



DECEMBER 17-23, 2001

WINTER SOLSTICE, DEC. 21

**BEWARE THE POGONIP!**

As the Full Long Nights Moon approaches (Dec. 30) and the winter solstice nears, weather conditions may converge to form icy needles of frozen fog, known to Native Americans as the pogonip. *The Old Farmer's Almanac* has warned, "Beware the Pogonip!" for centuries, but this weather condition is particularly noted in the mountain valleys of the U.S. West. Taken up as a meteorological term, the pogonip was thought to be especially injurious to the elderly, invalids or anyone with delicate lungs. This week also marks Saturnalia, a celebration of the planter god, Saturn, from pre-Christian Roman times. Bonfires, candlelighting, feasts, and decorations of greens symbolized the renewal of the seasons after the dark days of winter. In Greek lore, Halcyon Days, a period of peace and tranquility, were celebrated in the two weeks around the winter solstice.



Where there is peace, God is.

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Expensive ornaments make easy hostess gifts in the holiday season.

**PORK CUTLETS IN CIDER**

- 1-1/2 pounds boneless pork cutlets, trimmed
- 1 cup cider
- 4 small apples, peeled and sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- ground pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon prepared brown mustard

Remove to serving plate. Boil pan juices to reduce to 1/2 cup. Cool briefly, then stir in sour cream and mustard. Pour over the cutlets.



Makes 4 servings

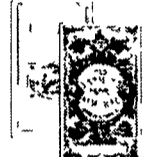
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**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



Do not abuse the year until it has passed.

When there are three days cold, expect three days colder.



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**Daily National Grain Market Summary**

St. Joseph, MO  
December 12, 2001

Report Supplied By USDA

Grain and soybean bids were lower pressured by disappointing export interest and technical selling on the Boards. Favorable growing weather in South America added further weakness to soybean bids.

Wheat steady to 2 cents lower. Corn 2 to 5 cents lower. Sorghum 6 cents lower. Soybeans 5 to 7 cents lower.

EXPORT SALES: PURCHASER COMMODITY TONNAGE DELIVERY DATE Malta Hard Milling Wheat 12,000 Feb

THESE MAY NOT BE THE ONLY EXPORT SALES THAT HAVE TRANSPIRED, BUT THEY ARE THE ONLY SALES THAT COULD BE CONFIRMED BY USDA GRAIN MARKET NEWS.

DATE CHANGE YEAR AGO TRUCK BIDS: 12/12/01 12/11/01 12/13/00 Wheat: Kansas City (HRW ORD) 2.83-2.86 dn 2 3.08 Minneapolis (DNS) 3.38 1/4 dn 1 3.47 1/2 Portland (SWW) 3.71-3.72 dn 1 2.97-2.99 St. Louis (SRW) 2.94-2.95 dn 1-unch 2.44-2.45

Corn, US 2 Yellow: Kansas City 2.04-2.06 dn 4 2.03-2.06 Minneapolis 1.85 dn 2 1/2 1.80 1/2 So. Iowa 2.02 dn 2-5 1.86-2.00 Omaha 1.91-1.94 dn 4-2 1.89-1.92

Soybeans, US 1 Yellow: Kansas City 4.30-4.33 dn 5 4.99 Minneapolis 4.07 1/2 dn 7 4.69 1/2 So. Iowa 4.32-4.34 up 6-dn 6 4.78-4.96 Cent. II Processor 4.29 1/2-4.37 1/2 dn 6-5 5.04 1/2-5.06 1/2

Minneapolis truck - to arrive 20 days FUTURE: Kansas City (Mar) Wheat 2.85 3/4 dn 2 3.16 Minneapolis (Mar) Wheat 3.03 3/4 dn 1 3.20 1/2 Chicago

(Mar) Wheat 2.86 dn 1/2 2.70 1/4 Chicago (Mar) Corn 2.16 dn 3 1/2 2.17 1/2 Chicago (Nov) Soybeans 4.32 1/2 dn 5 5.06 1/2

EXPORT BIDS: Barge bids out of Port of New Orleans or Rail out of North Texas Gulf. Bids per bushel except sorghum per cwt.

