



DEC. 27-JAN. 2, 2000

KWANZAA, DEC. 26-JAN. 1.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

"It is a small world" as technology and globalization bring communities closer. In a spirit of togetherness then, let us celebrate our New Year with a cross-cultural nod to other traditions. We could benefit from the Chinese custom of starting the new year as free of debt as possible. For example, The African American Kwanzaa toast of "Harambee!" says, "Let's all pull together." In Scotland, the year starts with the ritual of first footing, where the first person over the threshold brings a small gift for the household's good fortune. Remember, what you do on January 1, you will do often.



*Ring, happy bells, across the snow: the year is going, let him go . . .*

Alfred Lord Tennyson

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Find someone who shares your New Year's resolution (more exercise?) and team up to see that it happens.

**AFRICAN PEANUT SOUP**

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- 1 large tomato, diced
- 1 teaspoon red chili pepper (optional)
- parsley, to garnish

onions until translucent. Combine 1 cup of the water with the peanut butter and mix until smooth. Add to saucepan along with chicken and remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil, then lower heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Garnish with parsley.

Makes 4 servings



Cut chicken into 1-inch pieces. Heat oil in a saucepan and brown the chicken. Remove and set chicken aside. Saute

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**Middleburg Grain & Hay Auction**

Middleburg, Pa.  
Tuesday, Dec. 21

Report Supplied by PDA  
53 LOADS OF HAY, 86 LOADS TOTAL.  
ALFALFA: 16 LOTS, 80.00-165.00.  
MIXED HAY: 19 LOTS, 90.00-170.00.  
TIMOTHY: 11 LOTS, 90.00-152.50.  
ROUND BALES: 5 LOTS, 11.00-38.00.  
ORCHARDGRASS: 2 LOTS, 105.00 AND 132.50.  
STRAW: 16 LOTS, 72.50-92.50.  
EAR CORN: NEW 4 LOTS, 85.00-90.00, OLD 2 LOTS 70.00-97.50.  
FIREWOOD: 6 LOTS, 25.00-72.50.  
OATS: 2 LOTS, 2.25 BU.

**Kutztown Produce Auction Hay Auction**

Report Supplied by Auction  
Saturday, December 18, 1999  
35 LOADS.  
ALFALFA HAY: 115.00-175.00.  
GRASS: 160.00.  
MIXED HAY: 150.00-200.00.  
TIMOTHY HAY: 156.00-180.00.  
HAY BY THE BALE: 1.80, 26.00  
LARGE ROUND BALE.  
BARLEY STRAW: 92.00.  
OAT STRAW: 80.00-104.00.  
WHEAT STRAW: 89.00-100.00.  
STRAW: 1.15 BALE.  
OATS: 2.60 BU.  
FIREWOOD: 50.00-107.50 LOAD.  
HAY, STRAW, FIREWOOD, PRODUCE AND CONSIGNMENTS SOLD EVERY SAT. AT 9 A.M.

**The Windmill Hay Auction**

Penn Yan, N.Y.  
Dec. 14 and 17, 1999

Report Supplied by Auction  
32 LOTS.  
GRASS MIX: 1ST CUTTING 86.00-118.00, 2ND CUTTING 120.00-130.00.  
CLOVER: 1ST 72.00-89.00, 2ND 95.00-110.00.  
ALFALFA: 1ST 89.00-105.00, 2ND 95.00-135.00, 3RD 145.00-151.00.  
STRAW: 66.00-78.00.  
OATS: 80 LB. BAGS 5.25-5.50 BAG.  
FIREWOOD: 40.00 CORD.  
AUCTION EVERY TUES. AND FRI., 11 A.M. SHARP. NO AUCTIONS DEC. 24 AND 31.

**New Holland Sales Stables**

Report Supplied by USDA  
Monday, December 20, 1999

	Calves	Sheep	Goats
Today			
Last Week	137	1040	1726
Last Year	163	1640	2268
	310	1334	1204

CAVLES: COMPARED TO THURS.'S AUCTION, VEALERS SOLD STEADY IN A LIGHT TEST AND LARGE SLAUGHTER CALVES SOLD 5.00-7.00 HIGHER. HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURNING TO FEED SOLD MOSTLY 5.00 LOWER FOR NUMBER ONE QUALITY. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS WERE ACTIVE AND 10.00 HIGHER.  
VEALERS: GOOD AND CHOICE 70-110 LBS. 25.00-30.00, FEW UP TO

43.00. STANDARD AND LOW GOOD 60-90 LBS. 11.00-25.00.  
SLAUGHTER CALVES: GOOD AND CHOICE FEW 200-350 LBS. 95.00-105.00; 350-500 LBS. 65.00-85.00. STANDARD 300-600 LBS. 50.00-65.00.  
RETURNED TO FARM: HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-125 LBS. 87.00-155.00. PLAINER TYPE BULLS 80-115 LBS. 40.00-100.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 80-120 LBS. 300.00-335.00. FEW PLAIN HEIFERS 70-100 LBS. 150.00-250.00.  
SHEEP: COMPARED TO THURS.: WOOLED SLAUGHTER LAMBS SOLD MOSTLY STEADY AND FANCY NEW CROP LAMBS WERE ACTIVE BUT SHOWED SOME WEAKNESS ON HEAVIER RECEIPTS. SLAUGHTER EWES AND AGED SHEEP SOLD MOSTLY 5.00 HIGHER.  
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: NEW CROP CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 35-45 LBS. 135.00-175.00. FEW FANCY UP TO 200.00, 45-60 LBS. 120.00-150.00; 60-80 LBS. 100.00-120.00. WOOLED LAMBS CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 60-80 LBS. 95.00-110.00; 80-100 LBS. 80.00-95.00; 100-140 LBS. 70.00-80.00.  
SLAUGHTER EWES: GOOD AND CHOICE YEAR LINGS AND 2 YEAR-OLDS 40.00-65.00. UTILITY AND GOOD 1-3 30.00-52.00. AGED BUCKS 150-300 LBS. 35.00-50.00.  
GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE BILLIES 125.00-160.00, MEDIUM 100.00-125.00, THIN 70.00-100.00; CHOICE AND PRIME MUTTON 70.00-110.00; LARGE NANNIES 60.00-90.00, MEDIUM 40.00-60.00; CHOICE AND PRIME YEARLINGS 60.00-90.00; CHOICE AND PRIME KIDS 40.00-70.00, GOOD 20.00-40.00.

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