

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS
THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
 NOVEMBER 12-18, 2001
 NEW MOON, NOVEMBER 15

THE SAINT OF INDIAN SUMMER
 The feast day of St. Martin, patron saint of beggars, drunkards, and outcasts, is celebrated on November 12. Perhaps more than any other saint, his feast day is associated with predicting the conditions for the coming winter. For example, "If the leaves of the trees and grapevines do not fall before Martin's Day, a cold winter can be expected." St. Martin's is also used to mark the possible beginning of Indian summer, that period of summerlike weather following a cold spell or frost. Martinmas is also linked with slaughtering time because the early-November cold days were best for killing and preserving the beef, sheep, and hogs with salt for the coming winter.

If the geese at Martin's Day stand on ice, they will walk in mud at Christmas.

As November, so the following March

TIP OF THE WEEK
 Prepare your vehicles for winter now. Pack an emergency kit in case you get stuck.

EASY CHEFSECAKE
 Crust and topping
 1-1/3 cups fine graham cracker crumbs
 1/4 cup finely crushed walnuts
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted

Filling
 2 eggs, well-beaten
 16 ounces soft cream cheese (not whipped)
 1 cup sugar
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 2 cups sour cream

Combine crust ingredients and press into a 9-inch pie pan, reserving 3 tablespoons for topping. Combine all filling ingredients except sour cream, beating until smooth. Fold in sour cream. Pour into crust, sprinkle with topping, and bake at 375°F for about 35 minutes, until set. Chill for 4 to 5 hours.

Makes 8 servings

ATTENTION, GARDENERS!
 The fall 2001 *Gardener's Companion* is on sale. You can buy it at supermarkets, bookstores or garden centers. Or send \$3.99 to The Old Farmers Almanac Dept. GCF, P.O. Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444.

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Middleburg Livestock Auction
 Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, November 6, 2001
 Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE 351. (PDA)...(Supply included 121 steers and heifers, 108 cows 10 bulls and 112 feeder cattle). Compared with last week's sale, steers mostly 1.50 to 2.00 higher with good offering of quality steers, cows uneven, Breakers steady to .50 lower, Boner and Lean cows 1.00 to 2.00 higher, bulls steady, heifers 1.00 to 1.50 higher.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1230-1430 lbs 68.75-69.75, Choice 2-3 1155-1470 lbs 65.75-68.25, Select 1-3 53.50-64.50, Standard 1-2 47.50-52.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1085-1620 lbs 55.00-57.25, Select 1-2 51.75-54.50, Standard 1-2 45.00-50.50.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1045-1470 lbs 63.25-66.25, Select 1-3 56.00-63.25, Standard 1-2 45.00-53.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 37.00-40.75, one 44.25, Boners 80-85% lean 33.00-40.00, Lean 85-90% lean 27.00-36.75. Shells 27.00 and down.

BULLS: couple Yield Grade 1 1130 & 1235 lbs 49.00 & 55.00, Yield Grade 2 965-1745 lbs 36.75-48.25.

FEEDEER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 2 420-580 lbs 51.00-69.00, 525-995 lbs 54.00-66.50, Large 3 430-480 lbs Holsteins 55.00-59.00, 530-915 lbs 45.00-57.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 2 325-500 lbs 55.00-64.50, 590-795 lbs 50.00-69.00; **BULLS:** one Medium 1 250 lbs 76.00, Medium and Large 2 395-425 lbs 40.00-62.00, 605-800 lbs 39.00-63.00, couple Large 3 525 & 565 lbs Holsteins 40.00 & 45.50.

CALVES 233...VEALERS: one Good 145 lbs 77.00, Standard and Good 70-115 lbs 40.00-62.00, Utility 55-100 lbs 10.00-40.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls

steady to 5.00 higher, Holstein heifers mostly steady..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 97.00-125.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 65.00-102.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 80-105 lbs 400.00-560.00, No 60-120 lbs 100.00-375.00.

Few beef type bulls and heifers 90-110 lbs 95.00-170.00.

HOGS 103...Barrows and gilts steady, sows 1.00 lower. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 45-50% lean 260-350 lbs 34.50-39.50, 40-45% lean 275-320 lbs 31.50-34.50.

