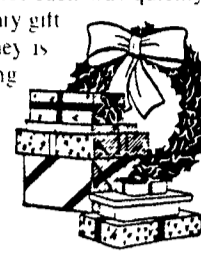


DECEMBER 23-29, 2002
BOXING DAY, DEC. 26

BOXING DAY

Why is the day after Christmas called Boxing Day? Is it really because of the many boxes being returned to the stores? Actually, the name originated in the old custom of giving Christmas gifts to servants and tradespeople on the day after Christmas. The original boxes were made of earthenware, each was quickly broken open to obtain the monetary gift inside. Nowadays, a gift of money is usually contained in a greeting card and given before the holiday. Where celebrated (Great Britain, Canada, and Australia), Boxing Day is welcomed as a quiet day of recuperation from the season's hectic festivities.



The gift-bringer always finds an open door.

TIP OF THE WEEK
Recycle holiday wrapping papers and ribbons. Most papers can be ironed smooth of any creases.

POTATO SOUP VERDE

1 small onion, chopped
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
4 large potatoes, peeled and cut small
1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach
water, as directed
salt, to taste
2 to 3 tablespoons red-wine vinegar
1/3 to 1/2 cup warm skim milk (optional)

Saute onion in oil until translucent. Add potatoes, cheese, parsley, pepper, and spinach. Add water just to cover, adding more if soup becomes too thick. Cook, covered, over low heat, stirring occasionally. When potatoes are soft, put soup through blender, add salt and vinegar. Add milk if desired.



Makes 6 servings

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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, December 17, 2002

SLAUGHTER CATTLE STEERS, ACTIVE! CHOICE 1100-1550 LBS 67.75-73.25, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 1050-1710 LBS 61.00-72.25, HOLSTFINS HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 63.50-67.50, CHOICE 56.75-61.00, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 52.50-56.25, HEIFERS CHOICE 1070-1485 LBS 67.50-72.25, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 960-1440 LBS 60.25-67.25, COWS ACTIVE! BRFAKERS 40.00-42.75, SFVFRH HIGH YIELD 43.00-46.50, BONERS 34.00-39.75, LEAN 30.00-39.50, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 27.00-33.75, SHELLY 26.50 AND DOWN

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS 300-950 LBS MOSTLY HEREFORDS AND DAIRY TYPES OFFERED 38.00-67.00; HEIFERS 400-850 LBS. 54.00-66.00, DAIRY TYPES 33.00-40.00, BULLS 165-250 LBS. 77.00-83.00, 600-950 LBS 48.00-66.00, HOLSTFINS 47.00-48.00.

CALVES RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 80-130 LBS. 72.50-111.00, HOLSTFIN HEIFERS +N1 80-120 LBS. 230.00-410.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 220-270 LBS. 29.00-31.50, 280-320 LBS 29.00-32.50, SOWS US+N1-3 450-700 LBS 22.00-24.50, THIN, WEAK, ROUGH TO 18.00; BOARS OVER 300 LBS 4.00-5.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 17-25 LBS 150.00-210.00, 27-40 LBS 100.00-147.00, 45-90 LBS 71.00-90.00

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, STRONG DEMAND! MEDIUM AND LARGE NANNIES AND BILLIES 55.00-117.00, FANCY KIDS 70.00-100.00, FLESHY KIDS 51.00-69.00, SMALL AND THIN 24.00-50.00.

LAMBS: STRONG DEMAND FOR LAMBS UNDER 60 LBS. CHOICE 30-60 LBS. 192.00-280.00, 60-80 LBS.

100.00-104.00, GOOD AND CHOICE 80-130 LBS 82.00-98.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 35.00-46.00.

SAIF FVFRY TUES. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPFCIAI FED CATTLE SAIF TUES., DEC 31, STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SAIF FRI., JAN 10 RCFIVING 7.30 A.M.-10:30 A.M., SAIF 1 P.M.; CLOSED TUES., DEC 24 AND WED., DEC 25 ALL OTHER DAYS OPEN WITH REGULAR HOURS

Small Animal Sale
December 17, 2002

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1.10-13.25
CHICKENS 1.00-4.25
BANTIES 1.00-1.10
PIGTEES 1.50-1.00.
PEACOCKS 23.00-27.00.
GUINEA PIGS 4.50-5.00.
TURKEYS 6.75-8.50
DUCKS 2.00-8.25
GEESE 3.60-3.85.
GUINEAS 2.00-3.00.
ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

CALVES 102 .VEALERS Standard and Good 80-135 lbs 26.00-35.00, Utility 65-105 lbs 15.00-25.00. FARM CALVES No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 75.00-112.50 mostly 80.00-112.50, few 80-85 lbs 65.00-70.00, No 2 Holstein bulls 80-125 lbs 40.00-77.50; few No 1 Holstein heifers 85-105 lbs 200.00-310.00

Few beef type bulls and heifers 82.50-120.00.

