

FEBRUARY 7-13, 2000

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, FEB. 12.

#### **GREAT PERFORMANCES**

ebruary 7 stacks up in history as an auspicious beginning for many stage events. The French dancer Madame Francisquy Hutin first introduced ballet in the United States on February 7, 1827, when she staged "The Deserter" at the Bowery Theater in

"The Deserter" at the Bowery Theater in New York City Ballet was evidently accepted with grace, but the minimal costumes of the dancers caused a mild stir More recently, on this day in 1944, Bing Crosby recorded his "Swinging on a Star" for Decca Records And again on this day, in 1964, the Beatles began their historic first tour in America, arriving to a throng of 25,000 screaming fans at the John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City

On with dance, let joy be unconfined . . .

#### TIP OF THE WEEK

set hens during February's waxing Moon (between new and full). This week is excellent.

#### APPLE GINGERBREAD

2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
3 tablespoons molasses
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup buttermilk
1-1/2 cups peeled,
diced apples

whipped cream,

for topping

Mix flour, spices, and salt, set aside Cream butter and sugar Add egg and molasses, beating well Dissolve soda in buttermilk and add to creamed mixture Add dry ingredients and apples, mixing well Bake in a greased and floured 9-inch square cake pan at 350° F for about 50 minutes Serve warm with whipped cream

Makes 8 servings.

## FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

He that drops a coat on a winter's day will gladly put it on in May.

If the Sun smile on St. Eulalie's Day (Feb. 12), it is good for apples and cider, they say.

If bees get out in February, the next day will be windy and rainy.

Violent north winds in February herald a fertile year.

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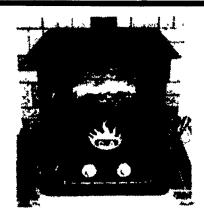
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#### Weekly Livestock Summary

13 Livestock Auctions January 28, 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 3890 Compared with 3903
head last week and 4107 head a year ago
Slaughter steers 75 to 150 lower, sl
heifers mostly steady, sl bulls very
uneven, sl cows mostly steady to 100
lower with mid week sales steady due to
snow storm and lighter receipts

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 70 50-74 25, Choice 1-3 66 00-71 50, Select and Low Choice 2-3 65 00-69 50, Select 1-3 59 50-67 25, Standard 1-2 55 00-59 75

HOLSTEINS High Choice and Prime 2-3 60 10-65 00, Choice 2-3 57 00-61 00, Select 1-2 52 00-57 50, Standard 1-2 46 50-52 00

HEIFERS Choice few Prime 2-4 65 00-71 50, Choice 2-4 60 00-66 25, Select 1-3 60 00-66 25, Standard 1-2 50 00-58 25

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 37 00-45 00, mid week sales to 48 50, Boners 80-85% lean 35 00-42 00, Lean 85-90% lean 30 00-38 75 Shells down to 20 00 BULLOCKS Choice 2-3 59 00-

62 25, Select 1-3 48 75-58 00 BULLS Yield Grade 1 1000-2500 lbs 45 75-56 25, Yield Grade 2 900-2400 lbs 37 00-46 50

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 80 00-102 00, 500-700 lbs 70 00-81 00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 65 00-77 00, 500-700 lbs 55 00-73 00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 75 00-92 00, few to 103 50, 500-700 lbs 69 00-85 00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 63 00-

80 00, 500-700 lbs 54 00-70 00, BULLS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 85 00-108 00, 500-700 lbs 60 00-75 00, Medium and Large 2 400-600 lbs 60 00-77 00

CALVES 2675 Compared with 2259 head last week and 3242 head a year ago Vealers mostly steady VEALERS Choice 140-325 lbs 79 00-98 00, Good 140-275 lbs 50 00-80 00, Standard and Good 75-120 lbs 20 00-42 00, Utility 50-100 lbs 10 00-28 00 FARM CALVES Holstein bulls 10 00 to 20 00 higher on light receipts, Holstein heifers 10 00 to 20 00 higher No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 130 00-190 00, No 2 80-120 lbs 95 00-145 00, few to 50 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 250 00-360 00, No 2 80-100 lbs 100 00-230 00

Beef type bulls and heifers 80-135 lbs 80 00-157 50

HOGS 1043 Compared with 1094 head last week and 1907 head a year ago Barrows and gilts 100 to 250 higher, sows uneven mostly steady to weak

BARROWS AND GILTS 49-54% lean 220-265 lbs 38 75-42 00, 45-50% lean 240-275 lbs 37 00-39 00, 40-45% lean 250-300 lbs 34 50-37 75 SOWS US 1-3 300-500 lbs 25 00-33 00, 500-700 lbs 32 00-42 00

BOARS all weights 7 50-10 00 FEEDER PIGS 70 Compared with 255 head last week and 148 head a year ago US 1-3 30-45 lbs 15 00-20 00, 50-70 lbs 30 00-38 00 --- per head

SHEEP 1092 Compared with 1520 head last week and 1392 head a year ago Slaughter lambs mostly steady NEW CROP LAMBS Choice 50-80 lbs 110 00-150 00, WOOLED LAMBS Choice 65-90 lbs 100 00-120 00, 90-110 lbs 85 00-100 00, 110-150 lbs 60 00-85 00 SLAUGHTER SHEEP 27 00-55 00

NO GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE 0 Compared with 475 last week and 899 head a year ago Feeder pigs not tested due to inclement weather!

#### **New Holland Dairy**

New Holland Sales Stables Report Supplied by Auction Wednesday, February 2, 2000

TOTAL HEADAGE: 221 DAIRY, 176 HEIFERS, 8 BULLS.

LOCAL FRESH COWS 700.00-1500, 1 at 1800.00. LOCAL SPRINGERS 475.00-

1300.00. BETTER FRESH COWS 1625.00-

1800.00. LARGE HEIFERS 1110.00-1325.00,

SMALL 560.00-1085.00. SHORT BRED HEIFERS 600.00-

1125.00.

OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS

675.00-785.00. BULLS 410.00-950.00, PUREBREDS

275.00-800.00.

UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 1025.00-1625.00.

CANADIAN LOADS FRESH 875.00-1400.00.

FRESII HEIFERS 460.00-1225.00, 1 AT 1575.00.

SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 485.00-575.00, SMALLER 150.00-385.00.

# LATE CONSIGNMENTS ad Reg. Cows And Heifers From York

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 County Milking 60 To 100 Lbs 1 Load Reg.
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Aaron L. FisherFeb. 8	7:00 PM2599 Bachmantown Rd. Ronks, PA
Christ H. EshFeb. 10	7.00 PM192 Parlett Rd., Airville, PA
Aaron BeilerFeb. 15	7:00 PM208 N. Rosedale Rd., Chrstiana, PA
Alvin FisherFeb. 17	7:00 PMGeorgetown Rd., Paradise, PA
*Kreider FarmsFeb. 23	9:30 PM1461 Lancaster Rd., Manheim, PA
*Family House RestaurantFeb. 24	9:00 PMRt. 322 & Rt. 35, Mifflintown, PA
* Berrysburg Comm. CntrMarch 3	9:30 AMBerrsyburg, PA

\* Reservations Appreciated – Meal Count – Call 717-859-3276

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Field Trial Results; Pesticide Safety; Sustainable Agricultural Programs

