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DECEMBER IS FOR PLAYING

Sometimes the busy holiday season has us scurrying around so fast that we forget to stop and play. But consider December's history. Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* was first published in December 1843. The founder of Parker Brothers, George S. Parker, was born in December 1867. During this month in 1851, the first YMCA was opened. This was also the month that the first ball-bearing roller skates were patented in 1884. In December, the first table-tennis tournament was played in 1901 and Monopoly debuted in 1935. So light a fire, get out your books, board games, and Ping-Pong paddles, and take time to play.

Play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do.

-Mark Twain, American writer (1835-1910) from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

TIP OF THE WEEK


To reduce dryer use (and cost), run towels through an additional spin cycle in the washing machine first.


WINTER FRUIT SALAD

- 2 oranges, peeled and seeded
- 1 grapefruit, peeled and seeded
- 2 apples, cored and diced
- 1/2 pound seedless red grapes
- 2 small bananas, sliced
- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 2 kiwifruits, peeled and sliced
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange juice

Slice oranges into rounds, and break grapefruit into sections. Place all fruit in a large glass bowl. Mix honey with citrus juices and pour over fruit. Chill before serving.

Makes 8 servings.





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Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.
Report Supplied By Auction
Monday, November 25, 2002
STEERS: 48.00-59.75.
HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
GOOD COWS: 35.00-43.50.
CANNERS AND CUTTERS:
20.00-35.00.

BULLS: 47.00-52.00.
VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 80.00-420.00; 70-90
LBS. 45.00-80.00.
HOGS: 29.00-42.00.
SOWS: 20.00-23.75.
FEEDER PIGS: 10.50-16.00.
CLOSED MONDAY, DEC. 2.

Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, November 26, 2002
SLAUGHTER CATTLE: COWS, ACTIVE! BREAKERS 39.00-46.00, BONE-RS 35.00-40.75, LEAN 28.75-36.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING LIGHTS 27.00-34.75, SHELLY 26.75 AND DOWN; BULLS, HOLSTEIN BULL 2130 LBS. 44.75; FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS MOSTLY HOLSTEINS OR HEREFORDS OFFERED! 400-850 LBS. 49.00-55.00; HEIFERS MOSTLY HEREFORDS OFFERED! 300-800 LBS. 46.00-73.00.
CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 80-135 LBS. 72.50-100.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 70-120 LBS. 140.00-350.00.
SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 220-280 LBS. 26.50-27.50, 280-320 LBS. 25.00-29.00; US+N2-4 310-580 LBS. 15.00-24.75; SOWS US+N2-4 450-600 LBS. 16.00-21.00; BOARS OVER 500 LBS. 6.25; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 17-25 LBS. 62.50-150.00, ROASTERS 30-55 LBS. 15.00-20.00.
GOATS: BY THE HEAD, MEDIUM TO LARGE NANNIES AND BILLIES 48.00-95.00, FANCY KIDS 52.50-66.00, FLESHY KIDS 38.00-50.00, SMALL AND THIN 25.00-37.00.
LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 60-130 LBS. 70.00-109.00, RAM LAMBS 155-170 LBS. 62.00-74.00.
SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS FAT 18.00-29.00.
SALE EVERY TUES. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES., DEC. 3; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., DEC. 13. RECEIVING 7 A.M.-10:30 A.M., SALE 1 P.M.; SPECIAL GOAT, LAMB AND SHEEP SALE FOR CHRISTMAS TUES., DEC. 10 OR 17. RECEIVING 9 A.M.-6 P.M. SALE APPROX. 6:30 P.M.
SMALL ANIMAL SALE
November 26, 2002
RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1.10-8.75.
CHICKENS 2.00-4.25.
BANTIES 1.50-3.10.
PIGEONS .50-1.70.
GUINEAS 1.50-3.25.
GUINEA PIGS 4.25.
TURKEYS 7.00-11.00.
DUCKS 2.75-5.50.
ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.
Report Supplied By PDA
November 25, 2002
CATTLE 396...(PDA)..(Supply included 44 steers and heifers, 255 cows, 11 bulls and 86 feeder cattle).
STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1230-1480 lbs 68.00-70.25, Choice 1-3 1160-1355 lbs 64.25-67.75, few Select 1-2 59.50-64.00.
HOLSTEIN STEERS: few Choice 2-3 1175-1230 lbs 54.50-57.75, few Select 1-2 46.00-50.25, Standard 1-2 40.50-45.50.
HEIFERS: few Choice 1-3 1125-1330 lbs 62.50-68.00, one Prime 69.00, one Standard 1-2 56.50.
COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 35.00-40.75, few 43.00, Boners 80-85% lean 32.00-38.75 mostly 33.00-37.50, Lean 85-90% lean 27.00-36.00, bulk of sales 28.00-34.75. Shells 27.75 and down.
BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1300-1730 lbs 45.50-51.25, Yield Grade 2 990-1950 lbs 41.25-45.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 300-485 lbs 72.00-85.00, 500-605 Lbs 64.00-70.50, one 700 lbs 61.00, Medium and Large 2 340-425 lbs 65.00-70.00, Medium and Large 3 425-615 lbs 44.00-50.00; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 390-460 lbs 67.00-70.50, 500-570 lbs 64.00-75.00, 725-760 lbs 55.00-59.00, Medium and Large 2 235-300 lbs 60.00-77.00, 365-460 lbs 54.00-60.00, Medium and Large 3 230-350 lbs 42.00-49.00, one 525 lbs 43.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 400-580 lbs 57.00-72.00, 800-955 lbs 54.00-60.00, Medium and Large 2 300-380 lbs 58.00-60.00.
CALVES 411...VEALERS: Standard and Good 70-125 lbs 30.00-40.00, Utility 55-80 lbs 10.00-25.00. FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 80.00-117.50, few up to 122.50, 80-90 lbs 60.00-85.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 45.00-80.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 85-105 lbs 330.00-400.00, No 2 65-95 lbs 120.00-280.00.
Few beef cross bulls and heifers 75-110 lbs 65.00-75.00.
HOGS 31...BARRONS AND GILTS: one 45-50% lean 270 lbs 28.00, 40-45% lean 310-430 lbs 26.00-30.00.
SOWS: few 1-3 415-445 lbs 14.00-24.50, 500-615 lbs 14.00-24.00.
BOARS: one 605 lbs 7.00.

