



APRIL 8-14, 1974

If wind follows sun's course, expect fair weather.

Seed winter-killed grass patches now . . . General MacArthur stripped of command April 11, 1951 . . . Third quarter of the moon April 14 . . . Peppers are peeping now . . . Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 9 minutes . . . Salk vaccine approved April 12, 1955 . . . Sardines are running now . . . Pony Express began April 9, 1860 . . . Safety pin patented April 10, 1849 . . . Weather, wind, women and fortune change like the moon.



We believe they are still made, but ask your hardware man. Home Hints: Next time you make a pumpkin chiffon pie, add a little grated orange rind along with the spices . . . To keep brown sugar soft, store it in a plastic bag in a 2-pound coffee can.

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**

**New England:** Light rain to start, then partial clearing; intermittent rain latter part and light snow in mountains.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Week begins partly cloudy and mild, then storm arriving by midweek; end of week cool with heavy rain.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** First part of week mild with intermittent spring showers; increasingly cloudy latter part, then rain and cooler.  
**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Early week warm and nice inland but partly cloudy and showery along coast; end of week cloudy and cooler with rain on weekend.  
**Florida:** Cloudy with showers at first, then partial clearing, clear and very warm latter part, then rain.  
**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Light rain to start, then clear and warm; cool light rain at week's end.  
**Greater Ohio Valley:** Week begins cloudy and rainy, then partly sunny and mild; light rain latter part.  
**Deep South:** Partly cloudy and cool at first, then occasional rain; cooler with rain continuing to end of week.  
**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** Light rain throughout region first part of week; end of week mostly sunny and spring-like.  
**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Early week partly cloudy and showers in west, rain mixed with snow in east; partly sunny and cold latter part, then rain in east and 2-4" snow in west.  
**Central Great Plains:** First part of week partly sunny, partly showery; end of week rainy and cool in east and fair followed by rain in west.  
**Texas-Oklahoma:** Clear and warm, except light rain along Gulf, to start, then showers, except clear and hot along Gulf; rain throughout region latter part, then clearing and warm.  
**Rocky Mountain Region:** Cloudy to start, then light snow and showers; rain latter part becoming mixed rain and snow.  
**Southwest Desert:** First part of week mostly clear with highs in mid 80s; end of week increasingly cloudy and cooler.  
**Pacific Northwest:** Clear and warm at first, then showers by midweek; end of week rainy and cooler.  
**California:** Early week generally cloudy and cool; cloudy latter part with showers in north.

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**Weekly Summary**  
**19 Livestock Markets**  
**Week Ending March 29**  
**CATTLE 5828.** Compared with 4849 head last week, and 7403 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers 25 cents to 75 cents lower. Slaughter cows 50 cents to \$1.50 lower. Slaughter bullocks uneven. Slaughter bulls steady to \$1 lower.  
**STEERS:** High Choice & Prime 43.10-45.35, Choice 41.60-45.10, Good 40.00-44.25, Standard 38.50-42.60, Utility 36.75-40.00.  
**HEIFERS:** Choice 41.25-43.50, Good 39.50-41.30, Standard 37.50-40.50, Utility 35.00-38.60.  
**COWS:** Utility & High Dressing Cutter 32.50-35.80, Cutters 31.50-34.50, Canners

29.00-32.75, Shells down to 25.00.  
**BULLOCKS:** Choice 42.75-44.50, Good 40.00-44.60, Standard 39.50-42.85, Utility 37.00-39.70.  
**BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2 800-1200 pounds 37.85-40.75, 1200-2000 39.00-45.10.  
**FEEDER CATTLE:** Good 300-600 pounds feeder steers 45.00-53.00, Medium 38.25-47.50; Good 300-600 feeder heifers 42.50-51.00, Medium 38.00-42.50.  
**CALVES 3315.** Compared with 3489 head last week, and 3947 head a year ago. Vealers mostly steady to \$2 higher, except Prime \$1 to \$4 lower.  
**VEALERS:** Prime 70.00-80.00, Choice 68.00-76.00, Good 62.00-70.00, Standard 52.00-63.50, Utility 90-120

pounds 38.00-50.00, 70-85 lbs. 34.00-42.00.  
**Farm calves active,** Holstein bulls 80-120 pounds 45.00-72.00; Holstein heifers 90-150 45.00-80.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-110 45.00-75.00.  
**HOGS 6190.** Compared with 7189 head last week, and 7563 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts uneven 50 cents lower to \$1 higher.  
**BARROWS & GILTS:** US 1-2 210-240-pounds 34.60-36.00, 1-3 200-250 33.70-34.90, 2-3 190-255 31.25-34.00, 2-4 240-285 28.00-33.00, 2-4 125-185 30.35-34.10.  
**SOWS:** US No. 1-3 300-600

