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JANUARY 8-14, 2001

FULL WOLF MOON, JANUARY 9

MONDAY, MONDAY

According to Scottish custom, the first Monday of the New Year was called Handsel Monday. It was a time to bestow gifts on children and servants. The handsel custom continues today in the form of presenting housewarming gifts to bring good luck to new beginnings. The second Monday of 2001, January 8, is Plough Monday, the day when the men of olden England were supposed to get back to their work. In some villages, however, the day was spent dragging a plough through town, collecting money for the "plough-light," which was kept burning in the local church; homes that refused to give alms had the ground in front of the door ploughed up. Music and dancing followed by a feast of beef and ale was traditional.



Well begun is half done.

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



*If on January
12 the sun
shines, it
foreshadows
much wind.*

TIP OF THE WEEK

Store unused trash bags in the bottom of the wastebasket. When you take out the full bag, a replacement will be handy.

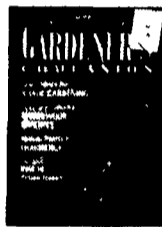
SESAME SCALLOPS

- 2 tablespoons canola or olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 tablespoons julienned fresh ginger
- 4 scallions, julienned
- 1/2 red bell pepper, julienned
- 1 pound fresh scallops, trimmed
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds*
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley or cilantro

Heat olive oil in a skillet or wok. Stir-fry garlic, ginger, scallions, and pepper for 1 or 2 minutes, then add scallops, and heat for another minute. (*Toast sesame seeds over high heat in a dry skillet for a couple of minutes.) Add sesame oil, then toasted sesame seeds. Serve immediately, garnished with fresh parsley or cilantro.



Makes 4 servings.



ATTENTION, GARDENERS!
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Lebanon Valley Livestock

Frederickburg, Pa.

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January 3, 2001

CATTLE 147, CALVES 91, HOGS 53, SHEEP 0, GOATS 0. TUESDAY CATTLE 170, CALVES 67, HOGS 24, SHEEP 0, GOATS 0

CATTLE: Compared with last Tuesday's auction, slaughter steers and heifers started off the New Year with an attractive supply.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1195-1340 lbs 77.75-80.25. Select 1-3 65.50-69.50. Standard 1-2 few 59.00-62.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2 individual 1350 lbs 64.00. Select 1-2 few 60.25-60.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1100-1275 lbs 74.25-79.75. Select 1-3 few 70.25-71.25. Choice 1-2 Holsteins few 1350-1605 lbs 59.50-63.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 percent lean 42.25-47.25. Boners 80-85 percent lean 39.25-43.25, low dressing down to 37.25. Lean 80-90 percent lean 34.00-39.25.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 individual 1905 lbs 50.00. Yield Grade 2 few 1440-1700 lbs 47.25-48.00.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium 2 few 700-910 lbs 66.00-68.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium 2 lot 300 lbs 69.00.

CALVES: Compared to last week's auction, Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold 5.00-10.00 higher. Holstein heifers were active with stronger interest than last week.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 65-85 lbs 45.00-55.00. Utility 55-80 lbs 20.00-30.00. RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls Number 1 85-120 lbs 120.00-160.00. Number 2 80-120 lbs 80.00-112.00, weaker calves down to 60.00. Holstein heifers Number 1 80-110 lbs 230.00-305.00. Number 2 75-110 lbs 140.00-185.00, weaker calves 65-90 lbs 100.00-120.00. Beef type bulls and heifers 75-110 lbs 95.00-165.00.

BARROWS AND GILTS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT PRICE 45-50 255-300 lbs 34.50-36.00 40-45 195-200 lbs 25.00-30.00

SOWS: US 1-3 One Lot 380 lbs 27.00 495-600 lbs 31.00-33.00 Medium 450-550 lbs 13.50-25.00

FEEDER PIGS: Utility 40-100 lbs 31.00-39.00/per cwt

SHEEP: No market test.

GOATS: No market test.

Morrison's Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, Jan. 1, 2001

CATTLE: 129 HEAD.
STEERS: CHOICE 75.50-79.50, GOOD 71.00-75.00.

HEIFERS: CHOICE 74.50-79.25, GOOD 69.00-73.50.

COWS: UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 37.00-48.50, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 20.00-36.50.

BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 50.50-60.00.

BULLS: YG#1 44.50-49.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 68.00-82.00, BULLS 65.00-79.00, HEIFERS 59.00-72.00.

CALVES: 101. PRIME, NO MKT. TEST, CHOICE 88.00-102.00, GOOD 77.00-81.00, STANDARD 25.00-60.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 80.00-130.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 160.00-255.00.

HOGS: 172...US#1-2 36.00-37.00, US#1-3 35.00-36.00.

SOWS: US#1-3 27.00-35.00.

BOARS: 11.00-27.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 44. US#1-3 20-50 LBS. 8.00-31.00.

SHEEP: 20 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS, GOOD LAMBS, SLAUGHTER EWES, NO MARKET TEST.

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