



FEBRUARY 14-20, 2000

VALENTINE'S DAY, FEB. 14.

**LUPERCALIA?**

By some theories, our modern-day Valentine's Day celebrations may date back to a pagan Roman festival called Lupercalia. This fertility ritual was customarily commemorated on February 15. Lupercal was the site where Romulus and Remus were suckled by the wolf, according to legend, and it was at this place that the annual Lupercalia was staged, in honor of Lupercus, the pastoral fertility god and patron of flocks. The Latin *lupus* means "wolf," of course. So, this Valentine's Day, watch out for wolves in sheep's clothing, and consider adding some lupine seeds to your card.



To St. Valentine, spring is a neighbor.

- French proverb

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Recycle unused envelopes from junk mail by using blank mailing labels and self-stick return address labels.

**STUFFED PORK CHOPS**

- 8 pork chops, 1/2 inch thick
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups seasoned croutons
- 2 cups chopped apples
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon sage

bottom of an ovenproof casserole. Spoon stuffing over these and top with remaining chops. Bake uncovered at 350° F for about 1 hour.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Sear pork chops and set aside. Sauté onion in olive oil, then stir in remaining stuffing ingredients and seasonings. Cook until warm. Place 4 pork chops into the



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**Middleburg Livestock**

Middleburg, Pa.  
February 8, 2000

**Report Supplied By PDA**  
**CATTLE 501 [PDA]** Compared with last week's sale sl steers uneven 75 lower to 25 higher, sl cows steady to spots 1 00 lower, sl heifers 75 to 1 00 lower, sl bulls 1 50 to 2 50 higher  
**SLAUGHTER STEERS** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1235-1435 lbs 71 25-73 00, Choice 2-3 1120-1485 lbs 66 00-71 50, Select 1-3 59 00-67 75, few Standard 1-2 54 50-57 50  
**HOLSTEINS** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1320-1540 lbs 62 50-65 25, Choice 2-3 1150-1640 lbs 57 50-61 75, 1725-1885 lbs 51 75-57 50, Select 1-2 49 75-57 75, few Standard 1-2 43 50-46 00  
**HEIFERS** few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1120-1170 lbs 70 75-72 00, Choice 2-4 1025-1430 lbs 65 75-67 50, Select 1-3 60 50-67 50, Standard 1-2 48 00-57 50  
**COWS** Breakers 75-80% lean 39.25-44 25, few to 46 00, Boners 80-85% lean 36 00-42 75, Lean 85-90% lean 30 00-39 50 Shells down to 24 00  
**BULLS** Yield Grade 1 1395-2045 lbs 49 00-53 75 with one 58 00, Yield Grade 2 1000-1775 lbs 40 00-48 00  
**FEEDER CATTLE STEERS** Medium and Large 1 435-620 lbs 75 50-80 50, Medium and Large 2 405-630 lbs 70 00-73 00, 770-925 lbs 51 00-64 00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 395-485 lbs 77 00-83 00, 535-580 lbs 71 00-78 00, Medium and Large 2 650-750 lbs 56 00-64 00, 740-880 lbs 45 00-50 00, BULLS few Medium 1 510 lbs 83 00  
**CALVES** 268 **VEALERS** few Good 145-165 lbs 80 00-82.50, Standard and Good 75-100 lbs 20 00-35 00, Utility 60-95 lbs 10 00-19 00  
**FARM CALVES** Holstein bulls steady to spots 5 00 higher No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 130 00-167 00, 80-90 lbs 97 00-120 00, No 2 90-125 lbs 75 00-125 00, 75-85 lbs 42 00-85 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 80-110 lbs 210 00-295 00, No 2 75-115 lbs 125 00-205 00  
 Few beef type bulls and heifers 85-160 lbs 82 50-95 00  
**HOGS** 199 (02/07 & 08/01) Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by

**The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



Winter's back breaks, February 17.

A fair day in winter is the mother of a storm.

The crocus was dedicated to St. Valentine and ought to blossom about this time.

