



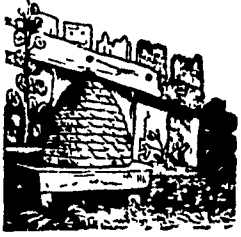
# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 27 - JUNE 2

Hope you're as happy as the bees now.

Seek solitude more often . . . Bob Hope born May 29, 1904 . . . First quarter of the moon May 28 . . . Turtles lay eggs . . . Average length of days for week, 15 hours, 2 minutes . . . Pink Lady Slippers bloom now . . . Mt. Everest conquered May 29, 1953 . . . Golden Gate Bridge opened May 27, 1937 . . . P. T. Barnum's first tour began June 2, 1836 . . . If you would enjoy the fruit, pluck not the flower.

**Old Farmer's Riddle:** Who invented the steam engine? (Answer below.)



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Since childhood, I have known of the pumpkin or jack-o-lantern. Do you know the origin of this toy? R.B., Portland, Maine.

*Jack-o-lanterns or witch fire are the balls of phosphorescent junk that come out of swamps in spring and dance around, formerly scaring people half to death. The*

*pumpkin-lantern was first employed by colonists who had outdoor work to do at night and had neither suitable torches or other means of illumination, so used candles in a scooped-out pumpkin.*

**Home Hint:** A large kitchen style turntable underneath the kitchen sink keeps soaps and cleaners organized and within easy reach . . . Riddle's answer: Watts-his-name.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Increasing cloudiness to start, then rain; clear and warm latter part.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Intermittent rainfall at first, then pleasant; end of week cool with light rain.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** First part of week warm with light drizzle; spring showers and hot latter part.  
**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Clear and hot to start, then coastal rain; end of week clear and very hot.  
**Florida:** Rain at first, then partly sunny; mostly clear and very hot latter part.  
**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Week begins sunny and warm, then rain and cooler; end of week rainy and cool except clear and mild in Montreal.  
**Greater Ohio Valley:** Clear and very warm to start, then heavy rain and cooler; end of week partly sunny and hot in west and scattered showers and hot in east.  
**Deep South:** Generally clear and hot all week.  
**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** First part of week rainy and cool; end of week clear and very warm in west and light rain in east.  
**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Moderately heavy rain to start, then intermittent rain and warm; end of week clear and warm.  
**Central Great Plains:** Hot and sunny at first, then intermittent rain; clear and hot latter part except rain in west.  
**Texas-Oklahoma:** Early week mostly clear and hot with showers in north; week ends partly cloudy and very hot.  
**Rocky Mountain Region:** First part of week mostly sunny and warm except some rain in central; cloudy and warm latter part, then rain in east.  
**Southwest Desert:** Mostly clear all week with highs in 90s; light rain starting on weekend.  
**Pacific Northwest:** Rainy and cool all week with heavy snow in mountains on weekend.  
**California:** Partly cloudy to start, then light rain in north; end of week rainy and mild in north and partly sunny in south.

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## Pa. Auction Summary

**Weekly Summary**  
**18 Livestock Markets**  
**Week Ending May 17**  
**CATTLE** 6192. Compared with 6638 head last week, and 6402 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers

mostly 75 cents to \$1.50 lower, instances \$2 lower on Choice. Slaughter cows steady to \$1 higher. Slaughter bullocks & bulls steady to 75 cents lower. High Choice & Prime

slaughter steers 42.00-45.00, Choice 39.10-42.25, Good 37.50-40.25, Standard 35.85-38.25, Utility 34.00-37.00. Few Choice slaughter heifers 39.00-39.50, Good 36.35-36.50, Standard 35.00-37.80. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 31.50-35.00, Cutters 30.50-33.50, Canners 28.00-32.00, Shells down to 23.75. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 39.00-42.85, Good 37.00-41.10, Standard 36.50-39.10, few Utility 34.00-36.50. Yield Grade 1-2 1000-2000 pounds slaughter bulls 36.75-42.00. Good 300-600 feeder steers 40.00-45.00, Medium 34.50-39.75; Good 300-600 feeder heifers 38.50-43.00.

90-120 pounds 45.00-70.00; Holstein heifers 85-140 50.00-82.50; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-140 50.00-75.00.

**HOGS** 6997. Compared with 6724 head last week, and 6966 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts 50 cents to 75 cents lower. US 1-2 205-235 pounds barrows & gilts 29.75-30.60, 1-3 200-250 28.00-29.75, 2-3 190-250 26.50-29.00, 2-4 250-300 25.00-28.00, 2-4 120-185 25.00-28.10. US 1-3 300-550 pounds sows 20.00-24.50. Boars 18.00-22.00.

**FEDDER PIGS** 918. Compared with 823 head last week, and 808 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-35 pounds feeder pigs 12.00-21.50 per head, 1-3 35-50 16.00-28.50 per head.

**SHEEP** 740. Compared with 640 head last week, and 796 head a year ago. Spring slaughter lambs steady to weak. Choice 30-60 pounds spring slaughter lambs 52.00-67.00, 70-100 43.00 - 57.00. Slaughter ewes 7.00-18.25.

**CALVES** 2629. Compared with 2848 head last week, and 2845 head a year ago. Vealers mostly steady. Few Prime vealers 68.00-75.00, Choice 63.00-70.00, Good 58.00-66.00, Standard 50.00-60.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 40.00-52.00, 70-85 35.00-42.00. Farm calves, Holstein bulls

## Spark Plugs Need Service

While twice annual tune-ups have long been recommended by maintenance experts, the onset of the energy crisis has focused new attention on getting the farm truck or car engine checked every six months.

Correcting ignition system problems on a twice-annual basis will help save scarce and costly gasoline, is the message of groups like the Federal Energy Office.

Part of this semi-annual tune-up should be an examination of the spark plugs.

According to Champion Spark Plug Company, after 10,000 miles an electrode gap wear of .005" to .008" has taken place. The plugs are no longer firing efficiently and gasoline is being wasted. The remedy is installing a new set of plugs.

However, at intervals of 5,000 miles of use, you'll be gaining in fuel economy by servicing the plugs. Champion recommends the following services and procedures.

— Remove any oily deposits with a solvent and dry plugs thoroughly.

— Open the electrode gap wide enough to permit cleaning and filing.

— Using a good quality abrasive cleaner, remove combustion deposits. Then with clean air, blast away all abrasive material remaining on the plug thread and bore surfaces.

— File the electrode surfaces vigorously to restore clean, sharp edges.

— Reset gap to specifications by bending the side electrode only.

## Laundering Knits

A knit garment can shrink if dried too long at too high a temperature, cautions Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, Extension clothing specialist at The Pennsylvania State University.

Knits will also shrink, wrinkle or fuzz if washed in hot water with too long a cycle, high agitation and fast spinning. Long tumbling in the dryer will also cause hard-to-remove wrinkles in knits.

Always wash and dry knits

with caution, urges Mrs. Wilson. She says the easy care qualities of knits can never be accepted as "anything goes" for laundering.

Wash knits in warm water for about six minutes at medium to low agitation. Use the lowest spin to avoid wrinkles. If the machine has a setting for delicate fabrics or one specifically for knitted fabrics, be sure to use this.

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