

December 8-14 **THIS WEEK WITH** **2003**

DECEMBER 8
Full Cold Moon

DECEMBER 10, 11
Best days to graft on pollinate

DECEMBER 12, 13
Best days to give up smoking

DECEMBER 13
St Lucia

The Old Farmer's Almanac

Do You See What I See?

While many think of St. Lucia as the Swedish saint with candles in her hair who brings back the light to the solstice season, in Sicily the saint is primarily the patroness of eyesight. Legend has it that an admirer flattered her about her captivating eyes whereupon she plucked them out and sent them to him so that she would be sure to resist the temptations of love. Italian churches often display ornate masks of silver or wax in her honor, and those faithful to St. Lucia hang similar ornaments in their homes to protect against eye disease.

Swedish White Brownies

2 eggs
1 cup sugar, plus extra for topping
1/3 cup oil
1 tsp. almond extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
sliced almonds, for topping

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix together eggs, sugar, oil, almond extract, and flour, and pour into an 8x8-inch pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle with sliced almonds and extra sugar. Cool in pan before cutting into bars. **MAKES 16 BROWNIES**

WIT AND WISDOM FROM THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

- If the stars are blinking and flickering, a storm is coming.
- Father Edward Flanagan founded a home for boys (precursor to Boys Town) in Omaha, Neb. on December 12, 1917.
- Wear at the top, spend as you go. Wear at the heel, spend a good deal.

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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, December 2, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE STEERS, NO HIGH CHOICE OR PRIME OFFERED CHOICE 1100-1500 LBS 101 00-104 00, SELECT 975-1030 LBS 91 50-100 00, HEIFERS CHOICE 1030-1535 LBS 98 25-103 00, SELECT 985-1200 LBS 90 00-98 00, COWS, STRONG DEMAND! BREAKERS 55 00-62 25, HEIFER TYPES TO 70 00, BONERS 45 00-53 00, LEAN 40 00-54 00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 37 00-47 75, SHELLY 36 00 AND DOWN

FFEDR CATTLE TOO FEW TO MARKET TEST

CALVES RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 95-125 LBS 130 00-140 00, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N2 95-140 LBS 95 00-127 00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N1 90-125 LBS 340 00-445 00, BEEF X BULLS 75-90 LBS 125 00-150 00

SWINE HOGS US-NI-3 COUPLE 280 360 LBS 35 00-36 50, FFEDR PIG BY THE LB 18-22 LBS 160 00-165 00

GOATS BY THE HEAD, LARGE NANNIES AND BILLES 64 00-137 00, FANCY KIDS 64 00 70 00, FLESHY KIDS 40 00-55 00 SMALL, THIN 32 00-38 00

LAMBS GOOD 50-75 LBS 95 00-125 00, CHOICE 60-100 LBS 108 00-130 00

SHEEP ALL WEIGHTS 44 00-85 00

SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES SPECIAL FFD CATTLE SALE TUES., DEC 16 STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., DEC 12 RECEIVING 7 30 A.M.-10 30 A.M. SALE 1 P.M. NO RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK IN DEC SPECIAL LAMB AND GOAT SALE TUES., DEC 9 AND 16 RECEIVING 9 A.M.-6 P.M.

Small Animal Sale
December 2, 2003

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1 00-9 00
GUINFA PIGS 2 75-5 00
CHICKENS 2 00 5 25
PIGEONS 1 80-2 30
PHEASANTS 2 00
POULTRY SOLD BY THE HEAD SALE STARTS AT 5 P.M.

New Holland Livestock Auction

New Holland, Pa.
Friday, November 28, 2003
Report Supplied by USDA

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Goats
FRIDAY	741	216	37	50
LAST WEEK	1251	806	476	50
LAST YEAR	909	213	74	95

Compared to last Thursday, slaughter steers sold mostly steady, with high Choice and Prime cattle showing some weakness. The quality of the cattle was average with the areas fancier reputation cattle continuing to be hard to find. Buyer attendance was very good after the Thanksgiving Holiday though the numbers were light with a little over 200 head to choose from. Slaughter cows sold mostly steady on a light post holiday run, while bulls were scarce. The supply included 203 head of slaughter steers, 45 head of slaughter heifers, 220 head of slaughter cows, 15 head of slaughter bulls, with 238 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1195-1420 lbs 107 50-113 50, mostly 109 00-111 00, few low dressing 104 50-107 50 Choice 2-3 1155-1490 lbs 104 00-108 00, mostly 106 00-108 00, fancier 109 00-110 50 High yielding Choice 1-2 1290-1410 lbs 109 50-113 50 includes some Charolais-crosses Few High Select and low Choice 2-3 1230-1395 lbs 99 50-103 50, few fancier 102 00-106 50 includes some Charolais-crosses Select 1-2 1180-1565 lbs 87 00-90 50

