

December 15-21 2003

THIS WEEK WITH
The Old Farmer's Almanac

DECEMBER 16
Last Quarter Moon

DECEMBER 20
First day of Chanukah

DECEMBER 15, 16
Best days to harvest belowground crops

DECEMBER 17, 18
Best days to cut hay to discourage growth

Saturnalia

The ancient Roman festival of Saturnalia was held from December 17 to 23 to honor the god of agriculture, Saturn. It incorporated pagan solstice celebrations with many elements we now think of as Christmas traditions: the closing of businesses, feasting, candle lighting, gift giving, and peace. Equality and goodwill toward all were prevalent, and a carnival atmosphere reigned as masked revelers took to the streets to celebrate. Eventually, the early Christian Church adopted this time of year as the anniversary of Jesus' birth and emphasized the loftier attributes of the celebration.

Pork Chop and Potato Bake

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a casserole dish. Layer sliced potatoes on the bottom, spread onions over them, and add salt and pepper. Top with pork chops. Spread cream of mushroom soup (don't add water) over the top. Bake for about 1 hour, until potatoes are cooked through and pork chops are tender. **MAKES 4 SERVINGS.**

4 to 5 medium potatoes, sliced thin
1 onion, sliced thin
salt and pepper, to taste
4 center-cut pork chops
1 can of mushroom soup

WIT AND WISDOM FROM THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

- Beware the pogonip, an icy fog injurious to the lungs.
- Give simple gifts your time, a meal, a service.
- It's all right letting your self go, as long as you can get your self back.

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Middleburg Livestock Auction
Middleburg, Pa.
December 9, 2003
Report Supplied By PDA

Cattle Calves Sheep Goats

THIS WEEK 872 947 1 3
LAST WEEK 617 999 1 0
LAST YEAR 1098 873 0 4

CATTLE 323 (PDA) (Supply included 139 steers and heifers, 142 cows, 19 bulls and 23 feeder cattle)

STEEERS High Choice and Prime 2 3 1360-1485 lbs 100.00-105.00, average 103.00. Choice 1 3 1065-1495 lbs 92.00-102.00, average 99.10. Select 1-2 80.00-91.50. Standard 1 2 62.50-77.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS few High Choice and Prime 2 3 1415-1425 lbs 91.50-95.00, Choice 2-3 1215-1415 lbs 80.00-87.00, average 83.40, Select 1 2 70.00-81.50, Standard 1 2 50.50-68.00.

HEIFERS Choice 1 3 1000-1465 lbs 92.00-100.00, average 96.45, Select 1-2 80.00-92.00, Standard 1 2 60.00-78.50.

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 46.00-54.50, high yielding 55.25-60.75, average 54.05, Boners 80-85% lean 42.00-49.50, few up to 55.00, average 45.80, 1 can 85-90% lean 35.00-45.25, average 39.05. Shells 34.50 and down. BULLOCKS few Choice 1 3 60.00-69.50.

BULLS few Yield Grade 1 1230-1920 lbs 54.50-59.50, Yield Grade 2 1080-2535 lbs 41.75-54.50, average 47.95.

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS few Medium and Large 3 515-535 lbs 62.00-70.00, Medium and Large 3 340-565 lbs 47.50-57.00, one 825 lbs 63.00, HEIFERS one Medium 2 535 lbs 48.00, one Large 1 705 lbs 65.00, BULLS one Medium 2 735 lbs 57.50, Large 3 665-875 lbs Holsteins 45.50-52.50.

CAIVES 173 VEALERS Standard and Good 75-120 lbs 30.00-67.00, Utility 65-105 lbs 5.00-30.00. FARM CAIVES No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 115.00-147.00, average 131.20, 80-85 lbs 80.00-107.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 70.00-110.00, No 1 Holstein heifers 80-115 lbs 360.00-500.00, No 2 75-135 lbs 100.00-315.00.

One beef cross bull and heifer 85 lbs 135.00.

HOGS 173 BARROWS AND GILTS, 45-50% lean 220-295 lbs 40.00-46.50, 200-215 lbs lightweights 45.00-46.50, 40-45% lean 300-385 lbs 34.50-44.50.

SOWS 1-3 325-460 lbs 26.00-34.00, 550-685 lbs 27.50-33.75, Medium 385-450 lbs 16.00-25.00.

BOARS 520-560 lbs 7.00-8.00.

FEEDER PIGS 23 1-3 35-70 lbs 14.00-31.00 per cwt.

SHFEP 19 SLAUGHTER LAMBS few High Choice and Prime 40-75 lbs 120.00, Choice 65-75 lbs 95.00-98.00, 90-100 lbs 87.00-99.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP one 100.00.

GOATS 36 (All goats sold by the head with weights estimated) Kids Selection 1 under 20 lbs 15.00, 20-40 lbs 27.00, 40-60 lbs 47.00-62.00, 60-80 lbs 75.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 22.00-25.00, 40-60 lbs 40.00. Nannies 50-70 lbs 35.00-50.00, 70-100 lbs 42.00-69.00. Wethers 50-70 lbs 60.00-70.00. Billies 50-70 lbs 30.00-55.00, 70-100 lbs 72.00.

