


**THE OLD FARMER'S**  
THIS WEEK WITH **ALMANAC**

JAN. 28 - FEB. 3, 2002  
FULL OLD MOON, JAN 28

### THIN ICE?

Just because it's February doesn't guarantee that the ice is safe. According to a chart by the American Pulpwood Association, 2 inches of ice thickness will hold one person on foot and 3 inches is safe for a group if they go in single file. It takes 7 1/2 inches to support a passenger vehicle (2 ton gross) and 8 1/2 inches for a light truck (2 ton gross). A medium truck (3 1/2 ton gross) needs 10 inches and a heavy truck (8 ton gross) needs 12 inches. Keep in mind that river ice is about 15 percent less strong than lake or pond ice and that slush ice has only half the strength of blue ice. Always be on the alert for spring thaws rapidly flowing pond outlets and other open water. While you're out there on the ice, mind the dangers of the windchill factor, as well. If in doubt, stay off the ice and out of the wind!



*Nature is conquered by obeying her*

**TIP OF THE WEEK**  
Sinuses congested? Add a good dose of horseradish to your sandwich

### TOASTED BRIE

1 2 teaspoon chili powder  
1 2 teaspoon dry mustard  
1 2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 2 teaspoon sugar  
1 loaf (1 pound) round bread  
1 tablespoon butter softened  
1 round (8 ounces) Brie cheese

Combine the spices and sugar. Cut a round section the size of the Brie out of the bread; do not cut through the bottom. Spread butter on the inside then sprinkle with a teaspoon of the spices. Remove rind from the Brie and place the cheese into the bread. Sprinkle with remaining spices; top with the cutout bread section and bake at 350°F for 30 minutes.

Makes 10 servings

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## Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, January 22, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

**CATTLE** 298...(PDA). (Supply included 141 steers and heifers, 110 cows, 14 bulls and 33 feeder cattle). Compared with last week's sale, steers and heifers steady to 100 higher, cows and bulls steady.

**STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1165-1445 lbs 71.75-74.75, 1515-1530 lbs 68.50-68.75, Choice 2-3 1135-1495 lbs 66.00-72.00, 1575-1665 lbs 64.75-65.50, Select 1-3 64.25-66.00, one Standard 1-2 62.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 1265-1520 lbs 59.00-61.75, Choice 2-3 1225-1640 lbs 53.50-58.00, 1710-1835 lbs 53.25-55.00, Select 1-2 51.00-54.00, Standard 1-2 42.50-50.50

**HEIFERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1285-1345 lbs 71.00-72.75, Choice 2-4 1070-1365 lbs 65.25-71.25, Select 1-3 62.25-64.00, Standard 1-2 51.50-60.00

**COWS:** Breakers 75-80% lean 37.25-41.00 with one 42.75, Boners 80-85% lean 36.50-40.00, Lean 85-90% lean 33.50-39.50, Shells 32.25 and down.

**BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1195-2115 lbs 51.25-54.00, one 56.00, Yield Grade 2 1000-1675 lbs 42.25-51.25.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** **STEERS:** one Medium 1 795 lbs 67.00, Large 3 420-515 lbs Holsteins 59.00-68.00, 700-845 lbs 54.00-58.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 590-650 lbs 63.00-69.00, Medium and Large 2 410-465 lbs 73.00-74.50; **BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 535-690 lbs 66.00-72.00.

**CALVES** 212...**VEALERS:** few Good and Choice 200-350 lbs 72.00-83.00, Standard and Good 75-105 lbs 30.00-55.00, Utility 50-80 lbs 10.00-30.00.

**FARM CALVES** Holstein bulls 10.00 higher, Holstein heifers steady..No 1

Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-152.00, 80-85 lbs 100.00-127.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 70.00-122.00, weaker calves down to 60.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 41.00-60.00, No 2 65-90 lbs 150.00-420.00.

