

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JUNE 24 - 30, 1974

Lovely week for a dip in the creek.

Plant cucumbers for pickling now . . . Molly Pitcher manned a gun in battle near Freehold, N.J., June 28, 1878 . . . First quarter of the moon June 26 . . . Trees stop growing for the year this week . . . Average length of days for week, 15 hours, 18 minutes . . . First air clipper took passengers to Europe June 28, 1939 . . . Supreme Court no-prayer school decision June 25, 1962 . . . Telephone first exhibited Centennial Exhibition, Phila., June 25, 1876 . . . To him that wills, ways are seldom wanting.

Old Farmer's Riddle: Why are soldiers and dentists alike? (Answer below.)

Ask the Old Farmer: Where did the expression "green thumb" come from? F. K., Grunnell, Iowa.

We believe it originated during the reign of the first Edward of Saxon, England. King Edward was very fond of green peas and kept half a dozen serfs shelling them during the season. The one who had the greenest thumb won a prize of some kind. In time it became an expression denoting skill in growing.

Home Hint: For best performance and longer wear from a zipper, make sure the zipper is closed before washing, ironing, or dry cleaning . . . **Riddle answer:** They both have to drill.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: First part of week partly clear and warm; rain, heavy inland, latter part.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Early week mostly clear and hot, end of week rainy and cooler.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Warm showers to start, then mostly clear and hot for remainder of week.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Rain at first, then partly cloudy and very warm; rain again latter part.

Florida: Light rain at first, then clearing; rain and hot at week's end.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Sunny and hot to start, then scattered showers; end of week cloudy and cooler.

Greater Ohio Valley: Week begins rainy in east, then clear and hot, good weather to end of week in west, but rainy and cool latter part in east.

Deep South: Most of week generally clear and very hot; rain at week's end.

Chicago and Southern Great Lakes: Week begins clear and hot, then increasing clouds and cooler; showers latter part in west.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: Most of week sunny and warm; rain on weekend.

Central Great Plains: Mostly sunny and hot all week in east; rain on weekend in west.

Texas-Oklahoma: Hot and clear all week except intermittent rain in north latter part.

Rocky Mountain Region: Mostly sunny and very warm all week except rain to start in east and north; rain again on weekend in east and north.

Southwest Desert: Cloudy to start, then clearing and very hot for rest of week.

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Leesport Livestock Auction

June 19, 1974

CATTLE: 255: Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers uneven, mostly \$1 to \$1.75 higher. Slaughter cows steady to \$1 higher. Slaughter bullocks & bulls uneven. Few Choice slaughter steers 39.00-40.75, Good & Choice 36.25-39.35, Standard 32.00-35.50. Individual Choice slaughter heifer at 36.85. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 31.00-32.85, individual at 34.00, Cutters 29.00-31.00, Canners 27.00-29.75. Choice slaughter bullocks, individual's 38.25 and 38.85, Good 35.25-37.10, Standard 32.25-35.35. Yield Grade 1-2 1235-1825 lbs. slaughter bulls 33.25-37.35, individual 1025 lbs. 31.60. Good 290-380 lbs. feeder steers 42.00-46.50, 760-860 lbs. 36.85-38.00; Good 300-750 lbs. feeder bulls 33.00-36.85, Medium 500-730 lbs. 29.85-31.50.

CALVES: 117: Few Choice vealers 62.00-66.00, Good 56.00-61.50, Standard 50.00-56.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 38.00-45.00, 70-85 lbs. 35.00-38.50. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 46.00-58.00; holstein heifers 85-120 lbs. 42.00-52.00.

HOGS: 230: Barrows & Gilts \$6.50 to \$7 higher. US No. 1-3 205-230 lbs. barrows & gilts 32.60 33.35, No. 2-3 195-250 lbs. 31.85-33.00. US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. sows 20.00-21.25. Boars 18.00-22.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 204: US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 11.50-16.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 18.00-24.00 per head.

Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary
19 Livestock Markets
Week Ending 6-14-74

CATTLE: 6536. Slaughter steers 75-2.00 lower. Slaughter cows 25-50 lower. Bulls and bullocks 1.00-2.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice & Prime 36.50-38.00, Choice 36.00-38.00, Good 34.50-37.00, Standard 32.50-34.50, Utility 31.85-33.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 34.00-35.75, Good 32.25-34.50, Standard 31.00-32.75, Utility 30.00-32.00.

COWS: Utility & High Dressing Cutter 29.00-31.00,

Cutters 28.00-29.75, Canners 26.00-28.25, Shells down to 23.00.

BULLOCKS: Choice 34.50-36.50, Good 33.50-35.50, Standard 32.50-34.50, Utility 31.75-33.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1100-2000 pounds 32.90-37.00, Choice feeder steers 650-800 pounds 36.50-41.50, Good 350-850 pounds 33.00-48.00, Medium 300-500 34.50-39.00, Medium & Good feeder bulls 300-750 pounds 31.75-36.00.