Carlisle Livestock
Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, December 9, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE COWS BREAKERS NONF OFFERED BONERS 46.00-55.25 LEAN 42.00-53.00 BIG MIDDLETOW DRESSING LIGHTS 34.00-47.75 SHELLY 33.00 AND DOWN BULLS ANGUS 1635 LBS 54.00.

FEEDER CATTLE FEEDER STEERS MED AND LARGE +N2 550 1000 LBS 64.50-74.50 FEEDER HEIFERS 950-1050 LBS 63.00-70.00.

CAIVES RETURNING TO THE FARM HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 95-135 LBS 130.00-148.00 HOLSTEIN BULLS +N2 95-145 LBS 95.00-129.00 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N2 75-100 LBS 95.00-300.00.

SWINE HOGS US 3 240-450 LBS 28.00-35.00, SOWS US+N1-3 375-600 LBS 28.00-34.50, BOARS 5.00-7.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB 17-23 LBS 170.00-201.00, 23-25 LBS 171.00-175.00 40-55 LBS THIN 51.00-63.00.

GOATS BY THE HEAD, LARGE NANIES AND BILLIES 48.00-145.00 FANCY KIDS 60.00-83.00 FLESHY KIDS 38.00-59.00 SMALL THIN 21.00-37.00.

LAMBS GOOD AND CHOICE 35-60 LBS 125.00-190.00, 60-80 LBS 98.00-130.00, 80-130 LBS 93.00-122.00.

SHFEP ALL WEIGHTS 37.00-62.00.

SAIF EVERY TUES 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CAIVES SPECIAL FID CATTLE SAIF TUES. DEC 16 NO RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK IN DEC SPECIAL LAMB AND GOAT SAIF TUES DEC 16 RECEIVING 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.

Small Animal Sale
December 9, 2003

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1.00-9.75
CHICKENS 1.90-4.50
PIGEONS 1.00-2.60
GUINIA PIGS 2.75-3.75

POULTRY SOLD BY THE HEAD SAIF STARTS AT 5 P.M.

Mercer Livestock Auction
Mercer, Pa.
December 9, 2003
Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 547 (PDA)

STEEERS Choice 1 3 1090-1380 lbs 94.50-107.50 Select 1-2 77.50-94.00 Standard 1 2 58.00-73.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1295-1415 lbs 89.50-96.00, few Choice 2-3 1210-1395 lbs 84.00-87.50, few Select 1 2 84.00-85.00, few Standard 1-2 55.00-63.00.

HEIFERS Choice 1 3 1000-1350 lbs 92.50-105.00, few Select 1 2 89.00-94.50 Standard 1 2 64.00-75.00.

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 53.00-65.00, few to 70.50 low yielding 44.50-50.00, Boners 80-85% lean 45.00-55.00, Lean 85-90% lean 40.50-49.00 Shells 40.00 and down.

BULLS Yield Grade 1 1120-1695 lbs 58.00-62.50, Yield Grade 2 1020-2500 lbs 46.00-55.50.

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS few Medium 1 2 450-550 lbs 78.00-94.50, Large 2 655-950 lbs 48.50-54.00, HEIFERS Medium 1 300-500 lbs 80.00-90.00, 500-600 lbs 79.00-83.00 few 600-700 lbs 73.50-79.00, few Large 1 650-1045 lbs 65.50-83.00, Medium 2 300-500 lbs 67.00-81.00, 500-700 lbs 65.00-75.00 BULLS Medium 1 300-400 lbs 90.00-103.00, 400-500 lbs 84.50-91.00, Medium and Large 1 500-700 lbs 83.00-96.50, Medium 2 400-700 lbs 60.00-87.00.

CAIVES 36 VFAIFERS few Standard and Good 90-155 lbs 67.50-80.00, few Utility 50-65 lbs 30.00-52.50. FARM CAIVES No 1 Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 105.00-132.50, few 80-85 lbs 80.00-95.00, No 2 90-110 lbs 75.00-100.00.

HOGS 68 BARROWS AND GILTS one lot 49.54% lean 233 lbs 35.50, 45-50% lean 220-270 lbs 32.50-33.50, 40-45% lean 250-280 lbs 30.50-32.00.

SOWS 1-3 385-620 lbs 28.00-33.00, one Medium 425 lbs 25.50.

BOARS one 450 lbs 6.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0 NO MARKET TEST!
SHFEP 0 NO MARKET TEST!
GOATS 0 NO MARKET TEST!

