

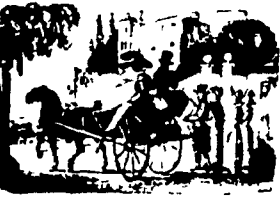
THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

NOV. 11-17, 1974

Now bear the brunt of a cold front.

Mend your broken windows no later than this week... Prince Charles born Nov. 14, 1948... Antarctic seals bearing young now... New Moon Nov. 13... Shooting stars should be plentiful this week... Average length of days for the week, 9 hours, 52 minutes... America reached Pacific Nov. 14, 1805... Eli Terry patented clock Nov. 17, 1794... Suez Canal opened Nov. 16, 1869... It is the sick oyster that produces the pearl.

Old Farmer's Riddle: What always has an open eye but can't see with it? (Answer below.)



Ask the Old Farmer: My grandmother used to show me what she called snow shadows on the rug and proudly announce that it was soon to snow — and, by gosh, it always did. I too have found that blurry shadows always mean that snow is coming. Have you ever heard of this? L. T., Boston.

Yes, indeed. When either the sun or moon "wallowed," as the old folks said, it was due to snow. It was the wallowing that blurred the shadows.

Home Hint: Plants that don't appear healthy can be nourished with water which has had several empty eggshells standing in it for a day. Riddle answer: A needle.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Fair and warm to start, then colder; snowstorm changing to heavy rain latter part.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins generally fair and warm, then becoming cloudy and cold; nor'easter with 3-5" snow changing to rain at end of week.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Clear and warm at first, then cloudy and much colder; end of week storm with possible 5-7" snow, then clearing.

Southeast Coastal-Piedmont: Week begins clear and warm, then rain and colder; end of week clearing inland and rainy along coast.

Florida: Early week nice and warm in north and showery in south; end of week cloudy and cooler in north but continued showery in south.

Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Cloudy and cold to start, then light rain and snow; late week snowstorm in west and mixed rain and snow in east.

Greater Ohio Valley: Clear and warm to start, then cloudy and colder; latter part overcast and cold with snow in east, up to two feet some places.

Deep South: Clear and very warm at first, then cloudy and cooler with rain; end of week continued cloudy and cool.

Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Week begins cloudy and cold, then 2-4" snow; end of week clearing in west and 1-3" snow in east.

Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes: First part of week cold and mostly clear in west, partly cloudy in east; some light snow in west latter part but mostly sunny in east.

Central Great Plains: Clear and warm to start, then cloudy and cold; light snow in west and clear but cold in east by week's end.

Texas-Oklahoma: Rainy all week in central and south, rain changing to snow in north.

Rocky Mountain Region: Most of week mild and showery except some snow in mountains and east by midweek.

Southwest Desert: Cloudy all week with cool daytime temperatures.

Pacific Northwest: First part of week clear and cold, then rain; rain lessening by week's end.

California: Early week cloudy with some light rain; end of week clearing and warm.

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Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pennsylvania
November 6, 1974

CATTLE 425. Supply included 209 Feeder Cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers \$1.50 to \$2 lower. Slaughter cows \$1 to \$2 lower. High Choice slaughter steers 44.25-47.25, Choice 40.00-42.25, Good 36.00-40.60, Standard 27.75-35.50, Utility 22.00-26.75. Couple Choice slaughter heifers 38.25 and 40.00, few Good 32.00-35.00, few Standard 25.10-31.00. Utility and High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 20.85-22.60, Cutters 19.00-21.25, Canners 16.75-18.75, Shells down to 11.25. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 36.60-38.75, Good 31.25-35.50, Standard 24.00-28.60, Utility 23.00-24.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1270-1875 lbs. slaughter bulls 28.00-31.50, No. 2, 845-1690 lbs. 22.35-26.50. Choice 385-500 lbs. feeder steers 28.50-33.50. Good 285-800 lbs. 25.00-30.00, Medium 300-670 lbs. 17.50-23.25. Good and Choice 340-500 lbs. feeder heifers 23.00-27.00, Medium 300-500 lbs. 16.00-22.50. Good and Choice 300-600 lbs. feeder bulls 25.00-26.50, few 28.25-29.50, Common and Medium 15.50-20.50.

CALVES 117. Vealers mostly steady to \$1 lower, spots \$3 lower. One Choice vealer at 53.00, Good 40.00-51.50, Standard 30.00-40.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 20.00-30.00, 70-85 lbs. 20.00-23.50.

HOGS 207. Barrows and gilts fully 25 cents higher. 1-2 217 lbs. barrows and gilts at 42.50, 1-3 190-240 lbs. 40.85-41.50, 1-3 190-240 lbs. 40.85-41.50, lot at 41.75, 2-3 180-245 lbs. 39.60-40.75. 1-3 300-465 lbs. sows 32.00-34.25, few No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 30.25-32.00. Boars 22.00-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 108. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 10.50-14.00 per head, lot No. 1-3 40 lbs. at 21.00, lot 1-3 65 lbs. 26.00, Utility 15-35 lbs. 2.00-10.00, lot 75 lbs. at 13.50 per head.

SHEEP 27. Few Choice 85-110 pounds wooled slaughter lambs 35.00-38.00, few Good and Choice 70-75 28.00-31.00, few Utility and good 75-90 lbs. 15.00-18.00. Slaughter ewes 2.00-14.00.

