

**THE OLD FARMER'S**  
**THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC**  
 DECEMBER 9-15, 2002  
 FIRST QUARTER MOON, DEC. 11

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 On December 9, 1793, Noah Webster established the first daily newspaper in New York City. A graduate of Yale and one of the early trustees of Amherst College, Webster was better known for his lexicography, but he went to New York to edit the *American Minerva* (later the *Commercial Advertiser*) as a way to support Washington's administration. News was powerful stuff. However, Henry Austin Dobson (1840-1921) later wrote in "A Pleasant Invective Against Printing," that "The Press is too much with us, small and great. / We are undone of chatter and on dit [one says]. / Report, retort, rejoinder, repartee / Molehill and mare's nest fiction up to-date."

*Though it be honest, it is never good to bring bad news.*  
 --William Shakespeare, English dramatist (1564-1616)

**TIP OF THE WEEK**  
 Don't forget to feed the birds! Put a barrel of sunflower seeds in a handy place, and dip some out every morning.

**CHEESE STICKS**  
 1 cup grated cheddar cheese  
 1 cup flour  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1 egg, beaten  
 3 tablespoons milk, or more

dough Roll dough on a floured board into 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick logs. Cut into 4-inch segments. Place segments on a greased baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes until golden brown. Serve hot.  
 Makes 2 dozen

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**Lebanon Valley Livestock**

Fredericksburg, Pa.  
 Report Supplied By PDA  
 December 4, 2002

**TUESDAY CATTLE** 97. CALVES 127, HOGS 17, SHEEP AND GOATS 0  
**LAST TUESDAY CATTLE** 124, CALVES 166, HOGS 12, SHEEP AND GOATS 0.

**CATTLE:** Compared with last week's auction, slaughter cows sold 1.25-1.75 higher. Other classes were not well tested.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** Select 2 individual 48.75.

**SLAUGHTER COWS.** Breakers 75-80 percent lean 36.75-43.75. Boners 80-85 percent lean 33.25-37.25. Lean 85-90 percent lean 27.50-34.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS.** Yield grade 1 individual 2075 lbs 45.50. Yield grade 2 1330-1665 lbs couple 37.75-44.25.

**FEEDER STEERS** Medium 2 485 lbs individual 36.00. Large 3 Holsteins 540-605 lbs couple 32.00-33.00

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium 1 310 lbs one head 48.00. Medium 2 individual 315 lbs 41.00. Large 3 Holsteins 490-680 lbs few 37.00-39.50

**FEEDER BULLS** Medium and Large 1 635-715 lbs couple 44.00. Medium 2 315 lbs one head 49.00. Large 3 Holsteins 350-585 lbs 35.50-39.50

**CALVES** Compared to last Tuesday, Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold 10.00-15.00 higher. Holstein heifers were steady. **VEALERS:** Standard and Good 75-120 lbs 30.00-45.00. Utility 60-115 lbs 10.00-25.00. **RETURNED TO FARM.** Holstein bulls Number 1 95-115 lbs 87.00-130.00; 85-90 lbs 67.00-87.00. Num-

ber 2 80-140 lbs 50.00-102.00. Holstein heifers Number 1 one head 100 lbs 300.00 Number 2 85-90 lbs couple 150.00-230.00.

**BARROWS AND GILTS. PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT PRICE SOWS:** Prices were steady with last week. US 1-3 Couple 485 lbs 15.00-18.00 500-625 lbs 20.00-21.50. Medium Individual 415 lbs 5.00. **BOARS** Few 265 lbs 18.00. **FEEDER PIGS:** US 1-3 One 160 lbs 30.00/per head. **SHEEP:** No market test. **GOATS:** No market test.

**Belknap Livestock**

Belknap, Pa.  
 Report Supplied By USDA  
 December 4, 2002

**CATTLE** 139. (PDA). **STEERS:** few Select 1-2 62.75-65.25, Standard 1-2 51.50-58.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS** few Choice 2-3 1172-1266 lbs 62.75-66.50, Select 1-2 53.25-58.00.

