



MAY 12-18, 1975

Don't be nettled if it's unsettled.

After breakfast work a while; after supper walk a mile... Apple trees now in bloom... First quarter of the moon May 18... Good luck coming if these nights are lighted by fireflies... Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 35 minutes... First lobster roll served in Rockland, Maine May 15, 1920... Armed Forces Day May 17... The nickel was born May 16, 1866... Burma monsoon begins this week...



Better spare at the brim than at the bottom.

Ask the Old Farmer: Can you interpret an old saying of my father's from the old United States Navy (sailing ship era), namely: "It fits like a purser's shirt on a handspike?"

Yup. It means very, very loose.

Home Hint: Put your recipes on 3 x 5 cards. Then when following one put the card between the tines of a fork and place the fork in a drinking glass. The card will be held at just the right angle for reading.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

- New England:** First part of week cool with intermittent light rain; heavy rain by weekend.
- Greater New York-New Jersey:** Cool and rainy all week with heavier rain latter part.
- Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Clear and cold through midweek, then rainy for remainder of week.
- Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Clear and unseasonably cold all week; some light rain latter part.
- Florida:** Rain to start, then clear and cool; cloudy latter part with some showers by weekend.
- Upstate & Western New York-Toronto & Montreal:** Showers at first, then cloudy; week ends rainy with snow in mountains.
- Greater Ohio Valley:** Early week unseasonably cold with some sun, cloudy with rain at end of week.
- Deep South:** First part of week sunny and cold; end of week rainy in north and central.
- Chicago & Southern Great Lakes:** Early week unseasonably cold with snow in north; end of week warmer and rainy.
- Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Mostly cloudy and unseasonably cold all week with snow in north around midweek.
- Central Great Plains:** Unseasonably cold all week with showers in west and south and sun in east and central.
- Texas-Oklahoma:** Cold to start with freeze likely in north, then rain in central and north; heavy rain latter part in east.
- Rocky Mountain Region:** Showers in central and north, and clear in south all week.
- Southwest Desert:** Early week clear and cold; end of week partly cloudy with showers in east.
- Pacific Northwest:** Rain to start, then cloudy and cool; rain in north on weekend.
- California:** Week begins cloudy, then showers; end of week partly cloudy but clearing by weekend.

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Oklahoma City

May 8

Thursday Feeder Cattle Auction

Estimated Receipts 6,500; Same Day Last Week 6,872.

Trade active, Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to firm, bulk of receipts mixed Good and Choice, and Choice 400-800 lb. Feeder Steers 300-700 lb. Feeder Heifers. Moderate attendance of Buyers.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice 300-500 lb. 33.50-37.00, 500-700 lb. 34.75-38.00, 700-850 lb. 34.50-39.00, couple lots 996-1116 lb. 40.30-42.25. Mixed Good and Choice 400-500 lb. 31.50-33.75, 500-700 lb. 31.50-34.75. Good 350-500 lb. 28.00-31.50, few scattered lots Good 500-743 lb. Holsteins 25.20-27.30, lot 930 lb. 28.80.

Choice 300-400 lb. 26.00-28.75, 400-500 lb. 27.25-30.50, 500-800 lb. 28.00-31.75. Mixed Good and Choice 300-500 lb. 24.00-27.50, 500-650 lb. 24.25-28.00, Good 300-500 lb. 22.00-24.00.

For The Week: Feeder Steers and Heifers strong to 1.00 higher, with most advance noted on Mixed Good and Choice consignments. Slaughter Cows finished the week 1.00-2.00 higher, while Slaughter Bulls remained steady, but not well established. Slaughter Steers and Heifers generally steady. Salable supply this week numbered near 13,800 head, compared to 15,000 head last week and 15,700 head one year ago. Cows and Bulls comprised near 14 percent, Feeders near 80 percent of total.

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Compared with the previous week's close: Slaughter Steers and Heifers closed 2.50-3.50 higher compared to last midweek, cows 1.00 higher than last week's close, bulls strong to 1.00 higher.

The early week sharp advance, accompanied by higher carlot beef quotations caused steers to peak at the highest level since August 1973 and heifers since September of same year. Part of the advance was lost however, as a more bearish attitude previous led at the close.

Four day receipts 18,300 compared 16,200 previous week and 21,200 same period a year ago. Slaughter steers approximately 50 pct., heifers 30 pct., cows 10 pct. and feeders for Friday auction 10 pct. There was a slight increase in Choice and Prime slaughter steers and heifers compared to recent weeks, particularly early in period.

