

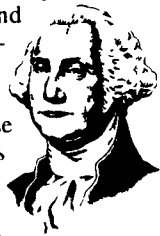


FEBRUARY 21-27, 2000

PRESIDENTS DAY, FEB. 21.

FIRST PRESIDENT'S WISHES

In 1789, when President George Washington (1732-1799) issued a proclamation calling for a national day of thanksgiving, he also asked that "the great Lord and Ruler of Nations" might "enable us all, whether in public or private stations to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us." As election days come upon us later this year, these might be fine standards by which to compare the various contenders. How have we fared over time?



History is philosophy teaching by example.
-Dionysius (c. 20 B.C.)

TIP OF THE WEEK

Bleach a wooden rolling pin with an occasional rubbing of fresh lemon.

RICOTTA PIE

- 1-1/2 pounds ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup toasted almonds, ground fine
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- grated rind of 1 lemon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 eggs
- a 9-inch pastry crust

each addition. Pour mixture into pastry. Cut tin foil to just cover filling, and place over pie. Bake for 5 minutes at 425° F, then another 30 minutes at 325° F. Pull foil off for last 5 minutes and cook until center is firm. Cool before cutting.

Makes 8 servings.



Combine ricotta, ground almonds, sugar, and lemon rind in a blender, and pulse to just mix. Add vanilla, then eggs, one at a time, pulsing briefly after

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



The night of St. Peter's (Feb. 22) will show the weather for the next 40 days.

In Sweden, the nights of February 20-27 are called "steel nights" because of their cutting severity.

If it freezes on St. Matthew's (Feb. 25), it will freeze for a month together.

Westminster Livestock

Hagerstown, Maryland
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, February 15, 2000

SLAUGHTER COWS: 103 HEAD, 1.00 LOWER.
UTILITY 37.00-41.50; HIGH DRESSING 42.00-45.00; CANNERS 33.00-37.00; SHELLY 33.00 DOWN.
BULLS: 16 HEAD, 2.00 LOWER. YG#1 45.00-49.00; YG#2 39.50-44.00.
FED STEERS: 18 HEAD, NO HIGH CHOICE OR PRIME; LOW DRESSING CHOICE #2-4 1200-1475 LBS. 65.00-68.25; LOW CHOICE 1100-1300 LBS. 63.00-66.00.

FED HEIFERS: 11 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 LOWER. 1 HIGH CHOICE 1376 LBS. AT 70.25; CHOICE #2-4 1100-1350 LBS. 66.00-68.00, LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1350 LBS. AT 48.25.

VEAL CALVES: 106 HEAD. CHOICE 1 334 LBS. AT 95.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 24.00-32.00, 60-85 LBS. 18.00-26.00.

FARM CALVES: 10.00-20.00 LOWER. HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 120.00-145.00, 1 AT 152.00; 80-94 LBS. 55.00-102.00; #2 95-120 LBS. 80.00-115.00, 80-94 LBS. 35.00-50.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 95-120 LBS. 250.00-275.00, 85-95 LBS. 200.00-215.00, 75-85 LBS. 62.00-102.00; BEEF X BULLS 75-90 LBS. TO 90.00; BEEF X HEIFERS TO 75.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 19 HEAD, STEADY. #1&3 240-265 LBS. 39.00-40.25, 270-325 LBS. 36.00-38.00; #2-3 300-360 LBS. 31.00-35.00.

SOWS: 9 HEAD, STEADY. 350-500 LBS. 35.00-36.50; 500-600 LBS. 38.00-41.00; 1 750 LBS. AT 38.25.

BOARS: 3 HEAD. 500-650 LBS. TO 10.75.

STOCK CATTLE: 109 HEAD, EXCELLENT QUALITY HIGHER PRICES. STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 88.00-116.00, 1 AT 125.00; 400-600 LBS. 75.00-95.00; 600-800 LBS. 62.00-66.00, 1 AT 77.50; 800-900 LBS. 1 AT 68.00.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LARG FRAME 200-400 LBS. 85.00-103.00, 2 HEAD 116.00 AND 121.00; 400-500 LBS. 78.00-95.00; 500-600 LBS. 75.00-91.00; 600-800 LBS. 60.00-68.00; 800-1000 LBS. 53.00-59.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 400-500 LBS. 84.00-94.00, 1 AT 102.00; 500-700 LBS. 68.00-85.00; 1 925 LB. ANGUS AT 63.00.