US 1 HRW Wheat, Ord Protein: Rail 3.27 1/4-3.34 3/4 dn 2 1/4 3.41-3.47 US 2 Soft Red Winter Wheat: Barge 3.21 up 1/4-dn 1/4 2.84 1/4-2.85 1/4 US 2 Yellow Corn Barge 2.32-2.34 dn 5 1/2-4 1/2 2.34 1/2-2.35 US 2 Yellow Sorghum Rail 4.36-4.48 dn 6-7 4.33-4.46 Barge 4.54-4.57 dn 6 4.47-4.51 US 2 Yellow Soybeans Barge 4.68 1/2 dn 5-8 5.39 1/2

**Westminster Hay**

Westminster, Maryland  
Report Supplied By Auction  
December 11, 2001

Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 1.60-4.50 BALE, 16.00-22.00 LARGE ROUND.  
TIMOTHY: 90-3.30 BALE, 12.00-26.00 LARGE ROUND.  
MIXED HAY: 1.30-2.10 BALE.  
GRASS: 1.30-3.00 BALE, 12.00-16.00 LARGE ROUND.  
STRAW: 1.60-2.70 BALE.  
RYE: 4.50 BU.  
GROUND EAR CORN: 5.00 BAG.  
FIREWOOD: 80.00-97.00 CORD.

**Belleville Hay**

Belleville, Pa.

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Wednesday, December 12, 2001  
Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA HAY: 85.00-132.50.  
MIXED HAY: 75.00-127.50.  
STRAW: 85.00-140.00.

**Vintage Hay**

Vintage, Pa.

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Thursday, December 13, 2001  
Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 120.00-132.00.  
TIMOTHY: 115.00.  
MIXED HAY: 135.00.  
STRAW: 130.00-135.00.  
CORN FODDER: 60.00.

**Lebanon Produce Hay Auction**

Reistville, Pa.

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Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001  
Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 112.00-135.00.  
MIXED HAY: 80.00-120.00.  
GRASS HAY: 90.00-127.00.  
OAT STRAW: 105.00.  
FIREWOOD: 25.00 LOAD.  
HAY AUCTION TUES., 10 A.M.

**Dewart Hay**

Dewart, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction  
Monday, December 10, 2001

HAY: 40 LOTS 50.00-150.00.  
STRAW: 6 LOTS, 70.00-105.00.  
WOOD: 5 LOTS, 45.00-62.50.  
CORN: 1 LOT AT 72.50.  
OATS: 4 LOTS, 1.80-1.70 BU.

**Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey**

Hackettstown, N.J.

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December 11, 2001

Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 5 LOTS, 2.20-3.50 BALE.  
MIXED HAY: 16 LOTS, 1.40-3.20 BALE.  
TIMOTHY: 4 LOTS, 2.30-3.10 BALE.  
GRASS: 10 LOTS, 2.10-3.10 BALE.  
OAT STRAW: 1 LOT AT 2.00.  
WHEAT STRAW: 1 LOT AT 2.30.  
RYE STRAW: 1 LOT AT 2.20.  
EAR CORN: 3.10 BALE.  
SHELLED CORN: 1 LOT AT 2.50.  
OATS: 2 LOTS, 3.80 BU.  
FIREWOOD: 4 LOTS, 10.00-30.00 LOAD  
46 LOTS TOTAL.

**Morrison's Cove Livestock Hay**

Martinsburg, Pa.

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Monday, December 10, 2001

Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 132.50-162.50.  
ALFALFA AND GRASS: 152.50-172.50.  
GRASS: 90.00-115.00.  
TIMOTHY: 67.50-105.00.  
MIXED HAY: 65.00-100.00.  
ROUND BALES: 55.00-70.00.  
STRAW: 65.00.  
WOOD: 35.00-36.00.  
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| FRI  | JAN 11     | TRACTORS, FARM EQ & SUPPLIES    | 9 00 AM |
| TUES | JAN 22     | QUILT CRAFT & BUGGY             | 9 00 AM |
| WED  | JAN 23 (?) | QUILT & CRAFT                   | 9 00 AM |

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