**COWS:** Breakers 75-80% lean 38.00-45.75. Boners 80-85% lean 34.50-37.75. Lean 85-90% lean 29.00-35.25. Shells 29.00 and down.

**BULLS:** one Yield Grade 1 1744 lbs 45.50, few Yield Grade 2 1100-1375 lbs 37.50-42.50.

**FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS.** Medium 1-2 670-950 lbs 48.00-61.50, few Large 2 520-550 lbs 30.50-35.00. **HEIFERS:** Medium 1-2 325-575 lbs 55.00-66.00, 600-750 lbs 49.50-59.00. **BULLS.** few Medium 1 518-750 lbs 58.00-73.00.

**CALVES** 122...**VEALERS:** one Choice 210 lbs 95.00. Standard and Good 70-100 lbs 21.00-40.00, Utility 50-80 lbs 10.00-15.00.

**FARM CALVES:** No 1 Holstein bulls 100-115 lbs 85.00-105.00, No 2 80-115 lbs 40.00-80.00, No 1 Holstein heifers 90-115 lbs 350.00-360.00, No 2 80-95 lbs 90.00-260.00.

**Beef type bulls and heifers** 70-110 lbs 70.00-130.00

**HOGS** 59...**BARROWS AND GILTS:** 45-50% lean 220-260 lbs 32.50-33.50, 40-45% lean 240-270 lbs 28.50-31.50.

**SOWS:** few 1-3 390-478 lbs 20.00-28.00, one to 36.00. **MEDIUM:** few 290-315 lbs 11.50-13.50.

**BOARS:** couple 340 & 592 lbs 5.50 & 6.50.

**FEEDER PIGS** 32...US 1-3 one lot 35 lbs 11.00, 2-3 one lot 40-45 lbs 3.00 per head.

**SHEEP** 37...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** one High Choice and Prime 62 lbs 100.00, Choice 80-100 lbs 82.00-85.00.

**GOATS** 26...(All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: one Selection 1 60 lbs 50.00 few Selection 2 60-75 lbs 31.00-55.00, few 40-60 lbs 21.00-44.00. Nannies: few 80-120 lbs 44.00-54.00. Billies: few 80-140 lbs 30.00-102.00.

**Morrison's Cove Livestock**

Martinsburg, Pa.  
 Report Supplied by Auction  
 Monday, December 2, 2002

**CATTLE:** 97 HEAD. **STFERS:** CHOICE 67.00-72.00, GOOD 62.00-66.00. **HEIFERS:** CHOICE 65.00-71.00, GOOD 60.00-64.00.

**COWS:** UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 33.00-40.00, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 15.00-32.00.

**BULLOCKS:** GOOD & CHOICE 45.00-49.00

**BULLS:** YG+N1 33.00-48.00. **FEEDER CATTLE:** STFERS 50.00-65.00, BULLS 45.00-55.00, HEIFERS 50.00-60.00

**CALVES** 82 HEAD. CHOICE 78.00-88.00, GOOD 65.00-75.00, STANDARD 20.00-38.00; **HOLSTEIN BULLS** 90-130 LBS. 60.00-100.00, **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS** 90-130 LBS 150.00-350.00

**HOGS:** 78 US+N1-2, 30.00-34.00, US +N1-3, 27.00-30.00.

**SOWS** US+N1-3 14.00-24.00. **BOARS:** 5.00-14.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 16 HFAD US +N1-3 20.50-1 BS 7.00-12.00

**SHEEP** 8 HEAD CHOICE LAMBS 90.00-95.00, GOOD LAMBS 85.00-90.00.

**SLAUGHTER EWES** 28.00-33.00. **GOATS** 51.00-85.00

**Belleville Livestock Auction**

Belleville, Pa.  
 December 4, 2002

Report Supplied By Auction

**CATTLE** 204. (SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION)

**COWS:** Breakers 75-80% lean 38.50-41.25, Boners 80-85% lean 35.00-39.00, Lean 85-90% lean 32.25-35.00. Shells down to 20.00.

**BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1200-1800 lbs 43.50-48.50

**CALVES** 111...**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 90-100 lbs 25.00-35.00, Utility 60-85 lbs 15.00-25.00.

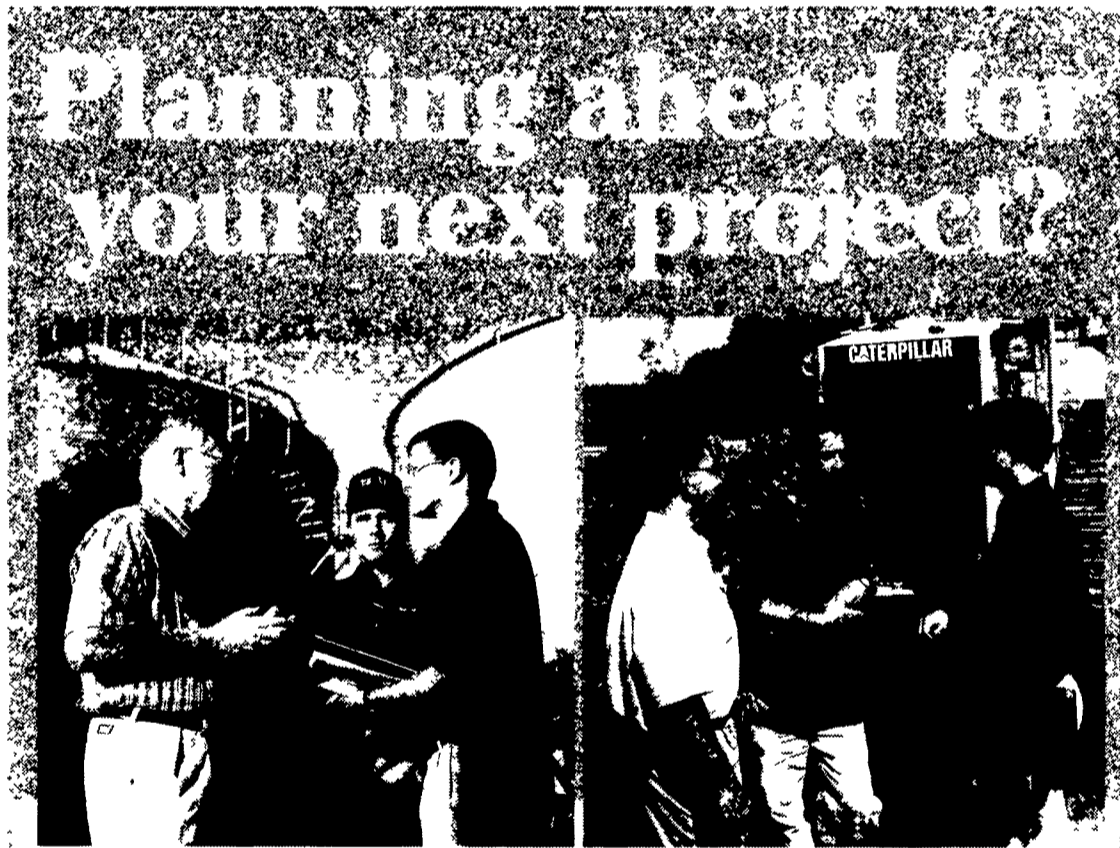
**FARM CALVES:** No 1 Holstein bulls 95-110 lbs 70.00-110.00, No 2 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 55.00-80.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 95-110 lbs 160.00-250.00.

**HOGS** 10...**Barrows and Gilts:** 45-50% lean 250-300 lbs 26.50-30.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 37. US 1-3 10.00-21.00 per head.

**SHEEP** 15...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS.** Choice 70-90 lbs 65.00-74.00, Good and Choice 90-100 lbs 55.00-63.00.

**GOATS** 30. (All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: 20.00-36.00 Nannies 35.00-44.00. Billies. 60.00-75.00.



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