

THE OLD FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
 NOVEMBER 18-24, 2002
 FULL BEAVER MOON, NOV. 19

PINECONES AND WHITE BIRCH
 These fall days are ideal for gathering the large pinecones that make great winter kindling for the fireplace. Dip them in scented wax for a colorful and fragrant fire. Cut a stack of beautiful white-birch logs for a decorative laying of the fire. Drill candle-diameter holes in the length of a small birch log to make a holiday centerpiece for the table. Embellish with some pine boughs and small pinecones, tuck in some colorful straw flowers for Thanksgiving, or add small gold balls and a red ribbon for the December holidays. Insert candles, and enjoy!



Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare.

—James Russell Lowell, American poet and essayist (1819-1891)

THE OLD FARMER'S
WEATHER PROVERBS

A heavy November snow will last until April.

Thunder in November, a fertile year to come.

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TIP OF THE WEEK
 Before the holidays, donate old toys and clothing to local thrift shops, Goodwill Industries, or The Salvation Army.

PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE
 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
 3/4 cup sugar
 3 eggs, beaten
 1 teaspoon orange rind
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 can (16 ounces) pumpkin
 1/2 cup biscuit mix
 1/4 teaspoon each of vanilla extract, ginger, and nutmeg

pan, and bake at 350°F for 45 minutes. Chill for at least 3 hours. Serve with whipped cream.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Pour into a greased 9-inch pie

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Lebanon Valley Livestock
 Fredericksburg, Pa.
 Report Supplied By PDA
 Nov. 12, 2002

CATTLE 135...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale...steers and heifers steady, cows steady to weak. STEERS: few Choice 1-3 1290-1445 lbs 60.75-63.75, Select 1-2 55.00-60.25. HOLSTEIN STEERS: Select 1-2 48.25-51.75, couple Standard 1-2 44.25 & 46.75. HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1145 & 1185 lbs 63.25 & 63.75, Select 1-2 58.00-59.75, one Standard 1-2 50.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 37.00-39.75, few 42.00-43.00, Boners 80-85% lean 31.75-37.00, Lean 85-90% lean 26.75-31.25. Shells 25.50 and down.

BULLS: one Yield Grade 1 1480 lbs 44.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Large 3 670-770 lbs Holsteins 43.00, couple Large 2 625 & 700 lbs 55.00 & 56.00; HEIFERS: one Medium 1 240 lbs 71.00, one Large 2 635 lbs 30.00.

CALVES 118...VEALERS: Standard and Good 80-115 lbs 30.00-40.00, Utility 50-90 lbs 10.00-27.00. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady to firm, Holstein heifers steady to weak...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 70.00-100.00, few 107.00-117.00, No 2 80-130 lbs 40.00-80.00; No 2 Holstein heifers 65-120 lbs 100.00-280.00.

HOGS 26...SOWS: 15.00-20.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 1...SLAUGHTER SHEEP: one 20.00.

GOATS 1...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). Billies: one 60 lbs 40.00.

Carlisle Livestock
 Carlisle, Pa.
 Report Supplied by Auction
 Tuesday, November 12, 2002

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS SELECT AND CHOICE 1040-1700 LBS. 57.00-68.50; HEIFERS CHOICE 63.50-65.75, HOLSTEINS 55.00; COWS BREAKERS, NONE OFFERED, BONERS 33.00-38.50, LEAN 30.00-34.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 26.50-32.00; FEEDER CATTLE STEERS 400-550 LBS. HEREFORDS 63.00, BULLS 500-650 LBS. BEEF AND DAIRY TYPES 40.00-64.00, HEIFERS 400-900 LBS. 50.00-69.00, HOLSTEINS AND DAIRY TYPES 38.00-55.00.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 90-125 LBS. 92.00-110.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 80-120 LBS. 180.00-430.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 220-280 LBS. 27.75-32.50, 285-300 LBS. 30.50-31.50; SOWS US+N1-3 350-600 LBS. 18.00-25.00; BOARS OVER 350 LBS. 4.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 1 LOT AT 25 LBS. 77.60.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, MEDIUM TO LARGE NANNIES 41.00-61.00, FANCY KIDS 56.00-68.00, FLESHY KIDS 40.00-55.00, SMALL AND THIN 18.00-39.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 85-130 LBS. 90.00-93.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 21.00-36.00.

