



MARCH 15-21, 1976

Spring is here!

Only one more month before taxes due  
 March 16, 1971 Spring begins March 20 at 6:50 AM  
 Full moon March 15 Animal hibernation over  
 Average length of days for the week, 12 hours, 3 minutes  
 St. Patrick's Day March 17 Swallows return to Capistrano, Calif. this week  
 First American opera at Met March 18, 1910 My country is the world and my religion is to do good (T. Paine)



Old Farmer's Riddle: What has eighty-eight keys but can open no door? (Answer below)

Ask the Old Farmer: In a very old family diary I read that one of my ancestors was working as a "picker." It sounded as though he didn't care for the job, but it wasn't described. I'm sure it doesn't mean picking crops because the entry was made in

the winter. F.K., Portland, Maine

In our section the man who cleaned millstones of the ground grain that became packed in their crevices was called a "picker."

Home Hints: Never spin dry quilts; hang them up to dry. Riddle answer: A piano.

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**

New England: Cold, with scattered snow at first, then warming and light rain, rain ending, colder with snow in north

Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins with snow, turning to scattered showers, then much warmer by midweek, light rain, clearing and mild latter part

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Clearing and warmer by midweek, end of week rainy, windy and mild

**Oklahoma**

March 11, 1976  
 Thursday Feeder Cattle Auction

Estimated Receipts

11,200

Same day last week

8,238

Trade active, feeder steers and heifers steady to firm, instances 1.00 higher on 500-600 lb. Choice steers. Receipts Choice 400-500 lb. steers, 400-700 lb. heifers off wheat pasture. Moderate attendance buyers.

STEERS: Thin Choice and few prime 500-600 lb. 39.25-41.00, lot 574 lb. at 41.75; 600-800 lb. 39.00-41.50, few 800-850

lb. 38.50-40.50; mixed Good and Choice 400-500 lb. 36.25-39.50, 500-650 lb. 37.00-40.00; Good 450-635 lb. 33.75-37.50, scattered sales good holsteins 30.25-33.50.

HEIFERS: Choice 365-400 lb. 32.50-33.75, 400-500 lb. 32.50-35.25, 500-775 lb. 32.00-35.75; mixed Good and Choice 375-500 lb. 30.75-32.50, 500-750 lb. 30.75-31.75, few good 350-550 lb. 27.00-31.00.

For the week: Feeder Steers and heifers mostly 2.00 higher with some sales 3.00 higher on thin Choice offerings under 600 lb. slaughter cows found good demand and closed 2.00 higher, while slaughter bulls

**Phila. produce**

FRUITS  
 APPLES

Steady

Ctn Tray Pack

PENNA Romes no grade mark 64-100s 5.00.

NJ Romes 80-88s USCombination ExFcy-Fcy 4.50.

WASH Red Delicious USEx Fcy 72-125s 10.00-11.00 fair appear 8.50-9.00 Wash Fcy 72-125s 8-8.50 Golden Delicious USEx Fcy 88-113s 8.50-9.50.

Ctn Film Bag 12-3 lb

USFcy 2 1/4" & Up

PENNA Romes & Staymans 3.60.

NJ Red Delicious 4.20 Staymans 4.20 Small For Size 3.60 Romes 4.80 McIntosh 3.60.

Ctn Film Overwrapped Trays.

PEARS

Steady

Standard ctn & crt 90-135s unless otherwise stated.

OREGON D'Anjous US No. 1 80-120s 11.00-12.00 some 10.50 Oregon Fcy 9.50-10.00 USEx Fcy 80-120s 10.50 Bosc US No. 1 few 12.00.

WASH D'Anjous US No. 1 11.00-12.00 Wash Ex Fcy 12.00-12.50.

ASPARAGUS

Slightly Lower

CALIF lge crt bchd 12s lge 21.00-22.00 pyramid crt loose jumbo 25.00-26.00 lge 20.00-23.00 one lot 25.00 Standard 20.00-21.00 sml 19.00-20.00.

CABBAGE

Higher

FLA 1 1/4 bu crt & ctn med-lge Domestic Round Type Green 3.50 some 4-4.25 med 3.00 fair appear 2.25-2.50 Red

finished the week 1.00-2.00 higher. Salable receipts this week numbered near 19,100 head compared to 25,209 last week and 20,657 this time last year. Cows and bulls comprised near 8 percent, feeders near 90 percent of weeks receipts.

**Middleburg**

March 9, 1976

CATTLE 200. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter steers mostly steady to \$1 higher. Slaughter cows \$1 to \$1.75 higher. Choice slaughter steers 37.10-39.50, Good 35.75-37.00, Standard 32.75-35.25, Utility 28.75-31.75. Few Choice slaughter heifers 33.50-35.75, few Good 31.50-33.25, Standard 28.25-31.75, Utility 27.75-30.50. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 28.25-31.85, Cutters 28.75-28.75, Canners 24.75-26.50, Shells down to 22.00. Good slaughter bullocks 35.10-36.75, Standard 33.50-35.00, Utility 31.85-33.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1400-1850 lbs. slaughter bulls 33.25-36.35. Good 300-600 lbs. feeder steers 28.75-34.25; Good 300-600 lbs. feeder heifers 25.00-28.75.

CALVES 179. Vealers steady to \$2 higher. One Prime vealer at 72.50, Choice 60.00-71.50, Good 50.00-60.00, Standard 36.00-48.00, Utility 90-110 lbs. 28.50-38.50, 70-85 lbs. 26.00-32.00. Farm calves. Type 5-5.50 Savoy Type 4.50-5.00. CALIF ctn 24s Red Type 5.50-6.00. NY 50-lb mesh sks Red Type med 5.00. MUSHROOMS Steady PENNA 4-qt bkt med-lge 2.50-3.00 some best 3.25-3.50 sml-med 2.50-2.75 few best 3.00.

holstein bulls 100-110 lbs. 38.50-43.50.

HOGS 336. Barrows & Gilts \$1 to \$1.50 lower. US No. 1-2 200-230 lbs. barrows & gilts 47.40-48.30, No. 1-3 190-240 lbs. 46.50-47.40, No. 2-3 240-285 lbs. 46.00-46.85. US No. 1-3 285-610 lbs. sows 39.00-45.75. Boars 32.00-38.75.

FEEDER PIGS 50. US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 32.00-43.50 per head, No. 1-3 50-70 lbs. 53.50-60.50 per head.

**Canker Sores**  
 Canker sores, which occur on the mucous membranes inside the mouth, affect 20 per cent of the population at any given time. It is estimated Agents that irritate the lining of the mouth can lower tissue resistance and cause canker sores. Experts have concluded that the irksome growths are strongly inheritable. Probability rates, in fact, can exceed 90 per cent when both parents have recurrent episodes. A canker sore may develop in less than six hours—or over a 24-hour period.

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