STEERS: At the close, Choice 975-1275 lbs. yield grade 2-4 48.50-50.50, prices above 50.00 difficult to exceed but occasionally 51.00

on uniformly Choice 1100-1225 lbs. earlier, several loads Choice and Prime yield grade 3-4 1000-1281 lbs. 51.00-52.00 with three loads and part load 1185-1281 lbs. 52.00. Load Choice and Prime yield grade 4-5 1463 lbs. late 48.50. Mixed Good and Choice 950-1250 lbs. closed 47.50-48.50, instances 49.00. Good 40.00-47.25, Standard and low-Good 38.00-40.00, some Good Holsteins to 41.00 early.

Average cost slaughter steers first three days 48.40 average weight 1115 lbs. as compared 45.11 and 1107 lbs. last week and 39.94 and 1153 lbs. a year ago.

HEIFERS: At the close, few loads Choice, end of Prime yield grade 3-4 950-1050 lbs. 49.00. Earlier, several loads Choice and Prime yield grade 3-4 900-1133 lbs. 49.00-49.50, load and part load 905-975 lbs. 50.00. Choice 850-1050 lbs. yield grade 2-4 closed 47.00-48.50. Mixed Good and Choice 44.00-47.00. Good 38.50-44.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 22.00-25.00, few high dressing Utility Holsteins 25.50-26.00. Canner and Cutter 17.00-22.00, few low dressing 15.00-17.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1200-1800 lbs. 21.00-26.00, few yield grade 1 1400-1800 lbs. 27.00-28.00.



