

DECEMBER 16-22, 2002

WINTER SOLSTICE, DEC. 21


CALM, AND NOT-SO-CALM, DAYS

The ancient Greeks and Romans believed Halcyon Days to occur around the time of the winter solstice. It was supposedly a period when the seas were calm enough to allow the kingfisher (halcyon) to lie quietly afloat on its nest at sea. These days have come to signify a time of peace and restfulness. In 1773, however, neither the seas nor mankind were particularly restful at this time. December 16 marks the date of the Boston Tea Party when colonists disguised as Mohawks tossed 342 crates of prized English tea off of East India Company ships and into Boston Harbor.

There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea.

Henry James, American writer (1843-1916)

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



If a goose shows a generous tuft of down at the base of its feathers, it will be a cold winter (Time for those eiderdown quilts!)

TIP OF THE WEEK


Put a dollar bill in your refrigerator door. If it slips out easily, it's time to replace the door seal.

QUICK TEA LOAF

3/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1-1/4 cups orange juice
3 cups biscuit mix
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3/4 cup chopped walnuts
1/4 cup raisins or chopped dates
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
1 tablespoon confectioners sugar (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine sugar, egg, juice, biscuit mix, and cinnamon. Beat well. Stir in walnuts, dates, and rind, and pour into greased loaf pan. Bake until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 50 minutes. Cool completely before slicing. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar if desired.

Makes 1 loaf



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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, December 10, 2002

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: COWS, BREAKERS 40.00-43.50, BONERS 34.75-39.75, LEAN 32.00-37.75, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 28.00-34.50, SHELLY TO 27.75, BULLS, 1 HEREFORD AT 1555 LBS. 43.00; FEEDER CATTLE STEERS 450-900 LBS HEREFORDS, HOLSTEINS AND DAIRY TYPES OFFERED 43.00-58.00; HEIFERS 450-950 LBS MOSTLY DAIRY TYPES 35.00-50.50.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 85-125 LBS. 85.00-110.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N2 80-100 LBS. 140.00-300.00, BEEF X HEIFERS 100-180 LBS. 65.00-85.00

SWINE. HOGS US+N1-3 220-320 LBS 23.00-29.75; SOWS US+N1-3 450-600 LBS. 24.25-25.25; FEEDER

PIGS BY THE LB. 16-22 LBS. 57.50-165.00, ROASTERS AS IS 35-160 LBS. 21.00-51.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, ACTIVE! LARGE NANNIES AND BILLIES 49.00-135.00, FANCY KIDS 60.00-80.00, FLESHY KIDS 46.00-59.00, SMALL AND THIN 24.00-45.00.

LAMBS: ACTIVE! GOOD AND CHOICE 40-60 LBS. 124.00-160.00, 60-160 LBS. 74.00-130.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 16.00-65.00.

SALE EVERY TUES. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALF TUES., DEC. 17 AND 31; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., DEC. 13. RECEIVING 7:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M., SALE 1 P.M.; SPECIAL GOAT, LAMB AND SHEEP SALE FOR CHRISTMAS TUES., DEC. 17. RECEIVING 9 A.M.-6 P.M. SALE APPROX 6:30 P.M.

SMALL ANIMAL SALE
December 10, 2002

RABBITS AND BUNNIES .50-11.00. CHICKENS .50-4.00. BANTIES .50-1.85. QUAIL .60-1.00. PEACOCKS 16.00. DUCKS 4.75. DOVES 1.75-3.50
ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

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Monday, December 9, 2002

STEERS: 50.00-62.00. HEIFERS: 50.00-66.25. GOOD COWS. 32.00-41.00. CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 25.00-32.00. BULLS: 40.00-49.00. VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 100.00-410.00; 70-90 LBS. 50.00-100.00. HOGS: 26.00-32.50. SOWS: 1 AT 29.00. FEEDER PIGS: 19.00-42.00.

HAY, STRAW & GRAIN SALE

Every Thursday at 12 NOON

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New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables
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Wednesday, December 11, 2002
104 DAIRY COWS, 242 HEIFERS, 21 BULLS. MARKFT STEADY.
LOCAL FRESH COWS
535.00-1600.00, FEW 1800.00-1900.00.
LOCAL SPRINGERS 750.00-1500.00
BETTER FRESH COWS
1600.00-1900.00
LARGF HEIFERS 1410.00-1535.00.
SHORT BRED HEIFERS
785.00-1360.00

OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS
885.00-1085.00
BULLS 125.00-725.00, PURFBREDS
450.00-700.00.
UPSTATE LOADS FRESH
950.00-1650.00.
FRESH HEIFERS 750.00-1560.00, 1 AT 1750.00.
REGISTERED HEIFERS
1075.00-1700.00.
SMALL HEIFERS 500.00-1325.00.
SMALL OPEN HEIFERS
650.00-800.00
SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS
125.00-425.00.

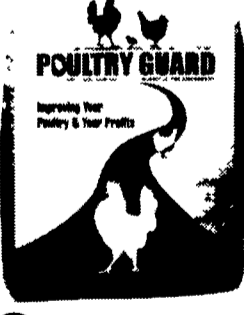


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