

### JANUARY 3-9, 2000

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# THE GIFT OF SIMPLICITY

low is the time to examine those holiday gifts and decide which to exchange, which to pass along to someone more likely to appreciate them, and which to keep in a treasured place in your home. Perhaps the new gift will replace some other item on your shelf rather than adding to the stuff Hurry the deposed items to the recycling bin, rag bag, or second-chance store, and resist the urge to store them "in case you might need them "Practice the clutter mantra Do I really need (want) it? Do I need this many? Do I have a place for it? Do I want to maintain it? Will I use

(love) it? Choose your sentimental attachments well!

Gifts are like hooks.

# TIP OF THE WEEK

Before you put anything into storage, ask yourself, "Could someone else be using this?"

# HOGMANAY SHORTBREAD

3 cups pastry flour 1/2 cup finely sifted confectioners' sugar 1 cup (2 sticks) chilled butter

nift flour and sugar together, then rub into Uthe butter (This may take some time, but the hard butter is critical!) When crumbs are soft enough to be worked, knead for about 5 minutes to make a soft ball of dough Shape into two flat, 1-inch-thick, round

cakes Place into two 9-inch pie plates, pinch edges or crimp with a fork, and prick all over to let steam escape Bake in a cool. 275° F oven for 1 hour, or until barely browned Cut into wedges while hot (These are traditional for the Scottish New Year's Eve, but just as good In a leap year,



afterward)

the weather always changes on a Friday.

Makes 16 pieces.

## New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied By USDA Monday, December 27, 1999 Calves Sheep Goats

Today 1925 1217 Last Week 137 1040 1726 Last Year

1828

453 1666 CALVES: COMPARED TO THURS.'S AUCTION, VEAL CALVES SOLD 3.00-10.00 LOWER. LARGE SLAUGH-TER CALVES TRADED 3.00-5.00 HIGHER. DEMAND REMAINS VERY GOOD FOR HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURNING TO FEED AFTER SET-TING RECORD HIGHS ON THURS. **BULL CALF PRICES WERE MOSTLY** 25.00 LOWER WHILE A LIGHT TEST OF HEIFERS SOLD 40.00-60.00 HIGHER.

VEALERS: GOOD AND CHOICE 70-110 LBS. 22.00-32.00, FEW UP TO 37.00 STANDARD AND LOW GOOD 60-90 LBS. 11.00-25.00.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES: GOOD AND** CHOICE 200-350 LBS. 78.00-90.00; 350-500 LBS, 65,00-75,00,

RETURNED TO FARM: HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-125 LBS. 135.00-167.00. PLAINER TYPE BULLS 80-115 LBS. 90.00-140.00, FEW WEAKER CALVES DOWN TO 50.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 80-120 LBS. 300.00-350.00. FEW PLAIN-ER HEIFERS 70-100 LBS. 240.00-300.00.

SHEEP: COMPARED TO THURS., WOOLED SLAUGHTER LAMBS SOLD UNEVENLY STEADY WITH SOME WEAKNESS ON THE LIGHTER WEIGHTS (UNDER 60 LBS.) AND EXTRA SUPPORT ON WEIGHTS OVER 60 LBS. DEMAND WAS ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR GOATS WITH PRICES REACHING THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN RECENT MEMORY EVEN ON HEAVY

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: NEW CROP

# Some markets not available due to the holiday

CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 50-65 LBS. 120.00-150.00. WOOLED CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 40-60 LBS. 80.00-110.00: 60-85 LBS. 95.00-110.00; 85-110 LBS. 80.00-95.00; 110-160 LBS. 65.00-85.00. SLAUGHTER EWES: GOOD AND

CHOICE YEARLINGS AND 2 YEAR-OLDS 45.00-60.00. UTILITY AND GOOD 1-3 35.00-54.00. AGED BUCKS 150-300 LBS. 35.00-50.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE BILLIES 175.00-200.00, MEDIUM 125.00-175.00, THIN 100.00-125.00; CHOICE AND PRIME MUTTON 70.00-120.00; LARGE NANNIES 70.00-110.00, MEDIUM 40.00-70.00; PRIME YEARLINGS 90.00-120.00, CHOICE 70.00-90.00; CHOICE AND PRIME KIDS 50.00-90.00, GOOD 30.00-50.00.

> Frederick Livestock Auction Frederick, Md.

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SLAUGHTER COWS: 98 HEAD, STEADY. UTILITY 37.50-41.25, HIGH DRESSING 41.50-43.00, 2 AT 44.75 AND 45.25; CANNERS 32.00-37.00, SHELLY 32.00 DOWN.

BULLS: YG#1 HIGH DRESSING LIMOUSIN 1725 LBS. AT 59.00; 1 1825 LBS. AT 52.25; COUPLE 1500 LBS. 45.00-46.00; YG#2 1100-1600 LBS. TO

FED STEERS: 1 SELECT 1190 LBS. AT 54.75

FED HEIFERS: 1 HOLSTEIN 1335

LBS. AT 44.00. VEAL CALVES: 172 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS, 25.00-31.00, 60-85 LBS. 16.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES; STEADY WITH LIGHTWEIGHTS HIGHER. HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-125 LBS. 120.00-147.00; SEVERAL 150.00-162.00; #2 85.00-120.00; #1 80-90 LBS. 100.00-130.00; #2 35.00-55.00; HOLS-TEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 270.00-330.00; #2 140.00-250.00; #1 80-90 LBS. 230.00-260.00; #2 130.00-195.00; 70-80 LBS. 60.00-82.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 85.00-127.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 20 HEAD. #1&3 260-290 LBS. 35.00-37.75; 3 HEAD 325-385 LBS. 32.00-36.00.

SOWS: 1 355 LBS. AT 28.00 BOARS: 1 450 LBS. AT 6.75. STOCK CATTLE: STEERS, 1 730

LBS. AT 57.00; 1 HOLSTEIN 570 LBS. HEIFERS: 1 380 LBS. AT 75.50; 1

HOLSTEIN 600 LBS. AT 62.00; 1 SPR-INGING HOLSTEIN HEIFER AT 985.00. BULLS: 380-450 LBS. 63.00-76.00.

GOATS: 1 MED. BILLY AT 39.00. PIGS AND SHOATS: BY THE HEAD, 4 HEAD 50 LBS. AT 25.00; BY THE LB. 175-205 LBS, 33.00-35.00.

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