HOGS 36. Barrows and Gilts 45-50% lean 230-275 lbs 28.00-37.50, 40-45% lean 300-415 lbs 22.00-35.00.

SOWS: 1-3 430-460 lbs 20.00-22.00
BOARS: one 480 lbs 5.50
FEEDER PIGS 44 1-3 20-40 lbs 15.00-37.00 per head.

SHEEP 26 .SLAUGHTER LAMBS: few Choice 45-80 lbs 60.00-89.00, few 90-95 lbs 56.00-81.00, Good and Choice 50-90 lbs 40.00-50.00 SLAUGHTER SHEEP. 10.00-30.00, few Yearlings 30.00-48.00.

GOATS 18.. (All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 24.00-30.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 25.00, 40-60 lbs 19.00-36.00. Nannies: few 50-70 lbs 20.00-58.00. Billies: few 50-70 lbs 40.00-58.00.

DAIRY COWS: 650.00-1650.00 per head.

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Belleville Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa.
December 18, 2002
Report Supplied By Auction
CATTLE 362...(PDA)...(Supply included 233 cows and heifers in the Dairy sale).

STEERS: one Standard 1-2 53.00.
HOLSTEIN STEERS: few Select 1-2 45.25-48.00, few Standard 1-2 42.50-44.25.
HEIFERS: one Choice 1260 lbs 66.50, one Standard 1-2 47.25.
COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 35.50-42.50, Boners 80-85% lean 32.00-39.50, Lean 85-90% lean 28.00-36.75 mostly 29.50-35.50. Shells 26.50 and down
BULLS: couple Yield Grade 1 1925 & 2060 lbs 46.25 & 49.75, few Yield Grade 2 1150-1540 lbs 41.25-44.25.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: one Large 3 575 lbs 37.50; HEIFERS: one Medium 2 550 lbs 49.50, one Large 3 720 lbs 30.50; BULLS: one Large 2 480 lbs 56.50.

Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey

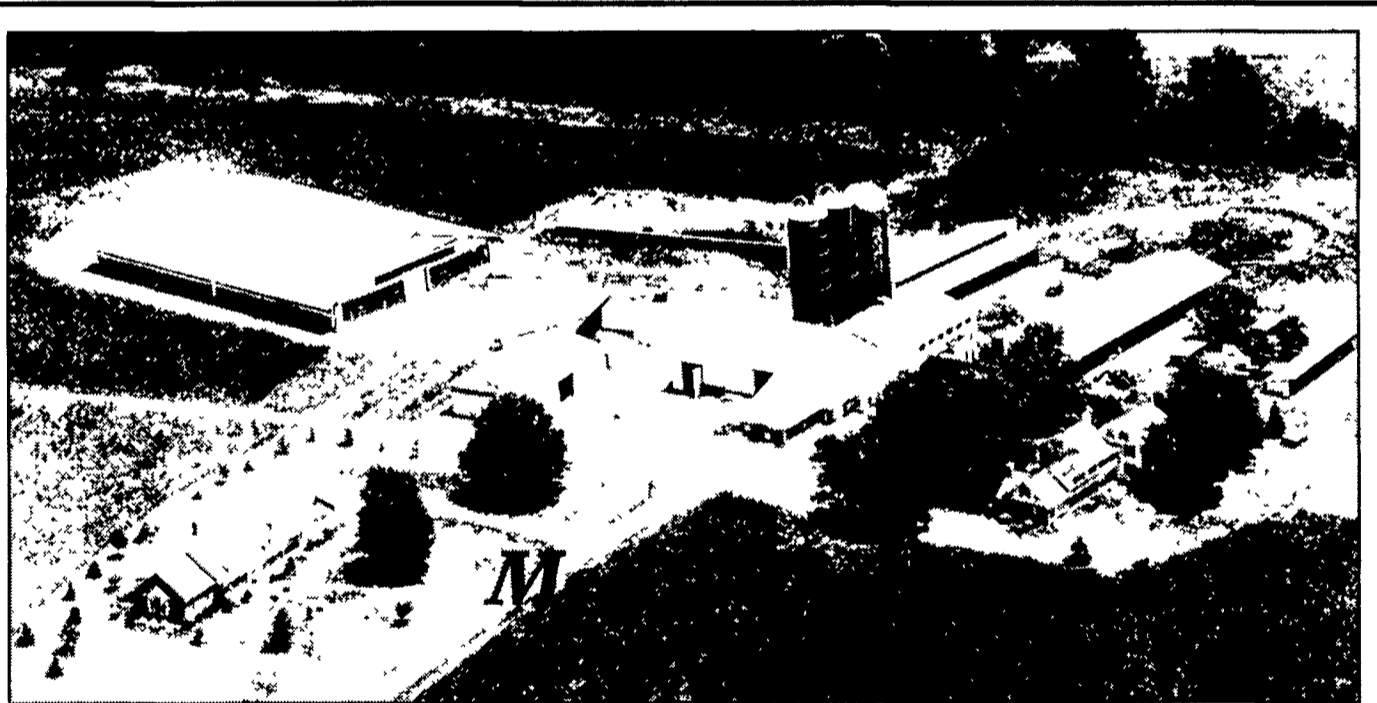
Hackettstown, N.J.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, December 17, 2002