pounds 28.00-33.00 2-3 300-650 25.00-29.50. Boars 22.00-27.50.  
**FEEDER PIGS 684.** Compared with 645 head last week, and 683 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-35 pounds feeder pigs 15.00-24.50 per head, 1-3 35-50 22.00-30.00, 1-3 55-80 28.50-32.00 per head.  
**SHEEP 964.** Compared with 457 head last week, and 789 head a year ago. Spring slaughter lambs steady to \$3 higher; woolled slaughter lambs uneven, steady to \$4 lower. Choice 20-40 pounds spring slaughter lambs 60.50-80.00, 40-80 48.00-64.00, Good 40-80 44.00-53.00; Choice 70-90 woolled slaughter lambs 35.00-44.50, Good 60-85 32.00-41.00. Slaughter ewes 10.00-25.00.

**Growers and Processors To Absorb Apple Hike**

An increase in the present assessment to support the Pennsylvania apple marketing program was generally favored at a public hearing held March 29 at the Agriculture Building, Harrisburg. A proposed amendment to the program would raise the rate paid by growers on apples for fresh market sale from three cents per hundredweight to five cents per bushel. The rate for processing apples would be raised from one cent a hundredweight to two cents a hundredweight.

The hearing was called following a request by the State Horticultural Association for the Department of Agriculture to conduct a referendum on a rate increase as provided by the Agricultural Marketing Act.

Seven growers said they favored the amendment as proposed. Another said he favored the proposed increase on fresh apples but would like to see a higher rate for processing apples.

Those favoring the increase spoke of the need to make Pennsylvania apples more competitive in the market place with western apples and other fruit.

Two growers said they did not favor an increase until a proposal, based on marketing research, indicated just how much money would be required to achieve identified goals.



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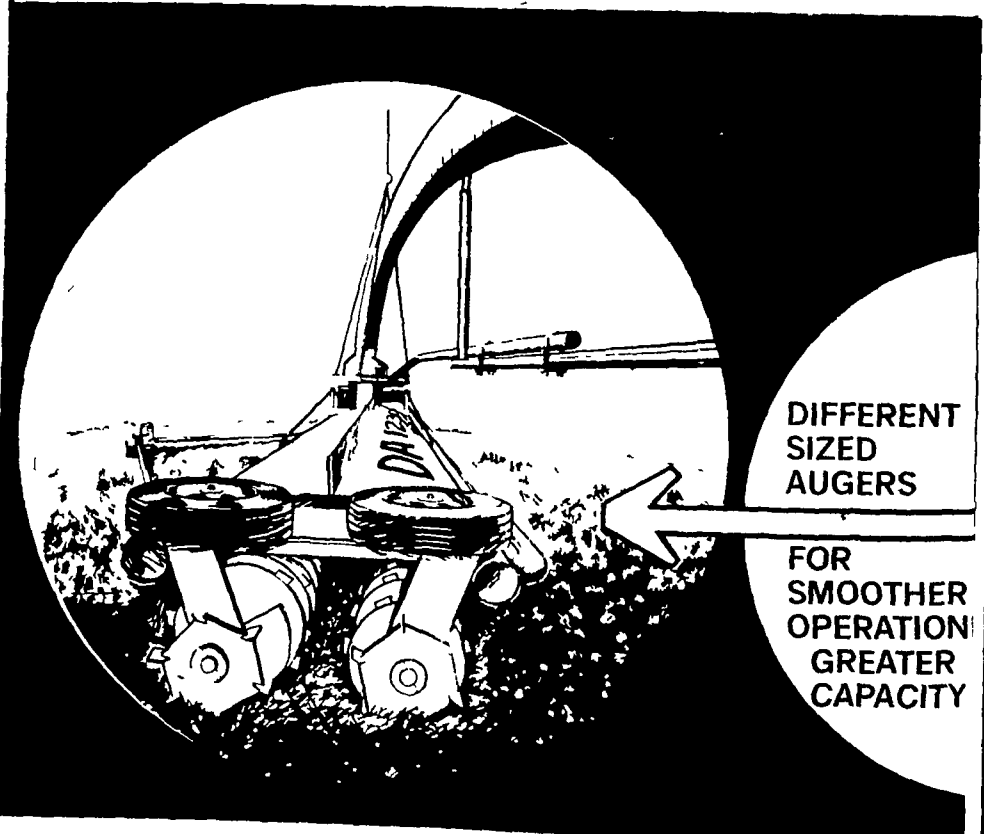
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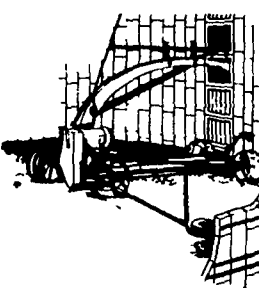


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