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DECEMBER 3-9, 2001

ST. NICHOLAS, DEC. 6

SMALL PACKAGES

Take a hint from St. Nicholas while holiday shopping this year. Think small but sweet. This patron saint of children, who celebrates his feast day on December 6, left candies and trinkets in children's shoes. In the Middle Ages, the author Thomas Naogeorgus (1511-1563) described these "Children's Day" offerings this way: "Both apples, nuts, and prayers they bring, and other things besides. / As caps, and shoes, and petticoats, with kirtles they hide." What if your gifts had to fit in the space of a child's clog? Good things can come in small packages, if you're clever. The simple gift of your presence, your time and laughter, and your listening ear are just a few possible presents that could be pledged in a shoe. The clues for a scavenger hunt might show the path to items that won't fit into a child's shoe.

Little sticks kindle the fire; great ones put it out.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Arrange now for cookie swaps or other exchanges of services for this busy time.

SNOWBALL COOKIES

<p>3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter 1 4 cup unsifted powdered sugar 1/3 cup granulated sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1 3 cup cornmeal 1-3/4 cups flour 1/4 teaspoon salt powdered sugar, for finishing</p>	<p>ars, and vanilla. Mix corn meal, flour, and salt, then add to butter mixture. Shape into 1 inch balls and bake on greased baking sheets for 12 to 15 minutes. Sift powdered sugar on them while they are still warm, then apply a second coating when cool.</p>
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Makes 3 dozen

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Lynchburg Weekly State Graded Feeder Cattle

Lynchburg, Va.
November 26, 2001

Report Supplied By USDA
STATE GRADED FEEDER CATTLE: 454 head; 176 steers; 278 heifers. Prices follow with average weights and average prices in parentheses where applicable.

STEERS: Med. and Lge. 1: 22 head 400-500 lb (459 lb) 90-93.00 (91.63); 34 head 500-600 lb (554 lb) 86.25-87.75 (87.18); 18 head 600-700 lb (650 lb) 79.25-79.50 (79.37). Med. and Lge. 2: 18 head 400-500 lb (460 lb) 85-91.75 (90.27); 20 head 500-600 lb (545 lb) 86.25-87.25 (86.55); 11 head 600-700 lb (632 lb) 75-77.00 (76.47).

HEIFERS: Med. and Lge. 1: 6 head 300-400 lb (353 lb) 92.50-94.00 (93.73); 30 head 400-500 lb (454 lb) 87-87.25 (87.18); 27 head 500-600 lb (555 lb) 74.75-75.25 (75.06); 15 head 600-700 lb (635 lb) 74-75.00 (74.06). Med. and Lge. 2: 14 head 300-400 lb (357 lb) 95-96.00 (95.63); 44 head 400-500 lb (459 lb) 83.75-86.75 (86.21); 31 head 500-600 lb (547 lb) 73.75-75.50 (74.82); 8 head 600-700 lb (649 lb) 75.50-75.75 (75.72). Med. and Lge. 3: 15 head 400-500 lb (448 lb) 71-76.00 (73.63). Small 1: 12 head 300-400 lb (369 lb) 78.50; 23 head 400-500 lb (450 lb) 76-75.00 (78.08); 16 head 500-600 lb (525 lb) 67-71.00 (67.24).

WEEKLY AUCTION: FEEDER CATTLE: 320 head. Feeder bulls 1.00-2.00 higher. Prices based on in weights.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: 18 head. Med. and Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 77.50; 300-500 lb 90.00; 500-700 lb 58-60.00; 700-900 lb 55.50.

BULLS: 171 head. Med. and Lge. 1: 300-400 lb 85.00; 400-500 lb 87.50-104.00; 500-600 lb 80-85.00. Small 1: 200-300 lb 80-85.00; 300-400 lb 71-84.50; 400-500 lb 65-82.00; 500-600 lb

57-72.00. Med. and Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 90-99.00; 300-400 lb 90-98.00; 400-500 lb 87.50-94.50; 500-600 lb 74-83.00; 6500-700 lb 66-73.00.

Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, November 27, 2001

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS SELECT AND CHOICE 62.75-65.50; **HEIFERS CHOICE** 60.25-65.25; **COWS, BREAKERS** 38.00-42.00, **COUPLE HEIFER TYPES** 42.50-46.00, **BONERS** 36.00-40.00, **LEAN** 36.00-40.25, **BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS** 32.00-37.00, **SHELLY** 31.00 **AND DOWN; BULLS** 1675-1995 LBS. 45.00-54.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: TOO FEW FOR MARKET TEST. CALVES RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 80-130 LBS. 62.50-122.00; **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1** 80-125 LBS. 380.00-570.00; **BEEF X HEIFERS** 90-110 LBS. 120.00-200.00.

SWINE: HOGS US#1-3 220-280 LBS. 30.00-31.25, 290-380 LBS. 25.00-30.00; **SOWS** 350-700 LBS. 22.50-30.50; **FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB.** 20-21 LBS. 140.00-150.00, 23-35 LBS. 122.50-127.50, 35-40 LBS. 102.50-112.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE NANNIES AND BILLIES 65.00-119.00, **FANCY KIDS** 60.00-78.00, **FLESHY KIDS** 42.50-57.50, **SMALL, THIN** 24.00-40.00.

LAMBS: GOOD 80-130 LBS. 72.50-92.50.

SALE EVERY TUES. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS; 6:30 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FAT CATTLE SALE TUES., DEC. 4; SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., DEC. 18; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., DEC. 14.

RECEIVING 7:30-10:30 A.M. SALE 1 P.M.; CHRISTMAS GOAT, LAMB, SHEEP SALE FRIDAY, DEC. 14. RECEIVING 8 A.M.-12:30 P.M. SALE 1 HOUR AFTER PIG SALE. RED CARPET TACK AND HORSE SALE FRI., JAN 18 STARTING AT 7 P.M. WITH TACK. RECEIVING 5 P.M. SMALL ANIMAL SALE NOVEMBER 27, 2001

RABBITS 1.75-8.00.
BUNNIES TO 1.00.
CHICKENS 1.00-2.85.
BANTIES .50.
PIGEONS 1.00-3.25.
GUINEAS PIGS 1.00.
TURKEYS 3.50-4.00.
ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

National Weekly Lamb Report

Des Moines, Iowa
November 26, 2001
Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB REPORT: Prior week slaughtered lamb count for week ending Monday, Nov. 26 — **FORWARD CONTRACTS:** Domestic 351; Imported 0. **FORMULA ARRANGEMENTS:** Domestic 29,623. Imported 667.

PACKER OWNED SHEEP SLAUGHTERED: Week ending Monday, Nov. 26 - **DOMESTIC:** 1,239 head; carcass weight range 36-101 lbs, avg. 73 lbs; dressing percentage range 49.2-50.0; avg. 49.3; Choice or better grade 95.4%. **IMPORTED:** 667.

FORWARD CONTRACT PURCHASES: None.

FORMULA PURCHASES: DOMESTIC: 30,032 head; 50-96 lbs, avg. 75 lbs; price range 44.62-122.02, wtd. avg. price 107.87 per cwt. **IMPORTED:** 667 head; 79-72 lbs, avg. 71 lbs; 83.94-119.24, wtd. avg. 114.89.

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