CALVES: 3003. Vealers mostly 1.00-2.00 lower, Prime 68.00-73.00, Choice 59.00-64.00, Good 53.00-59.00, Standard 47.00-53.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 42.00-47.00, 70-85 pounds 36.00-42.00.

Farm calves, Holstein bulls 90-125 pounds 45.00-56.00, Holstein heifers 90-125 pounds 48.00-59.00, beef cross bulls & heifers 70-130 pounds 48.00-61.00.

HOGS: 6879. 1.25-2.00 lower, US 1-2 200-300 pounds. **BARROWS & GILTS:**

27.50-28.00, 1-3 190-240 pounds 25.75-27.00, 2-3 195-260 pounds 24.50-25.75, 2-4 250-300 pounds 21.75-23.50, 2-4 150-180 pounds 21.85-24.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-600 pounds 17.25-19.25, 2-3 300-750 pounds 15.75-17.25. Boars 15.00-19.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 1126. US 1-3 20-35 pounds 9.00-18.00 per head, 1-3 35-50 pounds 15.00-23.00 per head, 1-3 50-85 pounds 20.00-25.00 per head.

SHEEP: 868. Choice Spring lambs 60-105 pounds 43.75-48.00, Good 45-90 pounds 36.85-42.00. Slaughter ewes 9.50-15.75.

Growing Degree Days

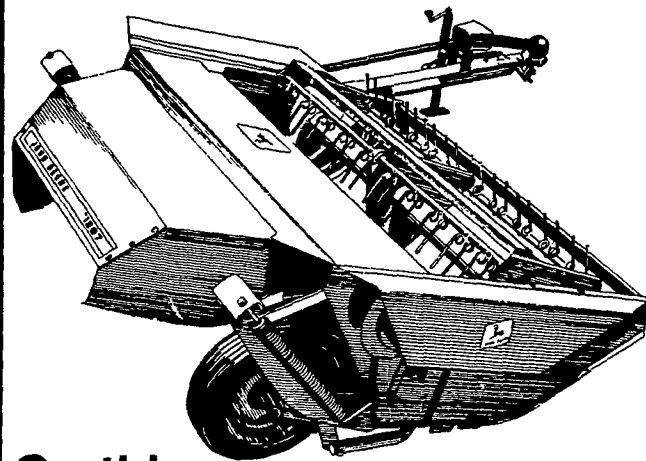
In Lancaster, the average temperature for the week was 69 degrees, 1 degree from the normal. Growing degree days for crops that start at 40 degrees totaled 1534, 128 more than the normal average.

For crops starting at 50 degrees, growing degree days totaled 810, 104 more than the average.

Rainfall for the week was 1.06 inches. Rainfall measured from April 1, was 10.36 inches, .73 inches more than the normal average.

SHEEP: 24: Few Choice 20-100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 45.00-50.00, two Utility 55 lbs. 35.00. Slaughter ewes 10.00-15.00; Yearlings 19.00-25.00.

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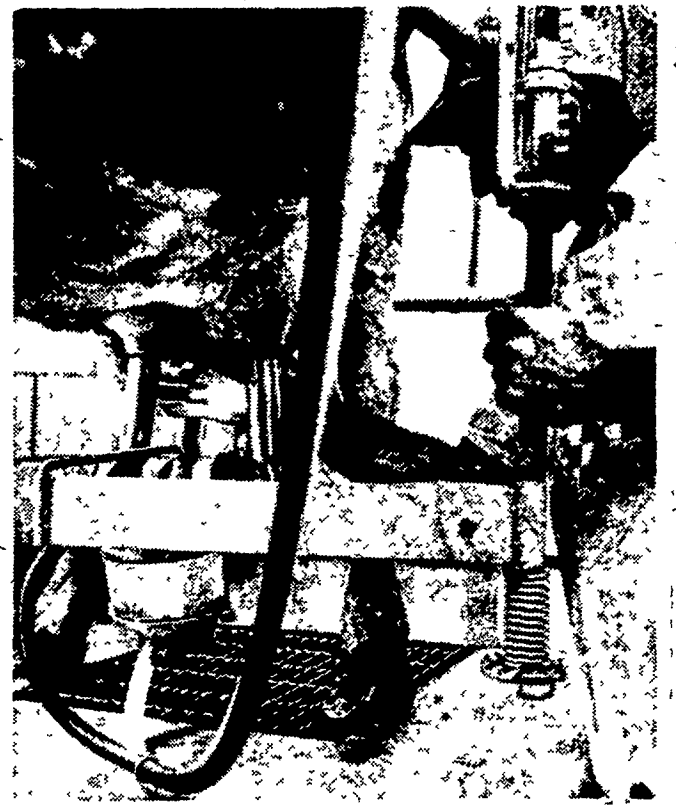
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