

THE OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
JANUARY 14-20, 2002
 ST. HILARY, JAN. 14

DANCING OUT THE TREE
 St. Knut's Day usually January 13 but celebrated on January 14 this year so as not to fall on a Sunday, is a Swedish festival day and considered the best day to discard the Christmas tree—before every last needle has fallen off and it becomes a fire hazard! It is a formal end to the Yuletide revelry and festivities. Small treats and candies are placed on the tree as incentives for the young children as they dismantle the decorations and put things away. After their careful work and the "dancing out" of the tree they toss the tree into a snow bank. Throughout the festivities, the celebrants sing songs dedicated to the event. Swedish children look forward to this time almost as much as they do Christmas.

On with the dance! Let joy be unconfined!
 —Lord Byron, English poet (1788-1824)

TIP OF THE WEEK
 Find out if your town recycles Christmas trees, turning them into mulch for the community

BREAD PUDDING

5 eggs
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 3 cups milk, scalded and cooled
 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 3 slices bread
 1/4 cup raisins

into small pieces and add to the mixture then add the raisins. Pour into a buttered 1 quart baking dish and place in a pan of hot water in the oven. Bake for 45 minutes.

Makes 6 servings

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Leesport Livestock Auction
 Leesport, Pa.
 January 9, 2002
 Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE 171...(PDA)..(Supply included 72 steers and heifers, 83 cows, 1 bull and 15 feeder cattle)..steers steady to .50 higher, cows mostly 1.00 to 3.00 lower, heifers steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS: few Choice 2-3 1325-1575 lbs 67.75-70.25, Select 1-3 65.25-67.75, Standard 1-2 62.25-64.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1470-1530 lbs 57.50-59.50, Choice 2-3 1280-1660 lbs 54.75-57.00, return to feed 53.75-58.50, Select 1-2 51.75-55.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1175-1330 lbs 64.75-65.25, Select 1-3 56.75-63.50, Standard 1-2 43.50-52.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 38.00-42.25, Boners 80-85% lean 37.00-41.50, Lean 85-90% lean 35.25-41.50. Shells 34.75 and down.

BULLS one Yield Grade 1 2140 lbs 54.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: couple Large 3 Holstein 350 & 455 lbs 55.00 & 58.00, one Large 3 710 lbs Holstein 47.00, HEIFERS: one Large 1 300 lbs 80.00, one Medium 2 440 lbs 65.00, one 935 lbs 43.00; BULLS: one Medium 1 375 lbs 66.00, couple Medium 2 585 lbs 59.00, one Large 3 445 lbs Holstein 57.50, one 745 lbs 45.00.

CALVES 144...Vealers 5.00 to 10.00 lower. VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-100 lbs 25.00-50.50, Utility 40-100 lbs 5.00-35.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls mostly 25.00 to 30.00 lower, Holstein heifers steady..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-

120 lbs 95.00-127.50, No 2 90-120 lbs 60.00-110.00; one No 1 Holstein heifer 110 lbs 450.00, No 2 75-80 lbs 125.00-210.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 70-130 lbs 90.00-107.50.

HOGS 36...Barrows and gilts steady.

BARROWS AND GILTS: one 45-50% lean 250 lbs 36.50, 40-45% lean 235 lbs 33.00-34.50

SOWS: 1-3 395-500 lbs 18.00-22.00, 510-665 lbs 20.00-23.50.

BOARS: 310-705 lbs 11.50-12.50.

FEEDER PIGS 46...1-3 55-85 lbs 55.00-67.50, 100 lbs 70.00, Utility 40-55 lbs 35.00. — per cwt.

SHEEP 5...SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 21.00-43.00, couple Yearlings 50.00 & 65.00.

GOATS 3...(All sold by the head). Couple Medium Billies 89.00 & 91.00, one Medium Nanny 57.00.

105.00, 360-715 lbs 72.00-74.00, maximum and Large 2 400-500 lbs 70.00-76.00, 626-905 lbs 50.00-59.00. "

CALVES 130...(All calves sold per cwt). VEALERS: Standard and Good 90-115 lbs 35.00-55.00, 75-85 lbs 35.00-50.00, Utility 45-105 lbs 10.00-32.50.

FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 102.50-132.50, 80-85 lbs 105.00-110.00, No 2 80-130 lbs 60.00-100.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 90-115 lbs 400.00-560.00, No 2 80-130 lbs 100.00-345.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 60-110 lbs 115.00-175.00.

HOGS 7...BARROWS AND GILTS: 45-50% lean 240-250 lbs 49.00-53.00, 40-45% lean 215-260 lbs 40.00-44.00.

FEEDER PIGS 6...1-3 20-35 lbs 17.50-25.00. — per head.

SHEEP 50...SLAUGHTER LAMBS. High Choice and Prime 115-135 lbs 76.00-82.00, Choice 65-70 lbs 106.00-123.00, 80-95 lbs 89.00-104.00.

GOATS 11...(All sold by the head) Medium Billies 54.00-74.00, Large Nannies and Wethers 63.00-69.00, couple Medium Nannies 48.00, one Large Kid 25.00.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction
 Eighty-Four, Pa.
 Monday, January 7, 2002
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CATTLE 110...(PDA)
STEERS: one Select 1-3 60.50.
COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 38 50-43.50, Boners 80-85% lean 35.50-39.00, Lean 85-90% lean 33.00-37.00. Shells 32.50 and down.
BULLS: one Yield Grade 1 995 lbs 57.50, Yield Grade 2 1165-1550 lbs 47.00-52.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 330-495 lbs 75.00-86.00, 525-700 lbs 70.00-83.00, Medium and Large 2 450-500 lbs 61.00-69.00, 550-820 lbs 50.00-69.00; BULLS: few Medium and Large 1 340-450 lbs 95.00-

Dewart Livestock
 Dewart, Pa.
 Report Supplied By Auction
 Monday, January 7, 2002
STEERS: 50 00-64.00.
HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE
GOOD COWS 35.00-40.75.
CANNERS AND CUTTERS 20.00-35.00
BULLS 1 AT 52.50
VEAL 90-190 LBS 100.00-590.00,
 70-90 LBS 60.00-100.00
HOGS 1 PEN AT 38.00.
SOWS NONE
FEEDER PIGS. 27.00-28.00 PER HEAD.

New Holland Dairy Sale
 New Holland Sales Stables
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 Wednesday, January 9, 2002

120 DAIRY COWS, 210 HEIFERS, 12 BULLS MARKET STRONGER. Prices per head.

LOCAL FRESH COWS 500-1800.
 LOCAL SPRINGERS 675.00-1700.00.
 BETTER FRESH COWS 1800-2250
 LARGE HEIFERS 1635 00-1810 00, 1 AT 1900 00
 SHORFBRED HEIFERS 800 00-1400 00
 OPEN BREEDING AGL HEIFERS 950 00-1275 00
 BULLS 350 00-700 00, PUREBREDS 725 00-950 00
 HERD ALL S TAGLS 435 00-2250 00
 UPSTATE LOADS. FRESH 1425-2100
 SMALL HEIFERS 925-1525
 IRLSH HEIFERS 750 00-2100 00, 1 AT 3000 00
 REGISTERLD HLIFERS 1375 00-2050 00
 SMALL OPEN HLIFERS 600 00-900 00, SMALLER 275 00-535 00

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