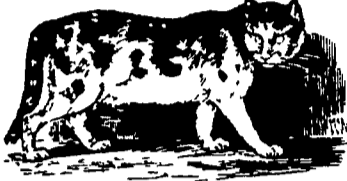


# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

OCTOBER 8-14, 1973

It's a joy to gaze on these beautiful days.

Set new trees now . . . Wendell Willkie died Oct. 8, 1944 . . . Full Hunters' Moon Oct. 11 . . . Cranberry harvest over . . . Average length of days for week, 11 hours, 19 minutes . . . Old Farmer's Almanac began Oct. 13, 1792 . . . First two-way phone Oct. 9, 1876 . . . Columbus Day Oct. 8 . . . Trees are blushing, leaves start falling . . . Lambing season now . . . Larsen's no-hit World Series game Oct. 8, 1956 . . . They that buy cheap, bring home nothing.



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Why did early Americans use chests and trunks in place of closets and cupboards? F. J., Clayton, Missouri.

After the log cabin era, most Americans grew up in houses made of stone and brick. In the homes of the poor, and even the middle class of that day, the chest was used because of the difficulty in building closets on a brick wall. They started building closets and cupboards soon after they got wooden houses where you could drive a spike into a joist.

**Home Hints:** Finely powdered borax will rid a house of roaches if sprinkled where they live for a few weeks . . . Fill dirty bathtub with hot water and two cups of laundry pre-soak, let sit overnight, then drain for clean tub. No scrubbing.

### OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Week begins rainy and cool, then cloudy and warm; rain latter part.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Cloudy and cool to start, then rain; end of week partly cloudy and warmer.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Cloudy at first, then rain by mid-week; partly cloudy and warm latter part.  
**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Hot to start, then rain and cooler; mostly clear along coast, then rain on weekend.  
**Florida:** Torrential rain in south at first, then mostly clear and warm; rain again in south latter part and rain in north and central on weekend.  
**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Light rain and cool to start, then partial clearing; end of week rainy and cold.  
**Greater Ohio Valley:** Week begins rainy and cool, then partial clearing and warm; end of week very cool with rain.  
**Deep South:** Increasing cloudiness and cool to midweek, then clearing and hot, rain latter part and much cooler.  
**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** Showers and warm to start, then cooler; cloudy and cold end of week.  
**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Cloudy and cool for most of week; flurries and cold on weekend.  
**Central Great Plains:** Week begins cloudy and cool, then scattered showers; end of week clear and cool.  
**Texas-Oklahoma:** Variable cloudiness and hot through most of week; colder temperatures on weekend.  
**Rocky Mountain Region:** First part of week clear and very warm; cooler latter part.  
**Southwest Desert:** Cloudy and hot throughout week; clear and cooler on weekend.  
**Pacific Northwest:** Most of week clear and hot; cloudy and cooler on weekend.  
**California:** Clear and hot to start, then overcast and cooler; partial clearing end of week.

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## Pa. Auction Summary

**Weekly Summary**  
**17 Livestock Markets**  
**Week Ending September 28**  
**CATTLE** 4290, compared with 6770 head last week, and 6738 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers \$3 to \$3.50 lower. Slaughter cows \$2.75 to \$3.25 lower. Slaughter bulls mostly \$3.50 to \$4 lower.  
**STEERS:** Few High Choice and Prime 42.10-43.60, Choice 41.25-44.75, Good 39.50-43.50, Standard 38.00-41.50.  
**Heifers;** Choice 42.00-44.35, Good 38.00-42.00, Standard 37.00-40.50.  
**COWS:** Utility and High Dressing Cutter 32.00-36.70, Cutters 30.75-34.00, Canners 27.00-32.00, Shells down to 23.25.  
**BULLOCKS:** Choice 42.00-43.50, Good 40.00-43.00, Standard 38.00-40.90.  
**BULLS:** Yield grade 1-2 900-1350 pounds 37.10-42.00, 1350-2000 39.00-44.70.  
**FEEDER CATTLE:** Good 550-800 pound feeder steers 45.00-50.00.  
**CALVES** 3621, compared with 4226 head last week, and 4956 head a year ago. Vealers mostly \$2 to \$5 lower.  
**VEALERS:** Few Prime 70.00-80.00, Choice 64.50-71.00, Good 60.00-67.00, Standard 54.00-62.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 45.00-58.00, 70-85 40.00-50.00.  
**FARM CALVES:** Slow, Holstein bulls 90-120 pounds 52.00-84.00; Holstein heifers 90-140 57.00-89.00; beef cross bulls and

heifers 80-150 53.00-67.00.  
**HOGS** 5955, compared with 6100 head last week, and 7299 head a year ago. Barrows and Gilts \$1 to \$2 lower.  
**BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 1-3 200-240 pounds 42.40-44.80, 2-3 190-250 41.50-43.60, 2-4 120-180 34.00-40.50.  
**SOWS:** US 1-3 300-550 pounds 37.00-41.75, 2-3 300-600 35.50-38.00. Boars 31.75-37.00.  
**FEEDER PIGS** 980, compared with 1156 head last week, and 1002 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-35 pound feeder pigs 12.25-27.00 per head, 1-3 35-50 20.00-26.00, 1-3 50-

100 29.00-36.50 per head.  
**SHEEP** 907, compared with 1181 head last week, and 1038 head a year ago. Spring slaughter lambs \$1 to \$3 lower. Choice 70-100 pounds spring slaughter lambs 28.00-34.00, Good 60-100 25.00-31.00, Utility 40-80 19.00-24.50. Slaughter ewes 9.00-19.00.

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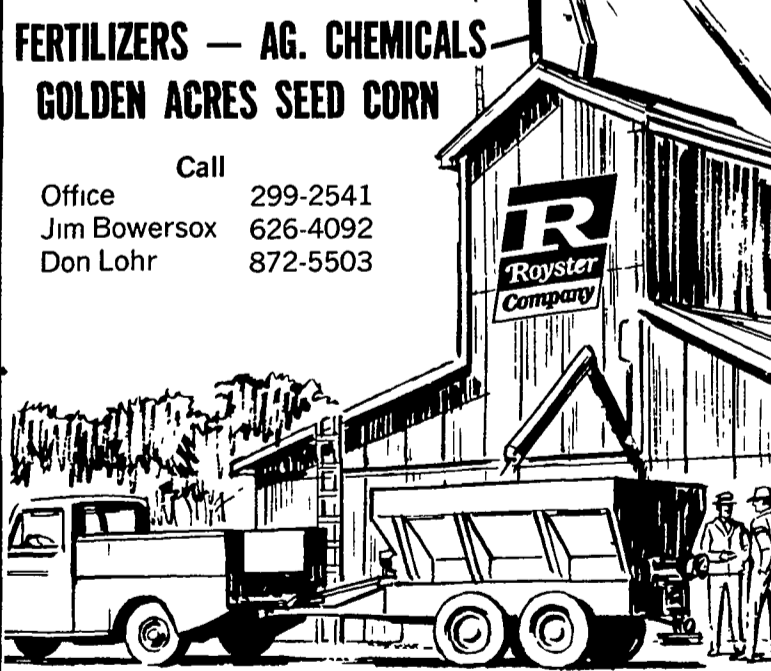
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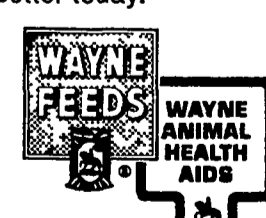
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