



DECEMBER 20-26, 1999

BEWARE THE POGONIP!

FULL LONG NIGHTS . . .

December 22 marks the 1999 winter solstice and the Full Long Nights Moon. Celebrating their nativity on this day are Giacomo Puccini, Italian opera composer of *Madama Butterfly*, and Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson. Another solstice birthday is that of Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Steve Carlton, now honored in the Baseball Hall of Fame. Lucky Christmas babies, born on the 25th, include ("Believe It or Not") Robert Ripley and six-time Emmy Award winner Rod Serling, host of *The Twilight Zone*.



*My heart is open wide tonight,
For stranger, kith or kin . . .*

- Kate D. Wiggins

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



If it snows during Christmas night, the crops will do well.

So far as the Sun shines on Christmas day, so far will the snow blow in May.

A white Christmas, a lean graveyard.

At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost.

TIP OF THE WEEK

To help ward off coughs and colds, tie a winter scarf around your face when that icy fog (Pogonip) hits.

BEANS AND GREENS SOUP

- 6 cups chicken broth
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup chopped fresh spinach, kale, or chard
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil, or 2 teaspoons dry
- 1 can (12 ounces) cannellini beans, drained
- salt and pepper, to taste
- grated Parmesan, for garnish

and garlic in the olive oil until translucent. Add the greens and basil and cook until just wilted. Add this to the broth and stir in the beans. Cook another 5 minutes, then season to taste. Serve hot, sprinkled with Parmesan.

Makes 4 to 6 servings



Bring the broth to a simmer in a 4-quart pot. Meanwhile, in a large frying pan, saute the onion

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SLAUGHTER COWS: 94 HEAD, STEADY. UTILITY 36.00-40.00; HIGH DRESSING 40.00-42.00; CANNERS 32.00-36.00; SHELLY 32.00 AND DOWN.

BULLS: 3 HEAD. YG#2 1438 LBS. AT 42.00; 1 LOW DRESSING 1470 LBS. AT 38.25.

FED STEERS: 37 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE 1300-1475 LBS. 71.50-73.25; LOW CHOICE 1200-1400 LBS. 64.00-68.00; SELECT 1000-1200 LBS. 58.00-63.00; HIGH CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1200-1450 LBS. 60.00-63.00; 1 1746 LBS. AT 57.50; LOW DRESSING 50.00-57.00; LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS 51.00-55.00.

FED HEIFERS: FEW OFFERED. 1 LOW CHOICE 1350 LBS. AT 65.50.

VEAL CALVES: 128 HEAD. CHOICE 1242 LBS. AT 79.00, 1368 LB. AT 70.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 27.00-35.00, 60-85 LBS. 17.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 20.00-25.00 HIGHER. #1 94-120 LBS. 130.00-161.00; #2 90.00-120.00; #1 88-92 LBS. 50.00-100.00; #2 82-90 LBS. 32.00-45.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 95-130 LBS. 195.00-250.00; 80-90 LBS. 180.00-190.00; BEEF X HEIFERS 50.00-100.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: NO TOP WEIGHTS OFFERED. 360-390 LBS. 28.00-33.00. SOWS: 1 650 LBS. AT 29.75.

BOARS: 1 414 LBS. AT 8.50.

STOCK CATTLE: 120 HEAD. STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-400 LBS. 85.00-100.00; 400-500 LBS.

84.00-87.00; 500-600 LBS. 74.00-81.00; HOLSTEINS TO 65.00; 600-700 LBS. 68.00-72.00; 800-1000 LBS. 59.00-65.00.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 68.00-84.00; 400-500 LBS. 69.00-83.00; 500-700 LBS. 66.00-77.00; 700-800 LBS. 60.00-67.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 70.00-83.00; 400-500 LBS. 75.00-88.00; 500-600 LBS. 68.00-80.00; 600-800 LBS. 58.00-63.00; 800-900 LBS. TO 55.00.

DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: 4 HORNED HOLSTEIN SPRINGERS 600.00-810.00.

SHEEP: 14 HEAD. 29.00-42.00; FEW 47.00-51.00.

LAMBS: 15 HEAD. CHOICE 100-120 LBS. 80.00-84.00; 130-140 LBS. 64.00-75.00; 165 LBS. AT 61.00; MED. 40-50 LBS. 82.00-87.00.

GOATS: 191 HEAD. LARGE BILLIES 70.00-91.00, FEW 100.00-128.00; MEDIUM BILLIES 45.00-70.00; LARGE NANNIES 40.00-60.00; MEDIUM NANNIES 30.00-45.00; SMALL FLESHY 35.00-45.00; SMALL 10.00-30.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 15 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 9 HEAD 36 LBS. AT 40.00; BY THE LB. 6 HEAD 120 LBS. 26.00-36.00.

Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.

December 14, 1999

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SLAUGHTER CATTLE: COWS, BREAKERS 39.00-43.50, BONERS 34.00-39.00, LEAN 30.00-36.50, LOW DRESSING LIGHTS DOWN TO 24.75, SHELLY 27.00 AND DOWN; BULLS

1200-1700 LBS. 39.00-48.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS MED. AND LARGE #1 400-600 LBS. 73.00-78.00, MEDIUM AND LARGE #2 400-850 LBS. 57.00-59.00, HOLSTEINS/DAIRY TYPES 43.00-60.00, HEIFERS, HOLSTEINS/DAIRY TYPES 400-600 LBS. 55.00-63.00; BULLS 600-850 LBS. 50.50-63.00; CALVES RETURNING TO THE FARM, ACTIVE! HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 90-165 LBS. 110.00-157.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS #2 90-135 LBS. 100.00-110.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-125 LBS. 240.00-300.00, BEEF X BULLS 70-85 LBS. 65.00-120.00, BEEF X HEIFERS 80-90 LBS. 82.50-100.00.

SWINE: HOGS US#1-3 220-270 LBS. 35.00-37.00, 280-350 LBS. 30.00-37.00; BOARS 6.00-9.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD, 15-25 LBS. 15.00-25.00, 28-40 LBS. 18.00-26.00, 45-60 LBS. 24.00-27.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE NANNIES AND BILLIES 55.00-122.50, FANCY KIDS 51.00-66.00, FLESHY KIDS 32.00-50.00, SMALL/THIN KIDS 26.00-31.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 35-60 LBS. 127.50-175.00, GOOD AND CHOICE 60-135 LBS. 71.00-140.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 28.00-44.00.

SALE EVERY TUES. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS; 6:30 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES., DEC. 28; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES FRI, DEC. 17; SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., DEC. 28. PEN LOTS OF CATTLE SOLD IN ORDER RECEIVED. EARLYBIRD PENS CLOSE TUES. 2 P.M.

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