



MARCH 25-31, 1974

Would like to ration this condensation.

Caution children about thin pond ice . . . LBJ decides not to run March 31, 1968 . . . First quarter of the moon March 30 . . . Food rationing began March 29, 1943 . . . Average length of days for week, 13 hours, 29 minutes . . . Skunk cabbage flowering now . . . First Odd Fellows lodge, Boston, March 26, 1820 . . . Ore shipping season on Great Lakes begins now . . . Berlin "Cold War" started March 31, 1948 . . . Every path has a puddle.



Ask the Old Farmer: My father used to sing a song that went something like this — "Snake root! Poke root! Pikry —! Opedilodock," etc. I don't remember the exact wording. I'd be happy if you could tell me. G.C., Salt Lake City.

"Shake-root, poke-root, pikry, burdock, Pennyroyal, opedilodock." Does 'em plenty, does 'em often, cure the pain and aches and caughtin!

Home Hints Ivory piano keys won't turn yellow if you expose them to light now and then . . . Masking tape is a good de-linter. Just press it on the garment and it will pick up lint

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Week begins cloudy and rainy, then occasional snow or freezing rain by midweek; end of week clearing and much warmer, but a Northeaster arrives on weekend.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Cool and rainy to start, then moderately heavy rain; partly cloudy latter part, then heavy rain and warmer.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Moderate rain to midweek, then clearing and mild; end of week clear and mild, then rain on week-end.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Cloudy and very warm at first, then showers by midweek; rain and much cooler latter part.

Florida: Week begins clear and very warm, then rain; moderately heavy rain continuing to end of week.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Clear to start, then light snow mixed with rain in southeast, end of week clear and very warm, then rain.

Greater Ohio Valley: First part of week rainy; partly cloudy and warm latter part, then showers in east and rain in west.

Deep South: Occasional rain at first, then heavy rain in north; rain continues to end of week.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Rain mixed with snow and cold to start, then light rain and much warmer; warm spring rain latter part, except rain mixed with snow and colder in west.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Partly clear, then light snow in west and rain in east; light snow throughout region latter part.

Central Great Plains: Week begins mild, then light rain in east and rain mixed with snow in west, end of week cloudy, much colder and flurries.

Texas-Oklahoma: Mostly sunny and warm at first, then occasional showers along Gulf and rain in central; rain latter part, then clearing and cool.

Rocky Mountain Region: Increasing cloudiness and cold to start, then light snow in north and central and light rain in east, end of week clearing and warmer in north and central and light snow then warming in east.

Southwest Desert: Week begins clear and very warm, then cloudy and cooler by midweek; end of week mostly clear with highs in the 80s.

Pacific Northwest: First part of week rainy and cold in south, rain or freezing rain in north; rain to end of week and warmer.

California: Rain to start, then cloudy by midweek with heavy snow in mountains; generally clear and warm latter part, then rain in north.

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Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary
 19 Livestock Markets
 Week Ending March 15
CATTLE 6021. Compared with 5820 head last week, and 7278 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers 50 cents to \$1.50 higher, spots \$2 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 50 cents spots \$2 higher. Slaughter bullocks unevenly steady to \$1.25 lower, instances \$1.75 higher. Slaughter bulls mostly \$1 higher.
STEERS: High Choice & Prime 45.60-47.50, Choice 45.00-48.10, Good 42.75-46.00, Standard 39.50-43.25, Utility 37.25-39.25.
HEIFERS: Choice 43.40-46.75, Good 40.25-44.00, Standard 37.00-40.00.

COWS: Utility & High Dressing Cutter 32.50-37.50, Cutters 31.00-35.00, Canners 28.00-33.00, Shells down to 25.00.
BULLOCKS: Choice 43.75-45.75, Good 41.50-43.75, Standard 39.75-43.00, Utility 36.90-39.60.
BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 800-1100 pounds 37.75-38.75, 1100-2000 40.00-46.50.
FEEDER CATTLE: Good 300-650 pounds feeder steers 47.00-54.00, Medium 40.00-49.50; Good 300-600 feeder heifers 41.00-48.00, Medium 38.25-44.00.
CALVES 3728. Compared with 3920 head last week, and 4269 head a year ago. Vealers steady to \$2 lower.
VEALERS: Prime 73.50-80.00, few to 83.00, Choice

68.00-75.50, Good 60.00-70.00, Standard 50.00-65.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 38.00-50.00, 70-85 lbs. 33.00-40.00. Farm calves, Holstein bulls 90-120 pounds 45.00-73.00; Holstein heifers 90-140 50.00-78.00; few beef cross bulls & heifers 70-100 53.00-78.00.
HOGS 7320. Compared with 7707 head last week, and 6971 head a year ago. Barrows & gilts 50 cents to \$1 lower, spots \$2 lower.
BARROWS & GILTS: US 1-2 205-240 pounds 38.00-40.00, 1-3 200-250 35.50-39.00, 2-3 185-260 34.85-37.50, 2-4 250-300 34.00-36.75, 2-4 125-185 33.25-36.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-550 pounds 30.00-36.25. Boars 23.50-30.00.
FEEDER PIGS 568. Compared with 730 head last week, and 679 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-35 pound feeder pigs 13.50-33.00 per head, 1-3 35.50 21.00-35.00, 1-3 50-85 31.00-40.00 per head.
SHEEP 455. Compared with 645 head last week, and 657 head a year ago. Spring slaughter lambs mostly \$5 higher on small supply; woolled slaughter lambs steady to \$1 higher. Choice 50-85 pound spring slaughter lambs 50.00-71.50, Choice 70-100 woolled slaughter lambs 40.00-46.00, Good 60-85 30.00-39.00, Utility 50-80 22.00-32.00. Slaughter ewes 12.00-25.50.

Tune Up and Save, Says Auto Expert

DETROIT — "Shape up your car and your driving habits and you'll save a lot of gas and money," advises Chrysler Vice President Bob McCurry.

Keep your engine tuned. If the ignition timing is off just 5 degrees from the proper setting it can cost you about half a mile per gallon in highway economy. Fouled spark plugs also waste gas. One plug misfiring half the time at 60 miles per hour (mph) can cost you about 1.2 miles per gallon (mpg).

Tires play an important role in fuel economy. If tires are 4 pounds below recommended pressure you can lose a half to one mile per gallon.

Wheel alignment hits your pocketbook two ways. If the wheels are out of line the tires wear out faster, and you can lose about one-third of a mile per gallon.

"Follow the book, and it'll save you money," says McCurry. "The owner's manual gives the best advice on how to make your car run better and use less gas."

The government has called for lower speed limits, and there's a good reason. You lose about 1 mile per gallon for every 5 miles per hour over 50.

In boating there is a phrase "hold her steady as she goes". The same theory works for cars: maintain a steady speed and you can really save gas and money. If your foot flutters on the accelerator . . . and your 50 mph plus cruising speed varies plus-minus 5 miles per hour . . . it will cost you up to 1.3 miles per gallon.

Anyone who has carried weight, from grocery sacks to a bag of cement, knows that extra weight slows you down. Extra weight also reduces your gas mileage. Don't carry extra weight (such as golf clubs, ballast or tools) in the car or trunk because for each 100 pounds you can lose .2 mphg. 'Easy does it' when driving. Accelerate slower

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and plan your driving so that you have to make fewer stops. Those dragrace starts from traffic lights can cost you as much as 1.6 miles per gallon.

"You can save yourself quite a bit of money if you take good care of your car and drive thoughtfully," McCurry stated. "At the same time, you'll be doing your part to help America cope with the energy problem."

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