



FEBRUARY 12-18, 2001

WINTER'S BACK BREAKS, FEBRUARY 15

WHAT DO OUR HEARTS TREASURE?

Perhaps Valentine's Day should become the annual anniversary of the handwritten letter. Red roses are regal, but a real letter may be more rare. Do you still own an ink pen with a fine nib? Leave the letterhead for business dealings, but get out that fine linen bond for expressions of the heart. Letters have been variously described as "monitors," "comforters" and "heart-talkers." The poet Lord Byron (1692-1763) noted that "Letter-writing is the only device for combining solitude and good company." Of course, that was before e-mail. The writer William James (1842-1910) added, "As long as there are postmen, life will have zest." Start your epistle with, "My dearest..." then speak from the heart, and you can't go wrong

The post is the consolation of life.

-French writer Francois M A Voltaire (1694-1778)

The OLD FARMER'S
WEATHER PROVERBS



In February if thou hearest thunder, thou wilt see a summer's wonder.

If sea fowl retire to the shore, a storm approaches.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Shelled nutmeats can be frozen for longer keeping. They'll remain good for two years in an airtight container.

WALDORF SALAD

fresh salad greens of your choice (enough for 4 people)
1 cup apples, cored and chopped (skin on)
1 cup English walnuts
1 cup raisins
1/2 cup sunflower seeds
vinaigrette or other dressing

over the greens, breaking nutmeats into smaller pieces, as desired Add salad dressing of your choice

Makes 4 servings.



Rinse greens and arrange on 4 plates Mix other ingredients and arrange

Remove Rust

For handy tips for cleaning, polishing, and freshening your home, send \$3 to The Old Farmer's Almanac, Dept CP, P O Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444, call 1-800-895-9265 ext 220, or visit www.almanac.com/go/cp

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New Wilmington Livestock

New Wilmington, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, Feb. 5, 2001

CATTLE 109...(PDA) STEERS one Select 1-3 67.00, few Standard 1-2 55.00-60.00

HOLSTEIN STEERS: one Choice 2-3 1220 lbs 65.50, one Select 1-2 62.00.

HEIFERS: few Standard 1-2 56.00-58.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 39.75-45.00, few to 46.75, Boners 80-85% lean 37.00-42.25, Lean 85-90% lean 34.00-38.50 Shells down to 22.00

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1465-1925 lbs 51.25-53.75

FEEDER CATTLE HEIFERS: few Medium 1-2 485-585 lbs 65.00-74.50, BULLS: few Medium 1 505-655 lbs 65.00-76.50

CALVES 108. VEALERS: Standard and Good 70-95 lbs 35.00-60.00.

FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 100-125 lbs 120.00-130.00, 95-95 lbs 138.00-149.00, one 155.00, No 2 85-115

lbs 70.00-110.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 85-90 lbs 285.00-320.00, few No 2 80-120 lbs 150.00-200.00.

One beef type bull and heifer 100 lbs 210.00

HOGS 221...BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 220-270 lbs 38.00-41.00, one small lot 43.25, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 36.00-37.75, 40-45% lean 210-290 lbs 33.00-36.25.

SOWS: few US 1-3 440-590 lbs 33.00-37.50.

BOARS: couple 600 & 675 lbs 12.75, few 220-305 lbs 20.00-26.50.

FEEDER PIGS 19...US 1-3 30-50 lbs 32.50-42.50 per head, few 100-165 lbs 20.00-32.50 per cwt.

SHEEP 46...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 60-70 lbs 129.00-132.50, 70-110 lbs 80.00-102.50.

NEW CROP LAMBS: one Choice 55 lbs 157.50.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: few 39.00-75.00.

GOATS 14...(All sold by the head) Few Medium Billies 48.00-90.00, one Large Nanny 75.00, couple Medium Billies 55.00 & 64.00, couple Small Kids 14.00

Frederick Livestock

Frederick, Maryland
Report Supplied by Auction
February 5, 2001

SLAUGHTER COWS: 79 HEAD, 1.50 LOWER. UTILITY 39.00-44.00, HIGH DRESSING TO 45.00, CANNERS 37.00-42.00, SHELLY 37.00 DOWN.

BULLS: YG#1 1400-2050 LBS. 49.50-55.25.

FED STEERS: SELECT DAIRY X

1350 LBS. AT 55.50.

FED HEIFERS: COMMERCIAL 44.00-51.00.

CALVES: 123 HEAD, GOOD SLAUGHTER. 80-95 LBS. 45.00-60.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURNING TO FARM, STEADY TO TO 10.00 LOWER. #1 90-120 LBS. 155.00-175.00, 80-90 LBS. 112.00-150.00, 125-130 LBS. 137.00-147.00; #2 90-120 LBS. 110.00-

150.00, 75-90 LBS. 90.00-125.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS PRICES STEADY. #1 90-120 LBS. 290.00-315.00, #2 75-110 LBS. 125.00-250.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 75-110 LBS. 127.00-200.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 325-375 LBS. 40.00-41.00.

GOATS: 4 MED. TO LRGE. NAN-NIES 67.00-106.00.

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FOOD



Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
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ATTENTION TOBACCO FARMERS

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 - * Plants are furnished FREE and delivered to your farm, a savings of over \$200 AC
 - * One year contract with the growers option for two more years
 - * Growers have opportunity to get in the ground floor of this exciting new idea
 - * Local, centrally located receiving stations
 - * A modified tobacco plant to be made into "nicotine free" cigarettes
 - * No modified tobacco shall be grown within 1320 feet of any other tobacco variety.
 - IF YOU THINK YOU MAY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS FOOTAGE, WE NEED TO MEASURE IT!
 - * Our growers can be proud that they are taking part in something that's positive, while still having the opportunity to make a good living raising one of the best cash crops available.
 - * Growers have been asking for a direct market to cigarette manufacturers
 - * Vector would still like to add another 1000 acres in PA
 - * Call for a packet with information about this new venture
- For More Information And To Sign A Vector Contract:**
- * Mon -Fri. 9-4 p.m. Trileaf Tobacco Receiving Station, Larry Weaver Farm, 641 Spruce Rd., New Holland
 - * A rep will come to your farm



ATTENTION 41 GROWERS:

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Working with Vector is your local tobacco company:



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New Holland, PA 17557
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Jerry Winstead, President, Larry Weaver, Manager, Craig Sensenig, Supervisor

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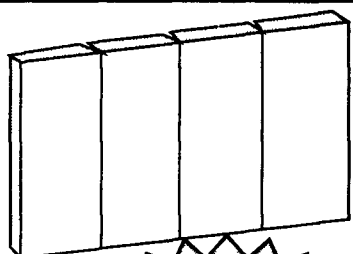
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