SALE EVERY TUE. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY, EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FAT CATTLE SALE TUES., NOV. 19; SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., NOV. 19; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRIDAY, NOV. 22. RECEIVING 7 A.M.-10:30 A.M. SALE 1 P.M. RED CARPET TACK AND HORSE SALE FRIDAY, NOV. 15. SALE STARTING AT 7 P.M. WITH TACK. RECEIVING 5 P.M.

SMALL ANIMAL SALE
 November 12, 2002
 RABBITS AND BUNNIES .50-9.50.
 CHICKENS 1.25-4.00.
 BANTIES .20-1.75.
 PIGEONS .90-1.60.
 GUINEA PIGS 2.10-4.75.
 DUCKS 3.50-3.75.
 ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction
 Eighty-Four, Pa.
 Monday, November 11, 2002
 Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 445...(SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION).

Steers: Choice 1200 lbs 62.50-66.00, Select 1-2 57.50-62.00, Standard 1-2 43.50-47.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Select 1-2 43.50. Heifers: Standard 1-2 47.00-53.00.

COWS: Breakers 85-90% lean 34.00-37.00, Boners 80-85% lean 28.00-34.00, Lean 85-90% lean 18.00-28.00. Shells 17.00 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1095-1495 lbs 37.50-40.00, Yield Grade 2 975-2435 lbs 34.00-37.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 345-500 lbs 71.00-90.00, 520-700 lbs 66.00-73.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 61.00-67.00, 525-760 lbs 53.00-65.00, Large 3 325-450 lbs 50.00-51.00; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 63.00-76.00, 515-815 lbs 61.00-74.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 52.00-61.00, 520-895 lbs 47.00-56.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 69.00-89.00, 540-680 lbs 64.00-71.00, Medium and Large 2 300-485 lbs 59.00-69.00, 510-750 lbs 52.00-67.00.

CALVES 153...(All calves sold per cwt). VEALERS: Standard and Good 65-100 lbs 22.00-50.00, Utility 45-70 lbs 18.00-26.00. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady to 10.00 higher...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 87.50-115.00, No 2 80-130 lbs 55.00-82.50; No 1 Holstein heifers 90-105 lbs 250.00-370.00.

HOGS 195...BARROWS AND GILTS: 45-50% lean 245-275 lbs 35.00-41.00.

SOWS: 1-3 250-400 lbs 20.00-35.00.

BOARS: one 400 lbs 19.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 276...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: High Choice and Prime 105-155 lbs 71.00-81.00, Choice 35-50 lbs 92.50-125.00, 55-75 lbs 92.00-110.00, 80-100 lbs 80.00-94.00, Good and Choice 55-75 lbs 57.50-80.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 24.00-44.00, Yearlings 45.00-55.00.

GOATS 39...(All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 25.00-35.00, 40-60 lbs 45.00-60.00. Nannies: 50-70 lbs 30.00-45.00, 70 lbs 63.00-68.00. Billies: 70-100 lbs 47.00-67.50.

Greencastle Livestock Special Monthly Cattle Sale
 Greencastle, Pa.
 Report Supplied by Auction
 Friday, November 1, 2002
 734 HEAD.

STEERS: 200-300 LBS. 84.00-95.00, 300-500 LBS. 76.00-94.00, 500-700 LBS. 72.00-85.50, 700-900 LBS. 65.00-74.50, 900-1000 LBS. 60.00-66.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: 200-400 LBS. 50.00-60.00, 400-500 LBS. 44.00-51.50, 500-700 LBS. 43.00-47.75, 700-900 LBS. 40.00-44.50, 900-1000 LBS. 38.00-44.00.

HEIFERS: 200-300 LBS. 74.00-84.00, 300-500 LBS. 68.00-82.00, 500-700 LBS. 63.00-72.50, 700-900 LBS. 63.00-70.00, 900-1000 LBS. 56.00-63.50.

BULLS: 200-300 LBS. 75.00-92.00, 300-500 LBS. 73.00-87.00, 500-700 LBS. 64.00-75.00, 700-900 LBS. 55.00-62.00, 900-1000 LBS. 42.00-53.00.

HOLSTEIN BULLS: 500-900 LBS. 35.00-43.00.

NEXT SALE FRIDAY, NOV. 15, 7:15 P.M.

Dewart Livestock
 Dewart, Pa.
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 Monday, November 11, 2002

STEERS: 50.00-65.75.

HEIFERS: 50.00-61.25.

GOOD COWS: 25.00-40.00.

CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 15.00-25.00.

BULLS: NONE.

VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 90.00-450.00; 70-90 LBS. 50.00-90.00.

HOGS: 25.00-38.00.

SOWS: 17.00-21.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 10.00-24.00.

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