

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

APRIL 26-May 2, 1976

Yonder forest wears again its native hue.

Set fruit trees now . Casey Jones killed in Mississippi April 30, 1900 . New moon May 29 . Annular Eclipse of the sun April 29 (not visible from continental US) . Wild pear now in bloom . Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 2 minutes . Japanese Peace Treaty signed April 29, 1952 . . . We overlook so much happiness because it costs nothing



Old Farmer's Riddle: What President had false teeth made of ivory? (Answer below.)

Ask the Old Farmer: Could you tell me why they call them the "Horse" Latitudes? H.H., N.Y.C.

The Horse Latitudes are also called the Belt of Calms. Sailors on Spanish ships carrying horses to the New World centuries ago often had to kill their horses and throw them overboard because they

ran short of water waiting for wind in these latitudes

Home Hints: The next time you wash the cover of your ironing board, tack the cover on while it is damp and it will be a tight, smooth fit when dry
Riddle answer: At the close of the Revolutionary War, a French dentist made George Washington false teeth carved from rhinoceros ivory

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Cool with showers at first, then clearing and mild, clear, sunny and warm latter part, but rain beginning on coast at week's end

Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins partly cloudy and showery, then clearing and warmer, clear and seasonable latter part, but storm arriving by end of week

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Scattered showers and very cool to start, then clear and mild, week ends clear and mild inland, rain starting near coast

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: First part of week clear and mild, then cold with light to heavy rain; latter part cloudy and cooler than normal, rain on northeast coast by week's end

Florida: Early week partly cloudy and cooler, with scattered heavy showers in central and north, thundershowers and cool latter part

Upstate N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Week begins with rain in north and west, then clear and unseasonably warm throughout the region rest of week

East Coast Carlot Meats

April 21

Compared to Tuesday's close: demand and inquiry moderate at best for most meat items. Choice steer beef steady to 1.50 lower, mostly 1.25-1.50 off. Utility cow beef 1.50 higher, Canner and Cutter 1.00 lower. Spring lamb compared to last Wednesday 2.00-3.00 higher; lamb 4.00 higher. No comparison on skinned hams.

Steer Beef

Choice 600-800 lb. YG 2-3 73.00, 600-800 lb. YG 3 70.00-72.00 1.25-1.50 lower, 600-800 lb. YG 4 67.00 Generally steady; Good 600-800 lb. YG 3 68.00-68.50.

Cow Beef

Utility (Boning YG 1-2 62.50 1.50 higher; Canner & Cutter YG 1-2 63.00 1.00 lower.

Choice Primal Beef Cuts Yield Grade 3-4:

Fores 130-210 lb. 57.00-60.00 2.00-5.00 lower; Arm Chucks 90-130 lb. 55.00 Generally steady.

Spring Lamb Carcass Yield Grade 3-4

Compared to last Wednesday: Choice & Prime 50 lb. Down 123.00; 50-55 lb. 120.00-123.00 2.00-3.00 higher; 55-65 lb. 118.00 2.00-3.00 higher.

Lamb Carcass Yield Grade 3-4

Choice & Prime 55 lb. Down 118.00 4.00 higher.

Fresh Pork Cuts

Skinned Hams 14-17 lb. 83.50 No Comparison; 20-26 lb. 79.00 No Comparison.

Smoked Pork

Skinned hams 16-20 lb. 82.00 No Comparison.

Greater Ohio Valley: Rain, locally heavy in south, and cold to start, then fair and warm; mostly sunny and becoming unseasonably hot latter part.

Deep South: Early week clear and warm, then rain and unseasonably cool; generally clear and seasonable latter part, some scattered showers in northeast

Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Cool and partly sunny through midweek, then clearing and hot, cloudy, dry and hot weather continues through weekend.

Northern Great Lakes: Cool and partly sunny through midweek, then clearing and becoming unseasonably hot, end of week hot, with showers in central

Central Great Plains: Scattered rain and showers over region at first, then turning hot and sunny; warmer than normal latter part, cloudy with showers in central and west, fair in east.

Texas-Oklahoma: Scattered light showers at beginning, then clearing and pleasant; few showers in north, cloudy and warm in central and south, sunny in north latter part

Rocky Mountain: Early week showers and seasonal temperatures, except warm midweek, end of week cloudy and cold with light rain, except heavier in southwest, and snow in mountains

Southwest Desert: First part of week increasingly cloudy with widely scattered showers and cooler in east; latter part cloudy and cooler than normal with light showers

Pacific Northwest: Mostly cloudy and rainy all week, except for some occasional sun in north

California: Sunny and hotter than normal to start, then cloudy and mild, end of week cloudy and mild with light rain, locally heavy rain in mountains.

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St. Louis

April 22

FEEDERS: Outgo estimated at 3000 including near 2400 at Thursday's auction. Feeder steers and heifers uneven, generally steady. Supply good and choice 400-700 lb. steers and mostly choice 400-650 lbs. heifers.

STEERS: Choice 400-600 lbs. 43.00-46.25; 600-800 lbs. 42.50-45.75; 2 lots 629-687 lbs. 46.25-46.50, few Choice fleshy 800-1025 lbs. 41.00-42.25. Mixed Good and Choice 300-500 lbs. 40.00-44.50; 500-600 lbs. 39.25-43.50, few Good

including Holsteins 400-850 lbs. 33.75-36.75.

HEIFERS: Choice 400-500 lbs. 35.00-39.00; 500-700 lbs. 35.00-39.25, mostly 36.00-39.00. Mixed Good and Choice 300-500 lbs. 32.50-36.00.

Martinsburg Auction

Martinsburg, PA
April 19, 1976

800 lbs. feeder bulls 30.50-35.25, few Medium 350-630 lbs. 23.00-27.00.

CATTLE 225. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter steers strong to \$2 higher. Slaughter cows \$1 to \$2 lower. Choice slaughter steers 40.10-43.50, Good 38.25-39.75, Standard 32.60-36.00, Utility 28.00-33.25. Few Choice slaughter heifers 37.10-40.25, few Good 34.50-37.75, few Standard 28.00-31.50. Utility and High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 29.75-32.90, one at 33.40, Cutters 27.00-30.75, Canners 23.00-27.25, Shells down to 19.50. One Good slaughter bullock at 39.60, one Standard at 35.00, few Utility 29.00-32.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1270-1775 lbs. slaughter bulls 36.50-38.50, individual Yield Grade No. 2, 1465 lbs. at 33.85. Few Good 250-700 lbs. feeder steers 32.50-36.50, few Medium 500-800 lbs. 24.50-32.50. Medium and Good 250-630 lbs. feeder heifers 24.50-29.50. Good 350-

CALVES 265. Vealers grading Standard and Good uneven, Utility mostly \$4 higher. Few Choice vealers 68.00-70.50, Good 59.00-70.00, Standard 43.00-58.00, few Utility 110-120 lbs. 37.00-42.00, 90-110 lbs. 32.00-37.50, 70-85 lbs. 24.00-32.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 35.00-46.00; Holstein heifers 100-110 lbs. 43.00-56.00, 80-95 lbs. 31.00-43.00.

HOGS 327. Barrows and gilts about steady. Few US No. 1-2 210-225 lbs. barrows and gilts 50.00-50.10, No. 1-3 200-235 lbs. 49.00-49.80, No. 2-3 185-245 lbs. 48.00-49.00, No. 2-4 235-265 lbs. 42.75-47.00. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 42.00-47.00.

FEEDER PIGS 91. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 21.00-32.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 31.00-48.00 per head.

SHEEP 0. NO SALES ON OFFER.

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