CALVES .10-3.15.
COWS .20%-57.
EASY COWS .10-36%
FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .10-.82.
HEIFERS .18%-55.
BULLS .30-.62.
STEERS .36%-63%
HOGS .22-.45.
ROASTING PIGS EACH 3.00 EA
BOARS .05.
SOWS .17-.22.
SHEEP .15-.59.
LAMBS EA. 16.00-100.00.
LAMBS PER LB. .10-1.23.
GOATS EA. 75.00-132.50.
KIDS EA. 20.00-100.00.
HIDES EA. 2.00-30.00.
TOTAL: 798

Belknap Livestock

Belknap, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
December 18, 2002

CATTLE 179 (PDA)
STEERS Choice 1-3 1200-1500 lbs 68.00-74.00, Select 1-2 61.00-66.00, Standard 1-2 50.00-57.00
HOLSTEIN STEERS Choice 2-3 1075-1430 lbs 59.25-66.25, few Select 1-2 53.75-58.75
HEIFERS few Choice 1-3 1100-1180 lbs 66.00-71.75, one Select 1-2 62.00, few Standard 1-2 48.00-57.50
COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 38.00-42.75, couple to 45.00, Boners 80-85% lean 34.25-39.00, Lean 85-90% lean 30.00-36.00 Shells 29.00 and down
BULLS few Yield Grade 1 1000-1680 lbs 46.00-49.75, few Yield Grade 2 1040-1540 lbs 38.00-44.00
FEEDER CATTLE STEERS few Medium 1 450-610 lbs 67.50-72.00 HEIFERS Medium 1-2 700-975 lbs 47.00-61.00, few Medium 2 500-700 lbs 54.00-62.00, BULLS couple Medium 1 658 & 678 lbs 59.50 & 60.00
CALVES 132 .VEALERS one Choice 318 lbs 75.00, Standard and Good 70-110 lbs 25.00-38.00, few Utility 50-80 lbs 18.00-30.00 FARM CALVES No 1 Holstein bulls 95-110 lbs 97.50-117.50, 115-135 lbs 82.50-115.00, No 2 85-105 lbs 42.50-90.00, few No 1 Holstein heifers 95-110 lbs 360.00-375.00, No 2 75-110 lbs 105.00-195.00
Few beef type bulls and heifers 75-95 lbs 50.00-125.00
HOGS 60 .BARROWS AND GILTS few 49-54 lean 260-280 lbs 36.00-37.50, 45-50% lean 250-300 lbs 31.00-36.50
SOWS 1-3 430-585 lbs 22.00-25.75, 310-375 lbs 20.50-32.50, few Medium 370-535 lbs 19.00-20.50
BOARS few 310-716 lbs 6.50-11.00
FEEDER PIGS 56 1-3 60-80 lbs 27.00-31.50, 40-50 lbs 10.00-16.00 per head 1-3 150-160 lbs 22.00-24.25 per cwt
SHEEP 43 .SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 75-105 lbs 84.50-91.50 NEW CROP LAMBS Choice 45-55 lbs 110.00-115.00 SLAUGHTER SHEEP 12.00-35.00
GOATS 54 (All goats sold by the head with weights estimated) Kids Selection 2 few 20-40 lbs 12.00-21.00, few 40-60 lbs 25.00-61.00, few 60-80 lbs 34.00-63.00 Nannies few 60-80 lbs 40.00-55.00, few 80-100 lbs 55.00-61.00 Billies few 70-100 lbs 60.00-80.00, few 50-60 lbs 30.00-36.00.



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