SHEEP: 30 HEAD, HIGHER PRICES. 85-150 LBS. 39.00-61.00; 150 LBS. AND UP 35.00-48.00.

LAMBS: 16 HEAD, STRONG DEMAND. CHOICE WOOLED 110-125 LBS. 84.00-88.00; 90-110 LBS. 90.00-98.00; 70-90 LBS. 106.00-110.00; 50-70 LBS. 109.00-116.00.

GOATS: 40 HEAD. LARGE BIL-LIES AND WETHERS 70.00-97.00, 1 AT 132.00; MEDIUM 48.00-78.00; SMALL 28.00-46.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 120 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 20 LBS. AT 14.00; 70-90 LBS. 33.00-41.00; BY THE LB. 30-40 LBS. 39.00-47.00; ROUGH 22.00-32.00; 40-50 LBS. 40.00-48.00; 50-60 LBS. 40.00-51.00; 160-195 LBS. 37.00-40.00.

Frederick Livestock

Frederick, Maryland
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, February 14, 2000

SLAUGHTER COWS: 137 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 LOWER. UTILITY 36.00-

41.00; HIGH DRESSING 32.00-44.75; CANNERS 33.00-37.00; SHELLY 33.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 3 HEAD. YG 1700-2100 LBS. TO 51.75; YG 1720 LBS. AT 45.25.

FED STEERS: 5 HEAD. SELECT HOLSTEINS 1500-1900 LBS. 45.00-50.75.

HEIFERS: 1 HOLSTEIN 1620 LBS. AT 43.50.

VEAL CALVES: 170 HEAD. CHOICE 1 300 LBS. AT 85.00; GOOD 1 220 LBS. AT 68.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 28.00-36.00, 60-80 LBS. 18.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES: STRONG DEMAND FOR ALL TYPES. HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 90-120 LBS. 130.00-157.00, 80-94 LBS. 100.00-140.00; #2 95-120 LBS. 85.00-128.00, 75-90 LBS. 60.00-95.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-125 LBS. 240.00-295.00, 1 140 LBS. AT 245.00; 80-90 LBS. 200.00-260.00; 70-80 LBS. 140.00-160.00; #2 90-120 LBS. 150.00-225.00; 80-90 LBS. 100.00-190.00; BEEF X BULLS #1 120.00-162.00; 140 LBS. AT 107.00; #2 80-100 LBS. 75.00-100.00; BEEF X HEIFERS #1 110.00-140.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 20 HEAD, 50 LOWER. #1 AND 2 245-290 LBS. 39.50-40.50; #1 AND 3 270-325 LBS. 37.00-39.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 20 HEAD. STEERS, 1 535 LBS. AT 75.00; 2 950 LBS. 52.00-56.50.

HEIFERS: 300-400 LBS. 75.00-80.00; 1 525 LBS. AT 72.00; 2 HOLSTEINS 220 LBS. TO 105.00.

BULLS: 1 480 LBS. AT 75.00.

LAMBS: 5 HEAD. 1 CHOICE 85 LBS. AT 90.00; 100-110 LBS. 82.00-84.00; 1 135 LBS. AT 69.00.

GOATS: 7 HEAD. LARGE 70.00-80.00; MEDIUM 50.00-65.00.

300 gallon SINGLE AXLE HCM SERIES SPRAYERS

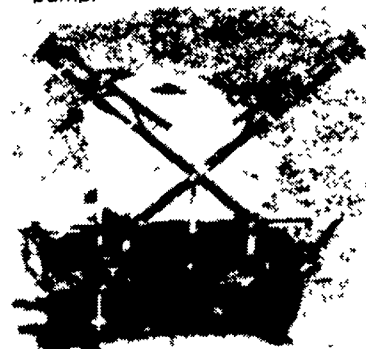


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