

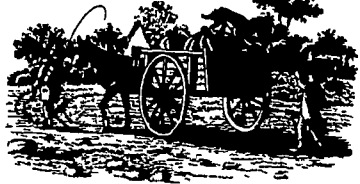
# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

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Hike or bike while it's still spring-like.

Snow tires certainly should be off your car now . . . Dionne quintus born May 28, 1934 . . . New Moon May 31 . . . Eclipse of Sun of 1919 upholds Einstein . . . Average length of days for week, 15 hours, 5 minutes . . . Duke of Windsor married Wallie June 3, 1937 . . . June 1 highest afternoon tide of year; June 3 highest morning tide . . . Northern turtles lay eggs . . . Memorial Day May 28 . . . Yankee Doodle first sung June 1, 1755 . . . Mt Everest conquered May 29, 1953 . . . If you would enjoy the fruit, pluck not the flower.

**Old Farmer's Riddle:** What friends should you have around when you feel tired? (Answer below.)



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Recently I heard the old expression "Hay foot, straw foot." I was told it originated during World War I, but I'm sure it was used before then. What do you say? E.D., Dallas.

*You are right. The "hay-foot, straw-foot" story goes back to the Civil War and perhaps even to the Revolution. Green recruits often did not know their left from right feet and the instructor attached hay to one and straw to the other, calling attention to the stuff instead of saying "left and right." Personally we doubt if there is any foundation of fact behind it*

**Home Hints** To remove rust from a wood stove, sandpaper it and then rub with oil. Give a dog a pillow of camomile flowers to keep fleas away . . . Riddle answer Only nodding acquaintances

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** First part of week clear and warm with highs in 70s; rain and cool latter part.

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Rain and cool to start, then clear and warm; rain latter part, then clear and hot on weekend.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Clear and warm at first, then rain; end of week cloudy and hot.

**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Clear and hot to start, then moderately heavy rain by midweek; warm and partly cloudy on weekend.

**Florida:** Most of week rainy and hot; rain heavy along Gulf and in north.

**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Clear and warm to start, then heavy rain; clear and warm again latter part.

**Greater Ohio Valley:** Rain most of week and very warm; clear and hot on weekend.

**Deep South:** Partly cloudy and hot to start, then light rain by midweek; clear and hot latter part.

**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** Rain and warm all week; moderately heavy rain at first, then intermittent rain latter part.

**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Light rain and warm at first, then clear and hot in central and western regions; end of week cloudy and warm, then rain over weekend.

**Central Great Plains:** Rain, heavy at first, then clearing before midweek; week ends rainy and very warm.

**Texas-Oklahoma:** Week begins cloudy and warm, then rain, heavy in central part; end of week cloudy and very warm.

**Rocky Mountain Region:** Rain and cool to start, then clear and warm; end of week very warm with light rain.

**Southwest Desert:** Clear and hot all week with high temperatures in the low 100s.

**Pacific Northwest:** Rain to start, then clear and warm through the end of the week.

**California:** Cloudy at first, then clear and hot by midweek; cloudy and cool latter part.

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# Seed Testing Rules Altered

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced changes in the rules for testing seed under the Federal Seed Act. They become effective June 14, say officials of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

The rules for testing contribute to uniform testing and truthful labeling of seed under state and federal seed laws. The new amendments, which adopt currently approved testing methods and procedures, combine former testing rules under the Federal Seed Act with changes made in October 1970 by the Association of Official Seed Analysts in its Rules for Seed Testing.

The amendments deal primarily with (1) sizes of samples to be tested based on updated information regarding the number of seed per gram and (2) temperatures for germination testing based on experimental evidence. Other changes affect interpretations in (1) distinguishing weed seed and inert matter in certain varieties of seed and (2) distinguishing normal and abnormal seedlings in lettuce seed.

When proposed, the amendments were published in the June 12, 1971, Federal Register and were considered in a public hearing July 12, 1971, in Washington, D.C. Interested persons were also invited to mail comments on the proposal.

Adopted substantially as proposed, the amendments were scheduled to appear in the Federal Register May 15. Copies may be obtained from the Director, Grain Division, AMS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

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