



NOV. 27-DEC. 3, 2000
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 3

CHILL DECEMBER

"And after him [November] came next the chill December; Yet he through merry feasting which he made, And great bonfires, did not the cold remember..." Edmund Spenser (1552-1599) penned rhymes such as this for each of the 12 months and thus gave us a modern-day prescription for warming the days of this wintry month. With the holidays ahead, festive feasts with family and friends may consume you. Mark your calendar now, reserving time for planting 'Paper White' narcissus, preparing baked gifts, roasting chestnuts or popping popcorn, and enjoying the snow—if you have some. Remember the gift of time; not all presents can be purchased.



Small gifts make friends, great ones make enemies.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Candles, plants, breads, or books make great gifts for those who prefer less stuff.

SPICED NUTS

- 2 egg whites
- 3 tablespoons cold water
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon each cinnamon, cloves, allspice, nutmeg, and mace
- 2 cups walnut halves
- 2 cups pecan halves



Preheat oven to 250°F. Beat the egg whites with the cold water. Sift the sugar and spices into the egg mixture, then toss nuts in this. Spread the coated nuts onto oiled cookie sheets and bake for at least 1 hour. Cool, then turn onto waxed paper, spreading them out to dry separately. Store in glass jars. **Makes 2 pints.**

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Okla. National Stockyards

Oklahoma City, OK
November 22, 2000

Report Supplied By USDA

Compared to last week: Calves and light yearlings under 700 lbs 1.00-3.00 higher. Feeder steers over 700 lbs steady to 1.00 higher, feeder heifers not well tested. Demand good for all classes. Demand remains good for light numbers of feeder cattle, especially after last Friday's bullish COF report. Placements showed only 36 percent of the cattle placed in October weighed over 700 lbs and with continued light runs of feeders this trend is expected to continue. Quality plain thru attractive. Calves in thin to fleshy conditions with more dried out weaned calves included; feeder cattle in slightly thin to moderate flesh conditions. Weigh-ups average to gaunt, few full.

Slaughter cows 2.00-3.00 lower. Slaughter bulls 1.00-1.50 lower. Packer demand very light due to upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Quality replacement cows sold noticeably higher as limited availability and high calf prices have raised the bar for these. Majority of cows returned to country for calving, grazing programs, or feedlots. Total of 720 cows and bulls sold with 35 percent to packers. Receipts this week 11,250; last week 11,135; last year 5816.

Supply consisted of 39 percent calves and yearlings over 600 lbs; 55 percent

calves under 600 lbs; 6 percent cows and bulls. Heifers comprised 39 percent of feeder and calf supply.

Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1: Calves, lot 325 lbs 135.00; 350- 400 lbs (386 lbs) 115.00-120.00 (118.13); 400-450 lbs (422 lbs) 110.50- 119.50 (115.13); 450-500 lbs (470 lbs) 106.00-116.00 (111.33); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 93.75-103.00 (97.64); 600-650 lbs (628 lb) 90.50-99.00 (95.22); 650-700 lbs (665 lbs) 88.50-96.00 (93.84); lot 710 lbs 86.00; Yearlings: 600-650 lbs (638 lbs) 97.50-98.25 (98.12); 650-700 lbs (683 lbs) 93.25-96.50 (94.45); 700-750 lbs (722 lb) 92.00-95.50 (93.63); 750-800 lbs (766 lbs) 89.00-93.00 (90.62), many fleshy (783 lbs) 86.50- 90.00 (88.45); few 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 83.50-86.75 (85.54). Holsteins: Large 3: 500-600 lbs 70.25-74.75; 600-700 lbs 71.50-72.50; 750-825 lbs 62.00-64.75; 900 lbs 61.50.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1: Calves: 325-400 lbs (350 lbs) 105.00-115.50, lot 345 lbs 124.00 (112.45); 400-450 lbs (422 lbs) 95.50- 109.50 (102.28); 450-500 lbs (470 lbs) 92.50-101.00 (95.06); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 84.00-91.75 (88.70); 600-650 lbs (623 lbs) 83.00-90.50 (85.42); 650-700 lbs (670 lbs) 83.25-86.50 (83.70); Yearlings: 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 89.75-94.50 (91.44); 600-650 lbs (620 lbs) 87.50-93.50 (89.93); 650-700 lbs (671 lb) 84.75-89.50 (87.66); lot 715 lbs 86.75; lot fleshy 785 lbs 77.50; few 800-850 lb

77.50-80.50.

Slaughter Cows: Head %Lean Weight Average Dress High Dress Low Dress Breaker 29 75-80% 1000-1600 36.50-39.00 38.50-41.00 33.50-34.00 Boner 67 80-85% 950-1400 35.00-38.50 38.50-42.00 31.00-35.00 Lean 80 85-90% 925-1500 33.50-36.50 37.50-42.50 29.50-33.50 Light 30 85-90% 700-950 35.00 24.00-29.00

Slaughter Bulls: Head Weight Average Dress High Dress Low Dress Yield Grade 1-2 14 1450-1950 45.00-47.50 51.00-52.50 42.50-45.00

Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Lean 75.20, light carcasses 67.80; Boners 75.10; Breakers 72.05. Bulls 85.50.

Replacement Cows: Pretested for bangs, pregnancy, and age Medium and Large 1 Age Weight Months Bred Quality Price Heifers 825-1000 2-7 months avg quality 550.00-590.00 3-7 yr old 900-1300 4-8 months hi quality 650.00-720.00 3-7 yr old 800-1350 2-7 months avg quality 550.00-645.00 8-9 yr old 875-1150 4-7 months avg quality 500.00-540.00 10 yr old 1000-1225 4-5 months avg quality 410.00-510.00

Pairs: Medium and large 1 Age Cow Weight Calf Weight Quality Price 3-7 yr old 800-1000 250-300 hi, bred back 820.00-855.00 3-7 yr old 800-1150 125-275 hi quality 785.00-850.00

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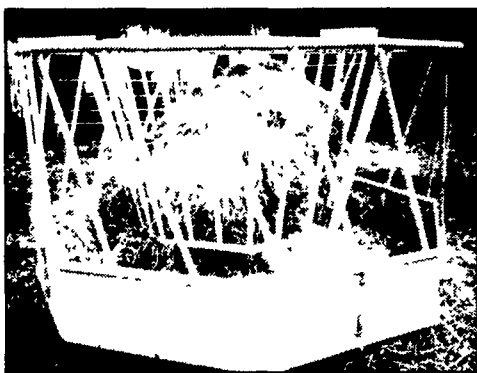
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Estimated Daily Livestock Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection			
	Nov. 22, 2000			
	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Wednesday 2000-08-02 (est)	133,000	5,000	389,000	14,000
Week ago (est)	131,000	5,000	387,000	15,000
Year ago (act)	130,000	6,000	391,000	16,000
Week to date (est)	262,000	9,000	778,000	24,000
Same Period Last Week (est)	246,000	9,000	746,000	30,000
Same Period Last Year (act)	262,000	10,000	786,000	29,000

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