**HOGS** 138. Barrows and gilts 4.00 lower **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 250-275 lbs 40.00-42.50, 45-50% lean 235-280 lbs 37.00-41.50, 40-45% lean 280-380 lbs 37.00-46.00

**SOWS:** 1-3 350-495 lbs 28.00-38.50, few up to 46.00, few 550-615 lbs 28.00-40.00

**BOARS** one 350 lbs 15.50  
**FEEDER PIGS** 35 1-3 20-30 lbs 15.00-21.00 35-50 lbs 20.00-30.00 per head

**SHEEP** 20. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS** couple Choice 80 lbs 71.00, 105-120 lbs 55.00-68.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP** 31.00-35.00, few Yearlings 45.00-47.00

**GOATS** 8...(All sold by the head) Couple Large Billies 90.00, one Medium 68.00, Large Nannies 54.00-70.00, one Large Kid 27.00.

## Belleville Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa.

January 24, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

**CATTLE** 336...(PDA). (Supply included 212 cows and heifers in the Dairy sale). Compared with last week's sale..cows steady.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1435-1495 lbs 57.75-60.75, one Select 1-2 50.50.

**COWS** Breakers 75-80% lean 36.75-43.00 mostly 38.00-39.75, Boners 80-85% lean 35.75-40.50, bulk of sales 37.00-39.00, Lean 85-90% lean 32.00-40.25 mostly 33.50-38.00. Shells 30.75 and down.

**BULLS:** couple Yield Grade 1 1785 & 1900 lbs 52.75 & 54.00, one Yield Grade 2 1050 lbs 45.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** **STEERS:** one Large 3 285 lbs Holstein 65.00; **HEIFERS:** one Large 3 625 lbs 50.50; **BULLS** one Medium 2 230 lbs 67.00

**CALVES** 74...**VEALERS:** few Standard and Good 70-105 lbs 30.00-50.00, few Utility 50-75 lbs 20.00-21.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls 15.00 to 20.00 higher..No 1 Holstein bulls 85-125 lbs 120.00-147.00, No 2 75-125 lbs 70.00-122.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 85-120 lbs 300.00-395.00, few No 2 70-100 lbs 100.00-260.00.

One beef type bull and heifer 105 lbs 192.00.

**HOGS** 19...**Sows** 3.00 to 5.00 lower **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 45-50% lean 240-275 lbs 39.00-42.50, few 40-45% lean 280-320 lbs 40.00-43.00.

**SOWS:** few 1-3 330-465 lbs 25.50-39.50, 565-660 lbs 20.00-27.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 27...1-3 40-55 lbs 24.00-41.00. — per head.

**SHEEP** 6...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS** couple High Choice and Prime 60 & 65 lbs 92.00 & 107.50, few Choice 55-90 lbs 70.00-76.00.

**GOATS** 1...(All sold by the head). One Large Billy 53.00.

**DAIRY COWS:** 825.00-1825.00. — per head.



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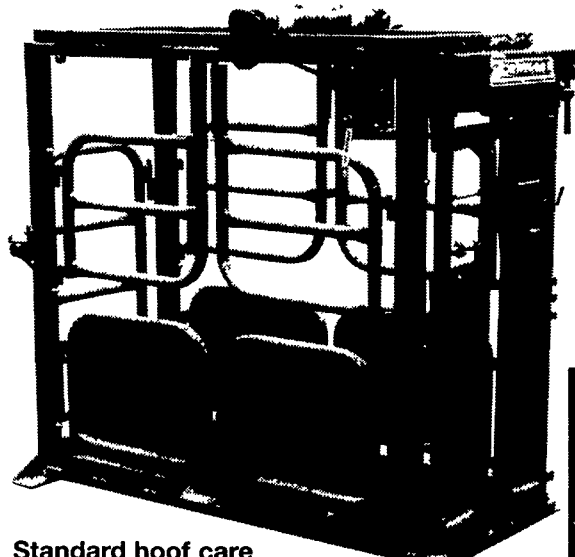
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