

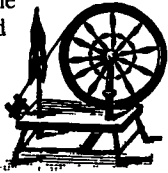


JANUARY 1-7, 2001

EPIPHANY, JANUARY 6

**WINDING DOWN**

"Partly work and partly play, must ye on St Distaff's Day," goes the old adage for the day following the Twelve Days of Christmas, though St Distaff's Day, always January 7 and the day after Epiphany, was when women were supposed to get back to their spinning after the holidays. A distaff is a spindle for holding the flax or wool in spinning, and in the glee of St. Distaff's Day, the men would often playfully prevent their wives from starting their work by trying to burn the flax off the distaff. The distaff has come to symbolize the domestic sphere, hence the term "the distaff side" refers to women.



*Yule is come and Yule is gone, and we have feasted well; so Jack must to his flail again, and Jenny to her wheel.*

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Store your woollens with dried lavender, pennyroyal leaves, or cedar chips to repel moths.

**ITALIAN SAUSAGE PASTA**

- 4 quarts water
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound Italian sausage
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup dry white wine (optional)
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano, or 1 teaspoon dry
- 1 pound pasta of your choice
- grated Parmesan, as garnish



sausage from the casings, crumble into skillet, and brown. Set aside sausage, then brown onion and garlic. Add wine (or water), then the sun-dried tomatoes, drained and chopped. Add sausage and oregano. Cook pasta, then toss with the sauce and top with Parmesan.

Makes 6 servings.

Bring water to a boil. Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a skillet. Remove

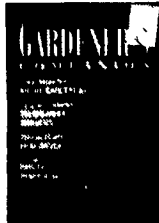
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**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*Fog in January brings a wet spring.*

*A summerish January, a winterish spring.*



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**National Carlot Beef Report**

Des Moines, IA  
Dec. 27, 2000  
Report Supplied By USDA  
USDA NATIONAL CARLOT BEEF REPORT (includes major production areas in the Midwest and TX) as of 3:00 PM COW & BULL CARCASS FOB OMAHA Loads Reported. Compared to Tuesday's 3:00 P.M. report: Cow and bull carcasses not established.  
UT,brk 2-4 450/up unq UT,bng 1-3 400/up unq Cutter 1-2 350/up unq Bulls YG 1 500/up unq  
COW & BULL CARCASS CAF WEST COAST Loads Reported. Compared to last week: Market for Week Ended: December 22, 2000 Lds Price Range UT,brk 2-4 450/up UT,bng 1-3 400/up 70.00 Cutter 1-2 350/up 70.00 Bulls YG 1 500/up BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/BEEF TRIMMINGS 154.0 Loads Reported.  
Lean boneless beef in Omaha 10.00 higher, Texas mostly steady to 2.00 higher; 85% steady to 5.00 higher; 75% 5.00 higher; 65% steady to 1.00 higher. Demand moderate for light offerings. Beef trimmings higher on light to moderate demand and light offerings.

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FOB OMAHA BASIS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 14 117.0 - 120.0 117.64 90% fz unq 85% fr 14 110.0 - 115.0 112.29 85% fz 75% fr 3 83.0 83.00 75% fz 65% fr 4 62.0 - 63.0 62.50 65% fz 50% fr 96 37.00 - 39.00 37.94 50% fz unq 50% bx unq Bull 92-94 1 142.00 142.00  
FOB EAST TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 20 115.0 - 119.00 118.00 90% fz unq 85% fr 85% fz 75% fr 75% fz 65% fr 65% fz  
CAF NORTHEAST AREAS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 2 124.0 124.00 90% fz 85% fr unq 85% fz 75% fr 75% fz 65% fr 65% fz  
CAF WEST COAST BASIS Market for Week Ended: 12/22/2000 Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 110.00 - 110.25 110.08 90% fz unq 85% fr 100.50 100.50 85% fz unq 75% fr unq 75% fz unq 65% fr 60.00 - 62.50 61.50 65% fz unq 50% fr unq 50% fz unq  
ABCDE after quotes represents days since last actual market test. Quotes are dropped after 5 days of no test or before if they no longer reflect current market conditions.

**Valley Livestock**

Athens, Pa.  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Tuesday, December 26, 2000  
HOLSTEIN HFR. CALVES 120.00-270.00.  
BACK TO FARM CALVES 95-120 LBS. 120.00-160.00, 70-95 LBS. 85.00-135.00.  
SLAUGHTER CALVES 10.00-60.00. GRASSERS & STR. CFS., NONE. GOATS TO 60.00. LAMBS, NONE. SHEEP, NONE. PIGS, EACH, NONE. HOGS 200-250 LBS., NONE. SOWS, NONE. FEEDERS 45.00-77.50. HEIFERS TO 49.50. STEERS TO 42.00. BULLS TO 43.50. GOOD COWS 38.00-45.50. MEDIUM COWS 32.50-37.00. THIN COWS 10.00-31.50. CATTLE MARKET STRONG. CALF MARKET STEADY. FEEDER SALE 1ST MON. OF MONTH; DAIRY SALE 3RD THUR. EACH MONTH.

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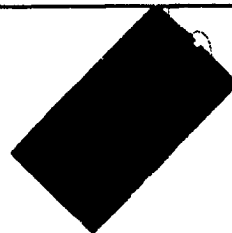
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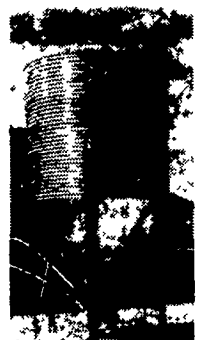
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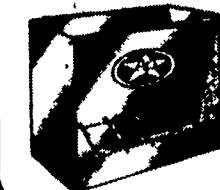
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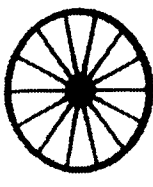
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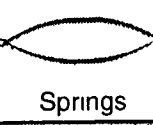


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