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the auction Barrows and gilts steady, sows 1 00 to 3 00 higher  
**BARROWS AND GILTS** 49-54% lean 225-275 lbs 41 00-43 50, few Tuesday sales 43 50-48 50, 45-50% lean 230-280 lbs 37 75-40 00, 40-45% lean 290-335 lbs 40 00-46 50  
**SOWS** US 1-3 380-495 lbs 35 50-40 00, 500-670 lbs 40 00-44 50  
**BOARS** 445-600 lbs 9 50-9 75, one 285 lbs 13 50  
**FEEDER PIGS** 60 US 1-3 35-60 lbs 27 00-41 00. --- per head.  
**SHEEP** 11 **SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice 55-80 lbs 105.00-112 00, one 110 lbs 83.00  
**SLAUGHTER SHEEP** couple Yearlings 55 00 & 64 00  
**GOATS** 14 Large Bilhes and Wethers 75 00-162 50, Medium 50 00-86 00, one Large Nanny 59 00, couple Medium 60 00 & 69 00. --- per head

**Four States Livestock**

Hagerstown, Maryland  
**Report Supplied by Auction**  
 Wednesday, February 9, 2000  
**SLAUGHTER COWS:** 101 HEAD 1.00 LOWER. UTILITY 37.50-41.00; HIGH DRESSING TO 42.75; CANNERS 34.00-37.00; SHELLY 33.00 DOWN.  
**BULLS:** 7 HEAD. YG#1 1600-2100 LBS. 49.00-54.00; YG#2 1400-1800 LBS. 44.00-48.00.  
**FED STEERS:** 35 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 LOWER. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1200-1500 LBS. 59.50-72.75; CHOICE #2-3 1100-1400 LBS. 66.00-70.00; 1400-1600 LBS. 64.00-68.25.  
**FED HEIFERS:** 32 HEAD, 2.00 LOWER. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1100-1375 LBS. 68.00-71.75; CHOICE #2-3 64.00-69.00; LOW CHOICE 950-1100 LBS. 55.00-61.00; LOW CHOICE 1100-1400 LBS. 62.00-66.00.  
**VEAL CALVES:** 98 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS. 26.00-36.00; 60-80 LBS. 18.00-24.00.  
**FARM CALVES:** HOLSTEIN BULLS 5.00 LOWER, 20.00 LOWER LIGHTWEIGHTS. #1 95-120 LBS.

130.00-160.00; #2 90.00-127.00; #1 80-90 LBS. 75.00-90.00; #2 35.00-70.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 95-120 LBS. 280.00-307.00; #2 85-110 LBS. 175.00-240.00.  
**BUTCHER HOGS:** 45 HEAD, 2.00 LOWER. #1&2 230-260 LBS. 37.00-38.00; #1&3 215-260 LBS. 34.00-36.50, 300-370 LBS. 37.00-39.00.  
**SOWS:** 19 HEAD, 2.00-3.00 LOWER. 400-500 LBS. 34.00-36.00; 500-600 LBS. 37.00-40.25; 600-700 LBS. 38.50-42.75.  
**BOARS:** 350-500 LBS. 8.25-11.25.  
**STOCK CATTLE:** 170 HEAD, ACTIVE BIDDING. STEERS MED. AND LARGE 300-500 LBS. 80.00-98.00; 500-600 LBS. 80.00-93.00; 600-700 LBS. 75.00-85.00; 700-800 LBS. 68.00-72.00.  
**HEIFERS:** MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 75.00-88.00; 500-600 LBS. 73.00-87.00; 600-700 LBS. 70.00-75.00; 700-800 LBS. 60.00-69.00.  
**BULLS:** 300-500 LBS. 77.00-90.00; 500-600 LBS. TO 72.00; 700-900 LBS. 64.00-68.00; 1 950 LBS. AT 66.00.  
**DAIRY REPLACEMENTS:** 12 HEAD. FANCY SPRINGING HEIFERS 1100.00-1235.00; 2 SPRINGING COWS AT 810.00; 1 MED. FRESH HEIFER AT 925.00; HOLSTEIN BULL 1072 LBS. AT 52.00.  
**LAMBS:** 7 HEAD. CHOICE WOOLED 90-125 LBS. 81.00-88.00.  
**GOATS:** 4 HEAD. LARGE 77.00-88.00; MEDIUM TO 58.00; SMALL TO 28.00.  
**PIGS AND SHOATS:** 90 HEAD, MAINLY CULLS. BY THE HEAD, 20-40 LBS. 18.00-21.00; BY THE LB. 120-150 LBS. 40.00-42.00; 170-190 LBS. 32.00-35.00.  
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