



JANUARY 22-28, 2001

CHINESE NEW YEAR, JANUARY 24

**NEW MOON SUPERSTITIONS**

Whether waxing (increasing) or waning (decreasing), the Moon has figured into our superstitions for centuries. For the first new Moon of 2001 (January 24), we offer a few things to keep in mind. The waxing crescent is lucky for lovers, but to marry during a waxing Moon is unlucky. Glance at the new Moon over your right shoulder and you will be lucky; never look at the new Moon through a closed window or over your left shoulder. Two new Moons in the same month foretell bad weather, but don't worry, no month in 2001 has more than one. To increase your fortune, bow to the new Moon or jingle silver coins in your pocket when you see it



*New Moon, New Moon, star in the stream; Pray tell my fortune in my dream.*

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

If you're trying to quit smoking, chew raw, shelled sunflower seeds. Besides the oral gratification, they may also have some calming effects.

**SPICY STUFFED PEACHES**

8 peach halves (fresh or canned)  
juice of 2 oranges  
2 tablespoons red-currant jelly  
1 cinnamon stick  
2 whole cloves  
1/2 teaspoon allspice

**Filling:**  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 cup ground almonds  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1 tablespoon brown sugar



Place peach halves (pitted) into a baking dish. Heat orange juice, jelly, cinnamon, cloves, and allspice to a near-boil. Combine filling ingredients and spoon into peach halves. Pour hot orange juice mixture over all, and bake at 350°F for 20 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas Day, there will be an abundant crop the following year.*

*When snow comes with the New Moon, it will melt quickly.*

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**Westminster Livestock**

Hagerstown, Maryland  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Tuesday, January 16, 2001  
SLAUGHTER COWS: 95 HEAD, 1.00 HIGHER. UTILITY 39.50-44.00, CANNERS 35.00-40.00, SHELLY 35.00 DOWN.  
BULLS: 9 HEAD. YG#2 1300-1900 LBS. 51.00-55.25.  
FED STEERS: 50 HEAD, 1.00 HIGHER. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1150-1500 LBS. 78.50-81.50; CHOICE 2-4 75.00-79.00, LOW CHOICE 1100-1450 LBS. 70.00-75.00, SELECT 60.00-70.00.  
FED HEIFERS: FEW OFFERED. CHOICE 1200-1300 LBS. 75.00-79.00, LOW CHOICE 1300-1400 LBS. TO 72.25.  
CALVES: 110 HEAD, GOOD SLAUGHTER. 80-110 LBS. 55.00-70.00, CULLS 70-100 LBS. 40.00-60.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURNING TO FARM, STEADY PRICES. #1 90-120 LBS. 125.00-143.00, 80-90 LBS. 100.00-120.00; #2 90-120 LBS. 92.00-122.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-110 LBS. 225.00-295.00, #2 75-90 LBS. 100.00-205.00.  
BUTCHER HOGS: 42 HEAD, STRONG DEMAND FROM COUNTRY BUTCHERS. #1 AND 2 225-310 LBS. 40.00-43.50, 2 300 LBS. AT 44.25; #1 AND 3 240-300 LBS. 38.00-41.00, 190-220 LBS. 38.00-40.00.  
SOWS: 4 HEAD. 400-650 LBS. TO 30.75.  
BOARS. 6 HEAD. 350-600 LBS. 12.50-14.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 181 HEAD, GOOD DEMAND FOR ALL TYPES. STEERS MED. AND LRGE. FRAME 200-400 LBS. 90.00-110.00, 400-500 LBS. 88.00-104.00, 500-700 LBS. 77.00-89.00, 700-900 LBS. 75.00-87.00, 900-1150 LBS. 67.00-75.00.  
HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 80.00-94.00, 500-600 LBS. 75.00-87.00, 600-700 LBS. 68.00-81.00.  
BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 87.00-107.00, 500-700 LBS. 80.00-89.50, 700-950 LBS. 52.00-62.00.  
SHEEP: 20 HEAD 45.00-73.00, HEAVYWEIGHTS 36.00-50.00.  
LAMBS: 83 HEAD. CHOICE 100-125 LBS. 78.00-89.00, 90-100 LBS. 86.00-91.00, 70-90 LBS. 91.00-108.00; GOOD TO CHOICE 50-70 LBS. 87.00-117.00.  
GOATS: 78 HEAD. LARGE BILLIES AND WETHERS 80.00-150.00, MEDIUM 50.00-75.00, SMALL FLESHY 40.00-60.00, LARGE NANNIES 75.00-95.00, MED. NANNIES 45.00-80.00.  
PIGS AND SHOATS: 31 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 1 LOT 35 LBS. AT 25.50, 6 HEAD 60 LBS. AT 46.00; BY THE LB. 40 LBS. AT 80.00, 60-80 LBS. 68.00-70.00, 90 LBS. AT 50.00.

LAST TUESDAY CATTLE 91, CALVES 96, HOGS 30, SHEEP 0, GOATS 0.  
CATTLE: Compared with last Tuesday's auction, slaughter steers and heifers sold mostly steady. Slaughter cows were 1.00-3.00 lower. Slaughter bulls traded sharply lower.  
SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1185-1430 lbs 76.75-78.00, individual up to 79.50. Select 1-3 70.00-74.00.  
HOLSTEIN STEERS: Select 1-2 few 59.25-62.50. Standard 1-2 few 44.75-45.00.  
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1040-1285 lbs 72.25-76.25. Select 1-3 65.25-74.00. Standard 1-2 few 46.00-50.50.  
SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 percent lean 38.00-43.00. Boners 80-85 percent lean 35.00-39.25. Lean 85-90 percent lean 32.00-35.75.  
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1225-1835 lbs 48.25-50.25. Yield Grade 2 1020-1780 lbs 42.00-48.00.  
CALVES: Compared to last week's auction; Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold mostly 10.00 lower, while Holstein heifers were steady to weak.  
VEALERS: Standard and Good few 80-100 lbs 40.00. RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls Number 1 90-120 lbs 150.00-170.00. Number 2 80-120 lbs 112.00-142.00, few weaker calves 95.00. Holstein heifers Number 1 80-125 lbs 210.00-255.00. Number 2 75-110 lbs 140.00-200.00.  
SOWS: US 1-3 335-505 lbs 24.00-26.00 520-700 lbs 28.00  
BOARS: Individual 405 lbs 15.00  
SHEEP: No market test.  
GOATS: No market test.

**Lebanon Valley Livestock**

Fredericksburg, Pa.  
Report Supplied by Auction  
January 16, 2001  
TUESDAY CATTLE 128, CALVES 70, HOGS 15, SHEEP 0, GOATS 0.

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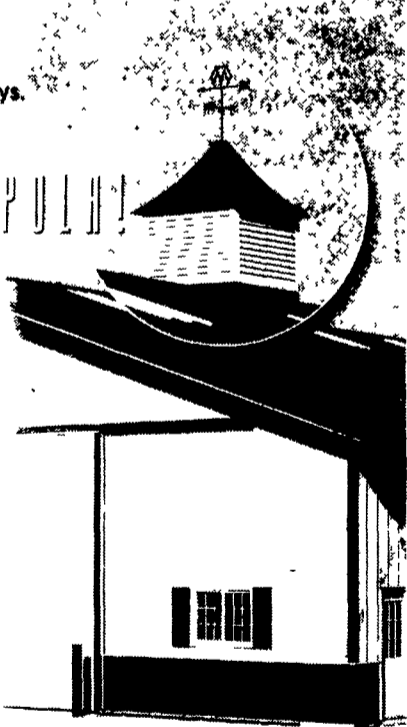
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