

## Tallow

1738 November 27 (Monday). Mr. Tainter alone my Butcher in killing the old Cow. Weight 327, Tallow 42, Hide 50. Sold the hide to Captain Eager for 25 Shillings.

1740 December 4 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter brought home Two of my Calves which he had kept a long time for me -- and brought a Fat Cow from Neighbour Beriah Rice's and with Mr. Harringtons help kill'd her. Weight 17½ Score. Tallow 35, and the Hide 56.

1747 December 2 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter and his son Benjamin came over and kill'd my Cambridge Cow. Weigh'd 413, the Quarters -- Hide 65, Tallow 35. Lieutenant was very kind and obliging -- not only gave me freely his pains, but knowing my straights for winter keeping for my Stock, he took home a Cow to winter for me.

1751 November 11 (Monday). In the Morning it rain'd. But so heavy did the Affair of Sudbury lie upon us that Mr. Martyn and I determin'd to ride to Southborough and Conferr with Mr. Stone who was another sent to: we stop'd at my other House where were Messrs. Noah How and Daniel Garfield junior who at this Time bought my Fat Steer -- agreed to give 13 pence old Tenor for him Hide Beef and Tallow.

1754 November 8 (Friday). Sent by Lieutenant Tainter of Boston. N.B. He kill'd one of my steers, or rather one of his which he changes for one of mine that was a Rogue. He kill'd it at his House and brought me a Side of the Meat, the Hide, Tallow and Offal, and borrows half of the Meat to spend in his own Family. N.B. The Quarters he brought here were 90 and 86.

1756 December 27 (Monday). N.B. My son *Ebenezer* here and brings 4 Quarters of Beef, being two Quarters more than I expected. They weighed 450lb. He brought the Hide; weighed 74 lbs. Tallow but 28 pounds.

1759 January 3 (Wednesday). At Eve Deacon *Burnap of Hopkinton* and Deacon Tainter comes and weighs and cutts out my Beef. Weight was 19 Score and Eight pound, the Quarters -- 35 lb. Tallow.

1759 December 8 (Saturday). We have thirteen in Family -- and no Beef provided nor brought in except a piece Mr. Hezekiah Pratt brings to roast (he says) for Billys coming home. Our Cows give but little Milk. No body engages to get my Wood. Nor have we any Tallow. My Wife sends to Capt. Fays Wife to spare her some (for money) and she sends her an handsome present of Beef, Sewet, Tallow and a Cheese. Nor am I out of Hopes respecting other needed Articles, Since I am in the Hands of a carefull, Watchfull, faithfull, and bountful Providence. Only the Lord grant me the Faith to live to and upon Him; to hope and Trust in Him as I ought to do!

1765 December 31 (Tuesday). Deacon came and cut out and salted my Beef -- that is 3 Quarters. He carrys home one Quarter which I borrowed, through his Instigation, of his son.

She weighed 20 score and 13 lb. Deacon dined here -- then carryed the skin (which weighed 58 lbs.) to Silas Hill to be tanned. Tallow but 33 lb. The Lord reward these generous Men!

1767 February 25 (Wednesday). Called at old Mr. Warrins where I bought 17 lbs. and 1/2 of Tallow at 3/.

1769 February 11 (Saturday). *John* carrys L 6.15.5 old Tenor to Mr. John Kelly of Northborough being in full for Beef and Tallow of him.

1770 March 5 (Monday). Gave Notes to sundry persons that I was indebted to.

Viz. To Mr. Seth Morse for Beef and Tallow, L 9.1.6 old Tenor.  
To Mr. Daniel Stockwell Shoemaker, 12.2.0 Ditto.  
To Solomon Batherick for Rails and thrashing, 51/ Do.

1771 February 18 (Monday). At Eve reckoned with Mr. Seth Morse and pay him by a Note to Constable Daniel Nurse -- for 234 lbs. of Beef, @ 15d which came to L 14.12.6. Also 11 1/2 lbs. Tallow @ 3/6. L 2.0.0 and Sugar 7 lbs. L 1.2.6. Add weaving L 2.0.0. in all L 19.15.0 old Tenor in full.

1772 May 9 (Saturday). Mr. Uriah Bringham from Marlborough brings my watch and a parcel of Tallow which I have bought of him.

1774 January 17 (Monday). N.B. Breakfast at Lt. Bakers. P.M. Lt. *Baker*, Neighbour *Newton* and *Silas Hill* came; and my fat Steer being led home, they Killed him and he weighed, the quarters 480 and the Hide 71. Not well tallow'd.

1774 December 13 (Tuesday). Settle with him [Jeduthun Baldwin] as to his fat Cow at 17d, Hide, Beef and Tallow. Pay him 4 Dollars and 9 L 10/ on Watsons Note, which I delivered to him to carry to *Alexander* and he leaves us for *Brookfield*.

1775 November 30 (Thursday). N.B. I bought 50 weight of Tallow of Lt. *Joseph Baker*, rough, at 2/6 old tenor and Breck buys 30 lbs. Do. It is tryed up in the Kitchin.

1775 December 1 (Friday). *Breck* buys for himself and me, a Quantity of rough Tallow of Lt. (or Capt.) *Joseph Baker*; and with my Team carts it home, and my people in the Kitchin go to trying it up.

1775 December 2 (Saturday). In the Kitchin Trying Tallow.

1775 December 9 (Saturday). In the Kitchin they are still [*torn*] rough Tallow.

1775 December 18 (Monday). *Breck* weighs the Tallow which we had of [Capt. Joseph?] Baker; the rough was 3100 lb. Now the tryed Tall[*torn*] mounts to [*blank*].

1779 March 9 (Tuesday). The Squire [Baker] was exceeding Friendly and generous. He gave me 20 lbs. of tryed Tallow and to Mr. Stone 12 lb. being all he spoke for. Moreover he would have me, whenever I am in any Straight, to let him know of it.

1780 March 20 (Monday). P.M. I rode to Squire Baker's. He gave me (as I understood him) the Tallow I wanted of him. I was too destitute of common money, and therefore went to the Treasurer Newton for Supply -- but there was none for me: but he offered to lend me an hundred pounds of his own Money.

1781 February 21 (Wednesday). Being an agreeable Day, Mr. *Stone* came to see us and dined with us. P.M. I went with him to Squire *Bakers* to supply himself with Tallow, and succeeded.