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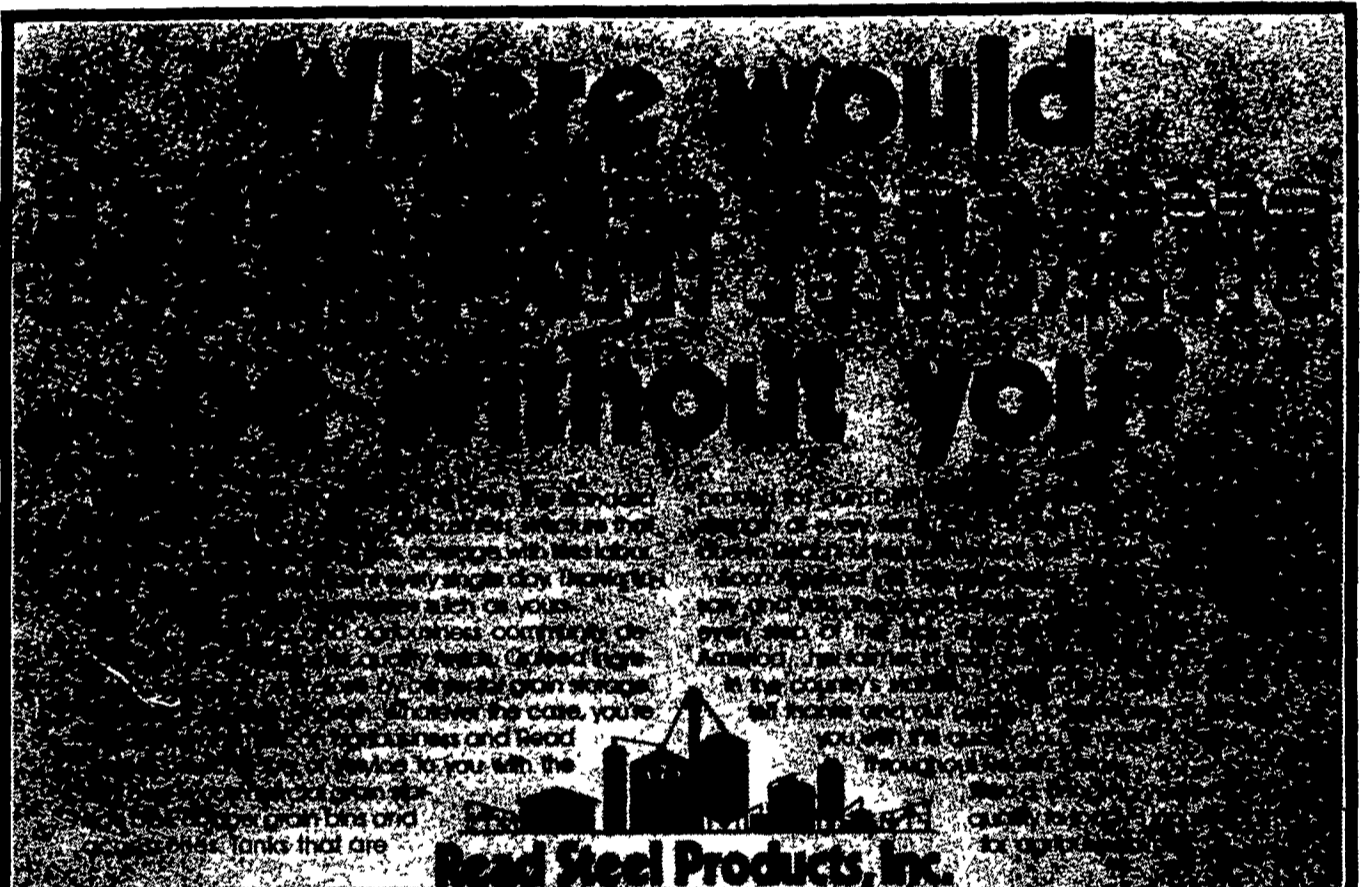
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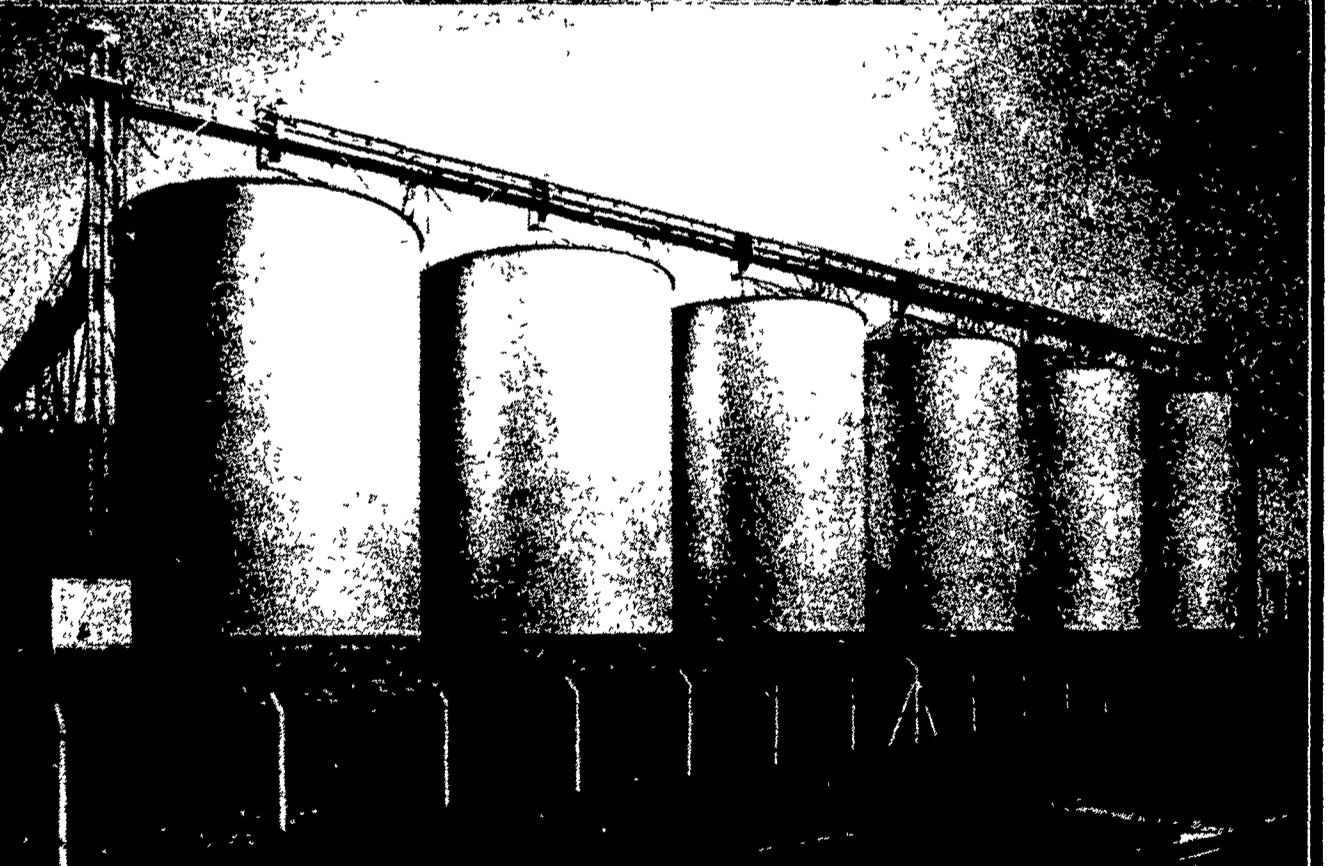
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