SOWS: 1-3 300-500 lbs 24.00-30.50, 500-700 lbs 31.00-36.00.

BOARS: few 300-500 lbs 13.50-15.50.

FEEDEER PIGS 55...1-3 20-40 lbs 13.00-30.00. — per head.

SHEEP 30...Slaughter lambs lighter weights 25.00 higher. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice 60-75 lbs 84.00-94.00, 125 lbs 50.00-53.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 16.00-36.00.

GOATS 21...(All sold by the head). One Large Billy 88.00, Medium 41.00-70.00, one Wether 39.00, Large Nannies 69.00-76.00, Medium 30.00-41.00, few Large Kids 30.00-36.00, one Small 17.00.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction
 Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, November 5, 2001
 Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE 340...(PDA)..Compared with last week's sale..cows steady, bulls steady to 2.00 lower.

STEERS: one Select 1-3 55.00, Standard 1-2 50.00-52.00.

HEIFERS: Standard 1-2 42.50-49.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 36.50-39.50, Boners 80-85% lean 34.00-37.00, Lean 85-90% lean 30.00-34.50. Shells 30.00 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1500 & 1700 lbs 49.00 & 50.50, Yield Grade 2 880-1975 lbs 38.00-45.50.

FEEDEER -CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 315-450 lbs 80.00-94.00, 525-610 lbs 71.00-77.00, Medium and Large 2 350-475 lbs 58.00-74.00, 500-895 lbs 50.00-74.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 63.00-76.00, 525-685 lbs 64.00-66.00, Medium and Large 2 350-475 lbs 50.00-61.00, 520-750 lbs 50.00-60.00; **BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 80.00-102.50, 540-725 lbs 69.00-72.00.

CALVES 180...(All calves sold per cwt). **VEALERS:** Choice 135-170 lbs 81.00-85.00, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs 40.00-55.00, 70-85 lbs 30.00-50.00, Utility 55-95 lbs 10.00-27.50.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 87.50-112.50, 80-85 lbs 87.50-98.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 64.00-85.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 90-110 lbs 325.00-500.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 100.00-300.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 75-125 lbs 100.00-162.50, 195-275 lbs 65.00-107.50.

HOGS 14...**BARROWS AND GILTS:** one 49-54% lean 250 lbs 41.50.

SOWS: 1-3 470-565 lbs 30.50-34.00.

BOARS: 305-620 lbs 19.00-20.00.

FEEDEER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 110...Slaughter lambs steady. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** High Choice and Prime 105-140 lbs 50.00-57.00, two Choice 45 lbs 133.00, 55-75 lbs 75.00-90.00, 80-100 lbs 60.00-70.00, Good and Choice 80-100 lbs 46.00-56.00.

FEEDEER LAMBS: Good and Choice 30-70 lbs 40.00-70.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 17.00-39.00.

GOATS 90...(All sold by the head). Large Billies 60.00-125.00, Medium 37.00-58.00, Large Nannies and Wethers 50.00-79.00, Medium Nannies 35.00-48.00, Large Kids 25.00-33.00, Small 5.00-20.00. — per head.

Belleville Livestock Auction
 Belleville, Pa.
 November 7, 2001

Report Supplied By Auction
CATTLE 267 (SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION)

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Standard 1-2 46.00-56.00

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 35.50-39.00, few to 40.00, Boners 80-85% lean 34.00-36.00, Lean 85-90% lean 29.50-34.00 Shells down to 20.00.

BULLS: one Yield Grade 1 2250 lbs 50.75, Yield Grade 2 1200-1400 lbs 42.00-44.00.

CALVES 104. **VEALERS:** Standard and Good 85-100 lbs 40.00-50.00, Utility

65-80 lbs 20.00-30.00
FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 95-110 lbs 92.00-115.00, No 2 90-120 lbs 55.00-95.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 95-110 lbs 390.00-440.00, No 2 90-120 lbs 250.00-400.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 100 lbs 150.00-200.00.

HOGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

FEEDEER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 21...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Good and Choice 60-80 lbs 66.00-83.00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 35.00-44.00.

GOATS 37...(All sold by the head). Large Billies 80.00-104.00, Medium 66.00-83.00, Medium Nannies 35.00-56.00, Large Kids 22.00-36.00.

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