Holstein Steers High Choice and Prime 2-4 1431-1426 lbs 96 75-100 00 Choice 2-3 1195-1635 lbs 84 00-91 00, few 93 00, few beef-crosses 95 00-98 00

Slaughter Heifers Few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1155-1255 lbs 101 00-105 00 Few Choice 2-3 1190-1390 lbs 93 50-97 00 Few Select 1-2 1070-1245 lbs 84 00-86 50

Slaughter Cows Premium White 65-70 percent lean over 1600 lbs 62 00-65 50, low dressing 51 50-55 00 Breakers 75-80 percent lean over 1400 lbs 54 00-59 50, high dressing 60 50-63 50, high dressing 55 00-57 50, low dressing 48 75-53 25 Boners 80-85 percent lean over 1200 lbs 48 00 53 00, low dressing 44 75-47 50 Lean (Hi-Yield) 85-88 percent lean over 1200 lbs 46 50-47 50 Lean 88-90 percent lean over 1000 lbs 42 00-46 00, low dressing 37 00-40 50 Lean (Light-Wt) 85-90 percent lean 750-1000 lbs 39 50-43 00

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 1590-2055 lbs 58 00-61 00 Yield Grade 1-2 1385-2150 lbs 52 50-53 50, few high dressing 61 25-63 00

Compared to last Thursday, slaughter calves sharply lower, in part due to lack of buyer attendance. Holstein bull calves sold steady to firm, with greatest demand seen in weights between 90 to 105 lbs. Holstein heifers were in short supply, with not enough to establish an accurate trend. On Thursday the USDA reported Northeast hide-off veal calves from 165.00-205.00 dressed, with the weighted average at 195.32, shipping 4.02. The PA Department of Agricul-

ture graded 149 head of bulls for the graded sale, with an estimated 79 percent of the graded run going into veal barns.

Slaughter Calves Utility 60-125 lbs 11 00 20 00

Holstein Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns Graded Number 1 Holstein Bulls 110-124 lbs 122 00-127 00, 94-104 lbs 140 00-145 00, 90-92 lbs 128 00, 80- 88 lbs 50 00-65 00 Graded Number 2 Holstein bulls 94-124 lbs 92 00-116 00, 80- 92 lbs 50 00-60 00 Graded Number 3 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 68 00-80 00, 75- 85 lbs 22 00 Holstein heifers 90-120 lbs 300 00-340 00

Sheep and Lambs Due to light numbers, market carried over from Monday. Compared to Monday, slaughter lambs sold steady to 10 00 higher on a high quality run. Slaughter sheep sold sharply higher. As the holiday seasons approach demand has remained firm for higher quality offerings. Buyer attendance was moderate with active bidding through the duration of the sale.

Slaughter Lambs Choice and Prime 2-3 20-30 lbs few 170 00, 30-40 lbs few 151 00, few fancy 197 00, 40-50 lbs 138 00-150 00, few fancy 165 00-170 00, 50- 60 lbs 130 00-148 00, 60-80 lbs 120 00-142 00, 80-90 lbs 118 00-131 00, 90-100 lbs 116 00-129 00, 100-125 lbs 110 00-123 00, 125-150 lbs 90 00-98 00 Good 2-3 30-40 lbs few 106 00, 60-80 lbs 108 00-112 00, 90-100 lbs 100 00-104 00

Slaughter Sheep Utility and Good 1-3 Yearlings 70-100 lbs 85 00-94 00, 100-150 lbs 64 00-74 00, 150-200 lbs 50 00-64 00, Sheep 100-150 lbs 54 00-66 00, long fleeced 44 00-50 00, 150 200 lbs 40 00-54 00, long fleeced 35 00-38 00, 200-250 lbs 32 00-40 00 Bucks 100-150 lbs 50 00-68 00, 150-200 lbs 55 00- 62 00, 200-225 lbs 35 00-39 00

Slaughter Goats Due to light numbers, market carried over from Monday. Compared to Monday, kid goats sold mostly steady to firm, Yearlings sold mostly steady on a light test. Nannies sold steady on a large supply, while Billes sold steady to firm on a light, high quality run. Wethers sold mostly steady to firm on a lighter supply. Buyer attendance was good, with moderately active bidding.

