



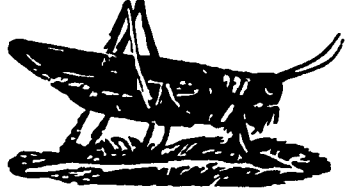
# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

AUG. 12-18, 1974

The quiet August noon has come.

Watch for meteorites when nights are clear this week . . . Blondin crossed Niagara on tightrope Aug. 17, 1859 . . . New moon Aug. 17 . . . Cat nighs begin now . . . Average length of days for week, 13 hours, 57 minutes . . . Fireball in Ohio and Indiana sky Aug. 18, 1944 . . . Women's dresses ankle length 1947 . . . Railroads first carry mail Aug. 14, 1838 . . . He that knows least presumes to know most.

**Old Farmer's Riddle:** What friends should you have around you when you feel tired? (Answer below.)



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Why are some fire trucks known as "hook and ladder" trucks? F. S., Alexandria, La.

Such trucks used to carry a huge hook on a pole to haul wooden buildings apart — the better to contain the fire.

**Home Hint:** When cooking noodles or spaghetti, add a bouillon cube to the boiling water. Your pasta will have added flavor . . . Riddle answer: Only nodding acquaintances

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Rain to start, then pleasant; rain again latter part, heavy inland and light along coast.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Showers at first, then mostly cloudy and warm; heavy rain at end of week.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Quite warm and rainy most of week; clearing and very warm by weekend.  
**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Light rain and cool most of week; clearing except along coast by weekend.  
**Florida:** Hot and rainy all week; rain heavy during latter part.  
**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Rain to start, then pleasant and warm; rain again latter part, then clearing on weekend.  
**Greater Ohio Valley:** Intermittent rain and cool all week; rain very heavy in east latter part.  
**Deep South:** Heavy rain in northwest at first, then cloudy and cooling; rain except in south latter part, then clearing.  
**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** First part of week cooling with light rain, end of week mostly clear and quite warm.  
**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Week begins rainy, then sunny and warm; end of week showers in west and rain in east.  
**Central Great Plains:** Cloudy and cooling at first, then heavy showers; cloudy and hot latter part.  
**Texas-Oklahoma:** Most of week rainy in central and north; sunny and hot all week along Gulf.  
**Rocky Mountain Region:** First part of week sunny and very warm; end of week rainy and cooler.  
**Southwest Desert:** Early week mostly clear and very hot; partly cloudy with showers latter part.  
**Pacific Northwest:** Rain most of week; generally clear and warm by weekend.  
**California:** Cloudy all week in south; rain to start in north, then clear and warm to end of week.

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## Pa. Auction Summary

Weekly Summary  
19 Livestock Markets  
Week Ending Aug. 2, 1974

**CATTLE 7208.** Compared with 7216 head last week, and 4836 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers

grading Good to Prime steady to \$2 higher, Utility & Standard steady to 50 cents higher. Slaughter heifers steady to \$1.50 higher. Slaughter cows mostly 75 cents to \$1.50 higher, although middle of week on saw prices drop \$4 to \$5. Slaughter bullocks uneven, mostly \$1 higher. Slaughter bulls mostly steady.

## Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.  
August 7, 1974

**CATTLE 305.** Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers grading Good & Choice \$2 to \$4 higher. Slaughter cows weak to \$2 lower. Slaughter bulls uneven. Choice slaughter steers 45.75-48.00, couple 48.75 and 49.25, Good 39.25-44.75, Standard 33.50-38.25, few Utility 30.00-33.00. Few Good slaughter heifers 34.75-38.10, few Standard 28.00-34.25. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 25.75-28.25, Cutters 24.00-26.85, Canners 21.50-24.35, Shells down to 18.00. Good slaughter bullocks 34.25-38.60, Standard 30.10-35.60, few Utility 28.10-30.75. Few Yield Grade 1-2 835-960 lbs. slaughter bulls 28.00-32.00, 1000-1545 lbs. 31.85-35.75. Good 300-500 lbs. feeder steers 36.50-41.25, 850-785 lbs. 32.00-35.00, Medium 500-980 lbs. 25.00-32.00; Good & Choice 400-800 lbs. feeder bulls 30.00-34.25, few Medium 400-800 lbs. 25.00-28.50.

**CALVES 134.** Individual Choice vealer at 60.50, few Good 50.00-58.50, Standard 40.00-52.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 36.00-40.00, 70-85 lbs. 32.00-36.00. Farm Calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 38.00-57.50; holstein heifers 90-120 lbs. 40.00-47.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-120 lbs. 37.00-63.00.

**HOGS 231.** Barrows & Gilts steady to strong. US No. 1-3 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 38.60-39.35, No. 2-3 185-240 lbs. 37.50-38.50, No. 2-4 240-285 lbs. 34.25-36.85. US No. 1-3 300-565 lbs. sows 22.00-24.50. Boars 21.00-24.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 136.** US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 12.00-18.00, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 17.00-25.00 per head.

**SHEEP 14.** Few Choice 75-120 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 35.00-38.50, individual 45 lbs. at 43.00, few Good 35-70 lbs. 25.00-34.00. Few Slaughter ewes 5.00-10.00.

