

NEXT WEEK WITH:



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The back of winter is broken.

Pot geraniums now . . . President Johnson impeached Feb. 24, 1868 . . . New Moon Feb. 22 . . . Rotary founded Feb. 23, 1905 . . . Average length of days for week, 10 hours, 52 minutes . . . Marathon dancing the rage 1928 . . . Nixon arrives in China Feb. 21, 1972 . . . Famous Iwo Jima photo taken Feb. 23, 1945 . . . Paper first made from rags 1417 . . . Try every man to please and you'll have no ease  
**Old Farmer's Riddle:** What's most like half a pumpkin? (Answer below.)



**Ask the Old Farmer:** We have a beautiful large sketch of a schooner at sea, on which is written: "With a bone in her teeth and the best girl on the tow rope." What does this mean? F.J., Spencer, Iowa.

"Bone in her teeth" refers to the white foam under her bow, and the reference to the "best girl" means homeward bound. In short, she's going home as fast as possible.

**Home Hint:** Wash walls from the bottom up. Drabbles of cleaning solution on dirty walls make streaks that are almost impossible to remove.  
**Riddle answer:** The other half

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**

**New England:** Snow to start, 4-6" by midweek, then partial clearing, rain latter part, with 7-7" snow in mountains.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Light snow and cold at first, then partial clearing and warmer, heavy rain latter part becoming mixed with snow, then partial clearing on weekend.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Light rain to start, then cloudy and seasonably cold, heavy rain latter part followed by gradual clearing.  
**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** First part of week rainy inland and mostly clear with scattered showers along coast; rain followed by partial clearing by week's end.  
**Florida:** Week begins sunny and warm, then showers in central and north, week ends generally clear and very warm.  
**Upstate & Western N.Y.- Toronto & Montreal:** Snow all week accumulating 5-7" in west, 2-4" in east, and 8-10" in south.  
**Greater Ohio Valley:** Light rain to start, then rain becoming mixed with snow followed by clearing and cool, light rain in west and light snow in east latter part.  
**Deep South:** Intermittent rain, heavy at times, for most of week, generally sunny and cool on weekend.  
**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** Freezing rain at first, then clear by midweek, much colder latter part with 4-6" snow in west and light snow in east.  
**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Light snow to start, then sunny, end of week clear and very cold.  
**Central Great Plains:** Snow to start in west and rain in east, then sunny, 3-5" snow in west latter part with flurries in east.  
**Texas-Oklahoma:** Rain to start and cool, then clearing except rain along Gulf, end of week partly sunny and warmer.  
**Rocky Mountain Region:** Week begins with intermittent light snow and cold, then gradual warming, end of week mostly clear and mild with some light snow in north and central.  
**Southwest Desert:** Partly cloudy and mild at first, then clearing and warmer, generally clear and very warm latter part.  
**Pacific Northwest:** Intermittent showers first part of week; rain and cold latter part with heavy snow in mountains.  
**California:** Most of week generally sunny and mild; showers in north on weekend.

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**Merill Lynch Seminars On Hedging Slated**

A seminar on hedging with commodity futures trading will be presented by the Merrill Lynch brokerage firm in the livestock exchange room of the Lancaster Stock Yards. Each session will begin at 7:30 p.m., and the same program will be presented each time. Anyone interested in attending one of the sessions should contact the Merrill Lynch office in Harrisburg via the Hot Line at the Stock Yards, or by calling 717-232-8611 collect.

There will be meetings on Tuesday, February 26 and every Tuesday in March. There will also be sessions on the first two Thursdays in March.

**Corn-Soybean Day Set For Lebanon County Farmers**

George Washington probably would not believe his eyes if he were to see some of the modern tools and technology that farmers use to produce and harvest their crops. He might also wonder why we celebrate his birthday on the 18th of February instead of the 22nd. Lebanon County corn and soybean growers will learn about the latest in crop technology on Monday, February 19th in the Lebanon City-County Building auditorium and the spirit of good farmer George will probably be listening.

Dr. Joseph McGahan, Penn State Corn specialist, will be there to update growers on the latest hybrids and production methods. He will discuss the latest findings from the 12 research variety plots established over the state last year. One of the plots planted on the farm of Henry Royer,

**Pa. Auction Summary**

**Weekly Summary**

**16 Livestock Markets**  
**Week Ending February 8**  
**CATTLE** 7147. Compared with 5967 head last week, and 6447 head a year ago. Market this week very unsettled due to Trucker's strike. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers mostly 75 cents to \$2.75 higher. Slaughter cows mostly \$1 to \$2 higher. Slaughter bullocks steady to \$1.25 higher. Slaughter bulls steady to \$2 higher.  
**STEERS:** High Choice & Prime 51.00-55.10, Choice 48.75-52.50, Good 44.50-50.00, Standard 41.50-45.00, Utility 39.00-41.85.  
**HEIFERS:** Choice 46.60-49.75, Good 41.50-47.50, Standard 38.75-43.75, Utility 37.00-40.00.  
**COWS:** Utility & High Dressing Cutter 35.00-39.00,

few to 41.00, Cutters 33.00-37.25, Canners 29.50-35.00, Shells down to 26.00.  
**BULLOCKS:** Choice 45.50-49.00, Good 42.00-47.25, Standard 41.50-45.00.  
**BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2 1000-2000 pounds 42.00-49.00.  
**FEEDER CATTLE:** Good 300-650 pounds feeder steers 49.50-53.00.  
**CALVES** 2357. Compared with 3160 head last week, and 3770 head a year ago. Vealers grading Standard to Prime strong to \$3 higher, Utility weak to \$2 lower.  
**VEALERS:** Prime 79.00-85.00, Choice 72.00-79.50, Good 65.00-75.00, Standard 55.00-68.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 40.00-51.00, 70-85 33.00-41.00. Farm calves moderate. Holstein bulls 90-125 45.00-74.00; Holstein heifers 100-145 49.00-75.00, few to 90.00.

**Barrows & Gilts** very uneven, mostly \$2.50 to \$3.50 higher.  
**BARROWS & GILTS:** US 1-2 205-235 pounds 46.50-48.50, 1-3 200-240 42.00-48.10, mostly 44.50-47.00, 2-3 195-260 40.00-47.75, mostly 44.00-46.00, 2-4 120-185 41.85-45.20.  
**SOWS:** US 1-3 300-550 pounds 35.00-39.75, few 2-3 300-600 30.00-33.75. Boars 23.75-32.00.  
**FEEDER PIGS** 319. Compared with 867 head last week, and 637 head a year ago. Few US 1-3 20-35 pounds feeder pigs 10.00-19.00 per head, 1-3 35-50 22.50-30.00 per head.  
**SHEEP** 411. Compared with 555 head last week, and 690 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs mostly 50 cents to \$1 higher. Choice 70-90 pounds new crop lambs 42.00-45.00, few to 50.00, Choice woolled slaughter lambs 40.00-45.00, Good 70-90 37.00-41.00. Slaughter ewes 15.00-22.00.

**HOGS** 6233. Compared with 7301 head last week, and 6306 head a year ago.

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