New Holland Dairy Sale
New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Wednesday, December 10, 2003

123 DAIRY COWS, 210 HEIFERS 19 BULLS MARKET STEADY

LOCAL FRESH COWS 525.00-1550.00, 4 HEAD 1600.00-1775.00

LOK AI SPRINGERS 775.00-1575.00

BFTTER FRESH COWS 1600.00-1775.00

LARGE HEIFERS 1475.00-1675.00

SHORTBRED HEIFERS 775.00-1475.00, 1 AT 1600.00

OPEN BREEDING AGF HEIFERS 875.00-975.00

BULLS 225.00-635.00, PURFBREDS 500.00-960.00

FRESH HEIFERS 725.00-1600.00

REGISTERED HEIFERS 1050.00-1475.00

SMALL HEIFERS 875.00-1375.00

SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 575.00-835.00

SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 150.00-400.00

Morrison's Cove Livestock
Martinsburg, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
December 8, 2003

CATTLE 142 HEAD

STEEERS CHOICE 80.00-93.50, GOOD 78.00-85.00

HEIFERS CHOICE 87.00-91.00, GOOD 75.00-83.00

COWS UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 48.00-60.50, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 20.00-45.00

BULLOCKS GOOD & CHOICE 54.00-59.00

BULLS YG+N1, 48.00-60.00

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS 50.00-70.00, BULLS 50.00-64.00, HEIFERS 45.00-70.00

CAIVES 109 HEAD CHOICE 75.00-85.00, GOOD 65.00-75.00, STANDARD 20.00-50.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS 70.00-130.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS 100.00-335.00

HOGS 128 US+N1-2, 40.00-42.00, US +N 1 3, 38.00-39.00

SOWS US +N1-3 18.00-33.00

BOARS 8.00-21.00

FEEDER PIGS 22 HEAD US +N1-3 20-50 LBS 5.00-29.00

SHFEP 32 HEAD CHOICE LAMBS 110.00-135.00, GOOD LAMBS 100.00-110.00, SI EWES 35.00-40.00

GOATS 25.00-88.00 FACH

Lebanon Valley Livestock
Fredericksburg, Pa.
Report Supplied By PDA
December 9, 2003

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HEIFERS: one Select 2 90.50, few Standard 1-2 64.50-66.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 58.00-62.50, low dressing to 54.75, average 58.80, Boners 80-85% lean 43.00-54.75 mostly 45.75-50.00, average 48.96, Lean 85-90% lean 39.25-45.50, average 42.61, Shells 38.00 and down.

BULLS: one Yield Grade 1 1320 lbs 61.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: HEIFERS: one Large 3 250 lbs 55.00; BULLS: one Small 3 285 lbs 47.00. CALVES 96...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-120 lbs 40.00-57.00, Utility 60-100 lbs 25.00-40.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls active and firm...No 1 Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs 115.00-147.00, average 133.00, 80-90 lbs 90.00-100.00, average 95.50, No 2 80-120 lbs 80.00-102.00, weaker calves to 55.00, average 79.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 80-115 lbs 305.00-350.00, few No 2 80-110 lbs 125.00-200.00.

HOGS 9...SOWS: 1-3 445-500 lbs 25.00-29.00, one 590 lbs 30.00, one Medium 600 lbs 26.00.

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Dewart Livestock
Dewart, Pa.
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Monday, December 8, 2003

STEEERS 60.00-87.50

HEIFERS TOO FEW TO QUOTE

GOOD COWS 45.00-61.50

CANNERS AND CUTTERS 30.00-45.00

BULLS 50.00-56.50

VEAL 90-190 LBS 100.00-510.00, 70-90 LBS 60.00-100.00

HOGS 31.00-37.00

SOWS 27.00-30.00

FEEDER PIGS 22.00-34.00 EA

Greencastle Special Monthly Feeder Sale
Greencastle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Friday, December 5, 2003

191 HEAD

STEEERS 200-300 LBS 96.00-117.00, 300-500 LBS 86.00-96.00, 500-600 LBS 85.00-95.00, 600-700 LBS 84.00-95.00, 700-900 LBS 80.00-86.00, 900-1000 LBS 72.00-76.00

HOLSTEIN STEERS 200-400 LBS 58.00-66.00, 400-500 LBS 58.00-62.00, 500-700 LBS 58.00-62.00, 900-1000 LBS 58.00-62.00

HEIFERS 200-300 LBS 80.00-92.00, 300-500 LBS 78.00-90.00, 500-700 LBS 75.00-88.00, 700-900 LBS 75.00-86.00, 900-1000 LBS 60.00-70.00

BULLS 200-300 LBS 80.00-100.00, 300-500 LBS 80.00-95.00, 500-700 LBS 70.00-82.00, 700-900 LBS 64.00-74.00

NEXT SALE FRIDAY, JAN 2, 7.15 P.M.

New Holland Horses
New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, December 8, 2003

148 HEAD, MARKET STEADY

DRIVING HORSES 385.00-775.00

RIDING HORSES 165.00-950.00

REGISTERED RIDING 900.00-1300.00

BFTTER RIDING 1 AT 1300.00

PONIES 135.00-400.00

LARGE PONIES 1 AT 525.00

COLTS 185.00-410.00

REGISTERED COLTS 1 AT 350.00

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Greencastle, Pa.
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6 p.m. Farm Machinery

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