**STEERS:** High Choice & Prime 45.00-49.00, Choice 43.25-46.00, Good 38.75-43.00, Standard 34.50-37.50. Utility 30.00-33.00. **HEIFERS:** Choice 38.00-41.00, Good 35.50-38.00, Standard 32.00-34.00, few Utility 24.00-29.00. **COWS:** Utility & High Dressing Cutter 27.75-30.00, few to 33.00, Cutters 26.00-28.00, Canners 23.85-26.25, Shells down to 19.50. **BULLOCKS:** Choice 36.00-38.50, Good 34.00-36.50, Standard 32.85-35.00, few Utility 30.00-33.00. **BULLS:** 1-2 1000-2000 pounds 32.25-37.00. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Good 500-900 lbs. feeder steers 35.00-41.00, Medium 350-900 lbs. 30.00-36.00; Medium & Good 500-750 lbs. feeder heifers 28.00-35.00; Medium & Good 385-800 lbs. feeder bulls 28.00-36.00.

**CALVES 3797.** Compared with 3678 head last week, and 3818 head a year ago. Vealers mostly \$3 to \$5 higher.

**VEALERS:** Prime 63.00-70.00, Choice 56.00-63.00, Good 49.00-57.00, Standard 43.00-50.00, Utility 90-120 pounds 33.00-41.00. 70-85 128.00-34.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 80-130 37.00-54.00; holstein heifers 75-140 41.00-60.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-130 40.00-57.00.

**HOGS 7100.** Compared with 7451 head last week, and 5623 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts 75 cents to \$1 higher.

**BARROWS & GILTS:** 1-2 200-235 pounds 38.00-39.00, 1-3 190-240 37.00-38.00, 2-3 190-260 36.00-37.00, 2-4 250-275 29.00-34.00, 2-4 140-175 29.00-32.00. **SOWS:** 1-3 275-575 pounds 23.50-28.00, 2-3 374-600 20.00-23.50. Boars 28.00-22.00. **FEEDER PIGS 1359.**

## Area FFA Members Receive Top Honors

Dan Reuwee, Director of Information for the National FFA Center, recently announced that several area FFA members had been selected to receive top regional and national awards.

Jacob W. Musser, 21, of Quarryville, Lancaster County has been named North Atlantic Regional Star Agribusinessman for 1974. Musser, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Musser of Quarryville and is a graduate of Garden Spot High School.

He was active in the Grassland Chapter of FFA and worked his way up to forman in Weaver's Poultry Plant.

The Agribusiness Award was based on his achievements in one or more areas of non-productive agriculture as well as leadership in FFA activities. Musser was among three other regional agribusinessmen who were chosen from 642 applicants.

As Star Agribusinessman, Musser will receive a cash award of \$500 presented by the National FFA Foundation at the National Future Farmers Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, October 15-18.

Selected to receive the Regional Star American Farmer Award was John Roland Moyer, 21, RD1,

Compared with 1655 head last week, and 992 head a year ago. 1-3 20-35 pounds feeder pigs 8.00-14.00 per head, 1-32 35-50 lbs. 14.00-22.00, 1-3 50-100 22.00-27.00, Utility 15-25 5.00-11.50 per head.

**SHEEP 1171.** Compared with 1066 head last week, and 1029 head a year ago. Spring slaughter lambs uneven, mostly \$1 to \$2 lower. Choice 70-115 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 35.00-39.00, few to 42.00, Good 60-105 lbs. 29.00-35.00, Utility 40-80 21.00-26.00. Slaughter ewes 7.00-15.00.

Newmanstown in Lebanon County.

Moyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Moyer and is presently working on his own dairy farm.

Selection of the Star American Farmers is based on achievement in agriculture and leadership in FFA activities. Moyer was also among three other regional winners selected from 642 applications.

Moyer will also be receiving a cash award of \$500 from the National FFA Foundation at the National Convention.

Eight area FFA members were also selected to receive the American Farmer Degrees from the National FFA Center.

They are Michael Hartman, RD1, Robesonia, Berks County; Boyd Hitz, RD1, Annville, Lebanon County; Roy P. Hoppes, RD2, Hamburg, Berks County; Joseph Lefever, RD4, Manheim, Lancaster County; John R. Moyer, RD1 Newmanstown, Lebanon County; Jacob W. Musser, RD1, Quarryville, Dale Martin Nolt, RD1, Manheim, Lancaster County and Jay Zimmerman RD2, Denver, Lancaster County.

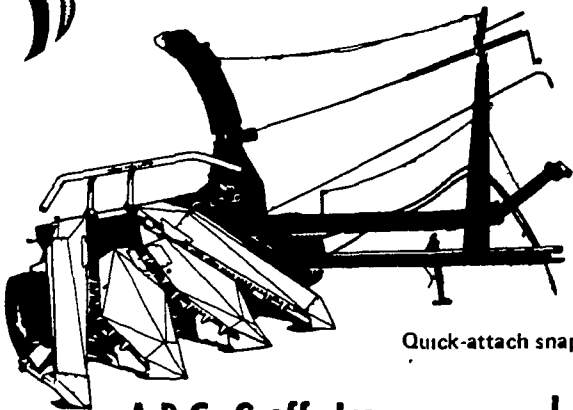
The American Farmer degree is based on the member's activities in FFA and their leadership abilities in either productive farming or agribusiness.



Cary Grant, whose real name is Alexander Archibald Leach, has made more than 70 movies, according to World Book Encyclopedia.

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