

THE OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
 DECEMBER 24-30, 2001
 BOXING DAY, DEC. 26

ROSEMARY FOR REMEMBRANCE
 According to one legend, the herb known as rosmarinus, or "flower of the sea" once had no fragrance or flower. After Jesus' birth, Mary chose the bush when she sought a place to dry the baby garments she had washed in a stream. Mary blessed the rosemary bush, giving it blue flowers that matched her cloak and the spicy fragrance in remembrance of the baby Jesus. The herb is also a symbol of fidelity. In teas, it is often used to quiet the nerves. Since ancient times, it has been used to improve or restore memory. Even the English herbalist Nicholas Culpeper (1616-1654) recommended it for "drowsiness or dulness [sic] of the mind and senses like a stupidity, the dumb palsy, or loss of speech, the lethargy" and more. Bathing in it was believed to restore youth, and Shakespeare regarded it as an emblem of love.

Doth not rosemary and Romeo both begin with a [one] letter?
 -William Shakespeare

TIP OF THE WEEK
 Tie a pair of candles with a sprig of rosemary and a ribbon to make a festive hostess gift.

ROSEMARY-DIJON LAMB CHOPS
 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary, or 1 teaspoon dry rosemary
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 1 1/2 teaspoon paprika
 4 lamb chops, trimmed
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 fresh rosemary sprigs, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine mustard and spices. Spread mixture over both sides of the chops. Heat olive oil in a skillet and brown the chops on both sides. Remove from the stovetop, cover, and finish cooking in the oven for about 15 minutes. Garnish with rosemary sprigs before serving.
 Makes 4 servings.

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Daily National Grain Market Summary

St. Joseph, MO
 December 19, 2001

Report Supplied By USDA

Wheat bids traded higher with support stemming from China's substantial overnight purchase. Corn and soybean bids were underpinned by higher wheat bids along with continued dry conditions in Argentina. There were no export sales reported for either corn or beans mid-week but ideas interest will pickup, boosted bids. Wheat 1 to 3 cents higher up 1 to 10 cents higher in St. Louis. Corn steady to 1 cent lower. Sorghum steady to 1 cent higher. Soybeans 2 to 4 cents higher.

EXPORT SALES: PURCHASER COMMODITY TONNAGE DELIVERY DATE China Soft Red Winter Wheat 200,000 Feb-Mar

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: 12/19/01 12/18/01 12/20/00 Wheat: Kansas City (HRW ORD) 2.86-2.89 up 3 3.13 Minneapolis (DNS) 3.42 3/4 up 2 3/4 3.48 1/2 Portland (SWW) 3.69-3.70 up 1 2.96-2.97 St. Louis (SRW) 3.04-3.05 up 10 2.45-2.46

Corn, US 2 Yellow: Kansas City 2.04 unch 2.11-2.14 Minneapolis 1.83 1/4 up 1/4 1.91 So. Iowa 1.98-2.01 dn 1 1/2-unch 2.00-2.09 Omaha 1.91-1.92 unch-dn 1 1.98-2.04

Soybeans, US 1 Yellow: Kansas City 4.35 up 3 5.00 Minneapolis 4.10 up 3 4.76 So. Iowa 4.23-4.35 1/2 up 2-4 4.88-4.99 Cent. II Processor 4.36-4.41 up 2-3 5.07-5.10

Minneapolis truck - to arrive 20 days

FUTURES: Kansas City (Mar) Wheat 2.89 up 3 1/2 3.21 1/4 Minneapolis (Mar) Wheat 3.07 3/4 up 2 1/4 3.23 1/2 Chicago (Mar) Wheat 2.93 up 7 1/4 2.71 Chicago (Mar) Corn 2.14 1/4 up 1/4 2.25 Chicago (Nov) Soybeans 4.35 up 3 5.08

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

3.31-3.38 up 3 1/2-2 3.46 1/4-3.52 1/4 US 2 Soft Red Winter Wheat: Barge 3.31-3.32 up 12 1/4-11 1/4 2.83 US 2 Yellow Corn Barge 2.34 1/4 up 1 1/4-1/4 2.53-2.54 US 2 Yellow Sorghum Rail 4.33-4.40 up 1 4.70-4.73 Barge 4.47 dn 3 4.75-4.77 US 2 Yellow Soybeans Barge 4.73-4.74 up 3-2 5.46-5.49

Shippensburg Hay Auction

Shippensburg, Pa.
 Report Supplied By Auction
 Dec. 15 and 18

Hay—Straw—Grain
 137 LOADS.