Kids Selection 1 40-60 lbs 62 00-76 00 Selection 2 20-40 lbs 42 00-49 00, 40-60 lbs 53 00-69 00, 60-80 lbs 70 00-75 00 Selection 3 20-40 lbs 30 00-38 00, 40-60 lbs 43 00-56 00

Yearlings Selection 1 80-100 lbs 86 00-92 00 Selection 2 60-80 lbs 66 00-78 00

Nannies Selection 1 70-100 lbs 62 00-75 00, 100-150 lbs 81 00 Selection 2 50-70 lbs 47 00-57 00, pigmies 36 00-42 00, 70-100 lbs 55 00-72 00, bulk 60 00-70 00, 100 150 lbs 66 00-81 00 Selection 3 50-70 lbs 40 00-47 00, 70-100 lbs 46 00-60 00, 100-150 lbs 62 00

Billes Selection 1 70-100 lbs 92 00-98 00, 100-150 lbs 106 00-122 00, 150-250 lbs few 152 00-162 00, individual 170 00 Selection 2 70-80 lbs 88 00, 100-150 lbs 92 00-100 00, 150-250 lbs 135 00-137 00 Selection 3 70-100 lbs 62 00-78 00, 100-150 lbs 86 00-87 00

Wethers 50-70 lbs 60 00-76 00, weaker 40 00-52 00, 70-100 lbs 72 00- 77 00, 100-200 lbs 78 00-82 00, heavy 104 00

Morrison's Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
December 1, 2003

CATTLE 99 HEAD
STEERS CHOICE NO MKT TEST, GOOD 85 00-90 00
HEIFERS CHOICE, NOT MKT TEST, GOOD 68 00-80 00
COWS UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 48 00-60 50, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 20 00-47 00
BULLOCKS GOOD & CHOICE 55 00-64 50
BULLS YG+N1, 46 00-62 00
FEEDER CATTLE STEERS 45 00-70 00
BULLS 42 00-68 00, HEIFERS 45 00-75 00
CALVES 116 HEAD CHOICE, NO MKT TEST, GOOD 68 00-77 00, STANDARD 25 00-70 00, HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS 80 00-120 00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS 150 00-350 00
HOGS 81 US+N1-2, 40 00-42 00, US +N 1-3, 38 00-40 00
SOWS US +N1-3 20 00-32 00
BOARS 10 00-25 00
FFEDR PIGS 6 HEAD US +N1-3 20-50 LBS 6 00-18 00
SHEEP 30 HEAD CHOICE LAMBS 100 00-115 00, GOOD LAMBS 90 00-100 00
ST FWEFS 35 00-47 00
GOATS 10 00 77 00 EACH

New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Wednesday, December 3, 2003

68 DAIRY COWS, 175 HEIFERS, 11 BULLS MARKET STEADY
LOCAL FRESH COWS 775 00-1475 00, FFW 1650 00-1875 00
LOCAL SPRINGERS 900 00-1325 00, 1 AT 1925 00
BETTER FRESH COWS 1875 00-2025 00
LARGE HEIFERS 1475 00-1625 00
SHORTBRED HEIFERS 760 00-1425 00
OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS 875 00-1025 00
BULLS 535 00-885 00, PUBREDBREDS 810 00-935 00
UPSTATE LOADS, FRESH 1075 00-2025 00
FRESH HEIFERS 1025 00-1750 00
REGISTERED HEIFERS 1185 00-1650 00
SMALL HEIFERS 460 00-1425 00
SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 710 00-775 00
SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 225 00-500 00

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, December 1, 2003

131 HEAD, MARKET STEADY
DRIVING HORSES 385 00-1025 00
RIDING HORSES 310 00-1200 00
REGISTERED RIDING 1 AT 1650 00
BETTER RIDING 1 AT 1475 00
PONIES 150 00-485 00
LARGE PONIES 1 AT 585 00
COLTS 135 00-260 00

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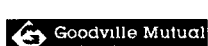
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