: 44.50-65.00.

LAMBS: 73.00-80.00.
SHEEP: 30.00-40.00.
HOGS: 200-250 LBS., 25.00-37.50.
SOWS: NONE.
BOARS: TO 3.50.
PIGS, EACH: 5.00-28.00.
HEIFERS: 30.00-43.00.
STEERS: 36.25-49.50.
BULLS: 35.50-45.50.
COWS GOOD: 36.00-44.00.
COWS MEDIUM: 28.50-35.50.
COWS THIN: 10.00-29.00.
CATTLE MARKET STEADY TO A LITTLE STRONGER.
CALF MARKET STRONGER AND ACTIVE.
HORSES & PONIES 190.00-340.00.
GOATS: 25.00-100.00.
BACK TO FARM CALVES ARE HIGHER.
FEEDER SALE 1ST MON. EACH MONTH, DAIRY SALE 3RD THURS. OF EACH MONTH, 7:30.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
New Holland, Pa.
Monday, November 29, 1999
Report Supplied By Auction
148 HEAD. MARKET STEADY.
WORK HORSES 885.00-1400.00.
DRIVING HORSES 485.00-1075.00.
RIDING HORSES 450.00-835.00.
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COLTS 150.00-285.00.
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