Pa. Auction Summary

Week Ending
November 1, 1974

CATTLE 5870. Compared with 5895 head last week, and 6730 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers mostly steady to \$1 higher. Slaughter cows weak to \$1 lower. Slaughter bulls steady to \$1 lower.

STEERS: Few High Choice & Prime 43.75-44.50, Choice 41.00-44.50, Good 37.50-41.75, Standard 30.75-37.75, Utility 24.60-30.50. **HEIFERS:** Choice 35.50-40.00, Good 32.25-38.00, Standard 27.35-33.00, Utility 23.25-28.75. **COWS:** Utility & High Dressing Cutter 20.75-23.75, Cutters 18.50-22.50, Canners 16.00-20.00, Shells down to 12.00. **BULLOCKS:** Few Choice 34.00-38.75, few Good 31.00-36.60, few Standard 27.00-30.50, few Utility 22.75-27.75. **BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1 1100-2000 lbs. 28.10-33.00, few to 36.00; yield grade No. 2 900-1600 lbs. 23.60-28.75. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Few Good & Choice 300-650 lbs. feeder steers 31.00-38.00, Good 250-700 lbs. 26.50-34.50, Medium 23.00-29.00; Good & Choice 250-650 lbs. feeder heifers 25.00-33.00, Medium 19.50-27.00; Good & Choice 250-750 lbs. feeder bulls 26.25-32.25.

CALVES 4239. Compared with 4012 head last week, and 4201 head a year ago. Vealers mostly \$2 to \$5 lower.

VEALERS: Few High Choice & Prime 62.00-75.00, Choice 50.00-62.00, Good

43.00-52.00, Standard 30.00-42.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 22.00-32.00, 70-85 lbs. 18.00-25.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 80-120 lbs. 21.00-40.00; holstein heifers 90-125 lbs. 25.00-41.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-120 lbs. 22.00-28.00.

HOGS 6531. Compared with 6928 head last week, and 6489 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts mostly 25 cents to \$1 lower.

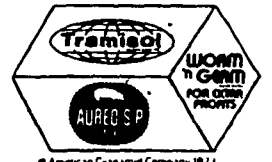
BARROWS & GILTS: 1-2 200-240 pounds 41.50-42.25, 1-3 195-240 40.25-42.10, 2-3 185-260 39.75-41.00, 2-4 240-300 35.00-40.00, 2-4 120-185 32.00-39.75. **SOWS:** 1-3 300-550 pounds

31.00-37.00, 2-3 300-700 27.00-32.50. Boars 19.00-27.50.

FEEDER PIGS 1432. Compared with 1272 head last week, and 1479 head a year ago. 1-3 20-35 feeder pigs 5.50-12.50 per head. 1-3 35-50 10.00-19.00, 1-3 50-85 17.50-27.00 per head.

SHEEP 1029. Compared with 985 head last week, and 758 head a year ago. Wooled slaughter lambs \$1.50 to \$2 lower. Choice 70-110 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 30.00-37.00, few to 41.00, Good 60-90 lbs. 23.50-31.00, Utility 40-70 lbs. 15.00-22.00. Slaughter ewes 3.75-14.50.

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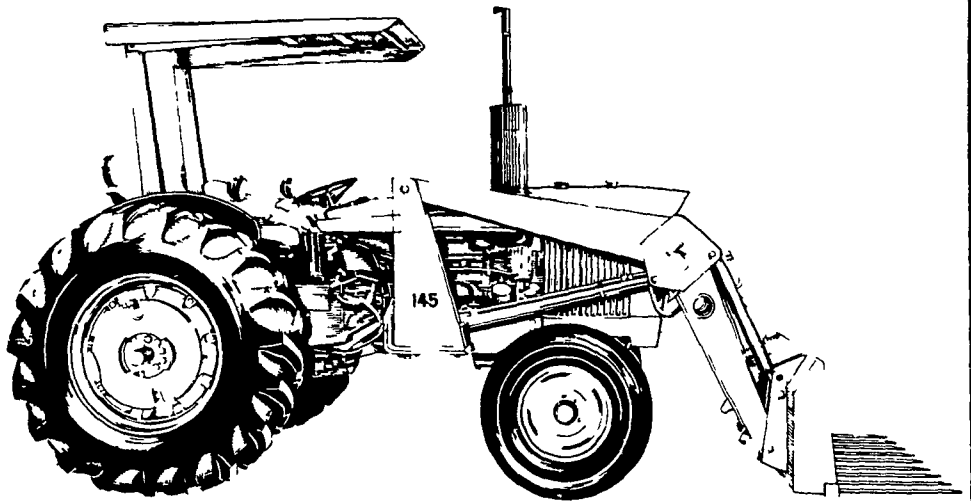
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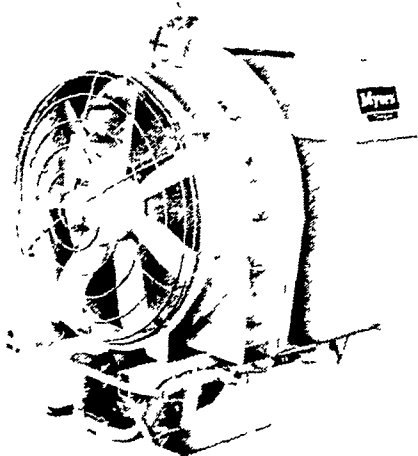


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