ALFALFA: 87.00-195.00.
 MIXED HAY: 52.00-155.00.
 TIMOTHY: 56.00-152.50.
 CLOVER: 107.00-146.00.
 BROMEGRASS: 64.00-107.50.
 ORCHARDGRASS: 52.00-140.00.
 STRAW: 40.00-147.50.
 EAR CORN: 65.00-80.00.
 OATS: 2.35-2.50 BU.
 MULCH: 30.00-38.00.
 WOOD: 30.00-52.00 LOAD.

Middleburg Hay

Middleburg, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction
 Tuesday, December 18, 2001

HAY: 52 LOTS, 79 LOTS TOTAL.
 ALFALFA: 10 LOTS, 102.50-157.50.
 MIXED HAY: 26 LOTS, 65.00-195.00.

TIMOTHY: 6 LOTS, 112.50-135.00.
 ROUND BALES: 8 LOTS, 19.00-39.00.

ORCHARDGRASS: 2 LOTS, 110.00 AND 115.00.

STRAW: 9 LOTS, 65.00-112.50.
 EAR CORN: 7 LOTS, 75.00-90.00.
 BARLEY: 2.05.
 TIMOTHY SEED: 22.00.
 OATS: 5 LOTS, 2.15-2.45 BU.
 FIREWOOD: 4 LOTS, 5.00-50.00.

Vintage Hay

Vintage, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction
 Thursday, December 20, 2001

Hay—Straw—Grain
 MIXED HAY: 125.00.
 GRASS: 70.00-95.00.
 STRAW: 120.00-137.00.

Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey

Hackettstown, N.J.

Report Supplied by Auction
 December 18, 2001

Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 5 LOTS, 1.90-3.30 BALE.
 MIXED HAY: 17 LOTS, 1.75-3.10 BALE.

TIMOTHY: 1 LOT AT 3.20 BALE.
 GRASS: 5 LOTS, 2.20-3.20 BALE.
 MULCH: 2 LOTS, 1.20 BALE.
 OAT STRAW: 1 LOT AT 2.40 BALE.
 FIREWOOD: 1 LOT AT 15.00.
 32 LOTS TOTAL.

Morrison's Cove Livestock Hay

Martinsburg, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction
 Monday, December 17, 2001

Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 140.00-175.00.
 ALFALFA AND GRASS: 162.50-180.00.

GRASS: 155.00.
 TIMOTHY: 60.00-90.00.
 ROUND BALES: 37.50-75.00.
 STRAW: 100.00.
 WOOD: 25.00-29.00.
 CLOVER: 130.00.

HAY AUCTION MONDAYS, 12:30 P.M. CALL KEN DOWNS, 814-793-3723.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

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 Monday, December 17, 2001

STEERS: 55.00-64.50.
 HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
 GOOD COWS: 30.00-41.50.
 CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 20.00-30.00.

BULLS: 42.00-51.75.
 VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 100.00-550.00;
 70-90 LBS. 50.00-100.00.
 HOGS: 29.00.
 SOWS: 22.00-26.00.
 FEEDER PIGS: 26.00-29.00.

Kutztown Produce Hay Auction

Fleetwood, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction
 Saturday, December 15, 2001

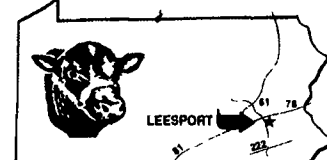
Hay—Straw—Grain

49 LOTS.
 ALFALFA HAY: 65.00-150.00.
 GRASS HAY: 85 00-122 00

MIXED HAY: 80.00-185.00.
 TIMOTHY HAY: 75.00-155.00.
 WHEAT STRAW: 120.00-125.00.
 OAT STRAW: 120.00.
 CORN FODDER: 60.00.
 HAY BY THE BALE: 2.10.
 STRAW: 1.85-2.10 BALE.
 FIREWOOD: 20.00-85 00 LOAD.

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Friday, Dec. 28
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