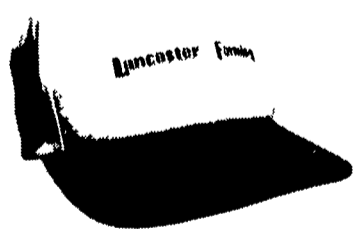
FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!
SHEEP 47...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: High Choice and Prime 55-85 lbs 92.00-95.00, few Choice 45-55 lbs 74.00-79.00, 60-90 lbs 77.00-90.00, 95-125 lbs 82.00-90.00, few Good and Choice 30-35 lbs 55.00-70.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: few 36.00-40.00, few Yearlings 45.00-57.50.
GOATS 53...(All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 under 20 lbs 21.00, 40-60 lbs 49.00-50.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 26.00-28.00, 40-60 lbs 44.00-46.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 40-60 lbs 37.00-39.00, 60-75 lbs 50.00-75.00. Selection 2 40-60 lbs 35.00-37.00, 60-80 lbs 51.00-53.00. Nannies: 50-70 lbs 45.00-66.00, few 70-80 lbs 69.00. Wethers: one 60 lbs 59.00, 100-110 lbs 77.00-90.00. Billies: 50-75 lbs 57.00-77.50, few up to 87.50, 100-150 lbs 109.00-118.00.

Morrison's Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, November 25, 2002
CATTLE: 117 HEAD.
STEERS: CHOICE 63.00-68.00, GOOD 60.00-63.00.
HEIFERS: CHOICE 62.00-68.00, GOOD 58.00-62.00.
COWS: UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 33.00-42.00, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 15.00-32.00.
BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 45.00-55.00.
BULLS: YG+N1 35.00-46.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 50.00-60.00, BULLS 45.00-58.00, HEIFERS 52.00-60.00.
CALVES: 115 HEAD. CHOICE 83.00-95.00, GOOD 69.00-75.00, STANDARD 20.00-40.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 50.00-100.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 75.00-220.00.
HOGS: 158. US+N1-2, 32.00-33.50; US +N 1-3, 31.00-32.00.
SOWS: US +N1-3 16.00-25.00.
BOARS: 5.00-25.00.
FEEDER PIGS: 36 HEAD. US +N1-3 20-50 LBS. 2.00-17.00.
SHEEP: 29 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 85.00-95.00, GOOD LAMBS 80.00-85.00, SLAUGHTER EWES 22.00-40.00.
GOATS: 27.00-90.00.

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7. Daniel Newswanger, Schuylkill Haven, PA
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