

**Lancaster**

**Feeder Cattle**

Friday, Oct. 22, 1976

Feeder Cattle—  
Today 1662  
Last Friday 1215

**TREND:** Compared to last Friday feeder steers 2.00-3.00 lower; feeder bulls steady to weak.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Choice 750-950 lb. 33.75-35.85; one lot Choice and Prime 500 lb. 37.75; couple lots Choice 490-600 lb. 35.00-36.50; mixed Good and Choice 750-1000 lb. 32.75-35.00, couple lots 450-550 lb. 34.50-35.75; Good 550-750 lb. 26.25-32.00.

**FEEDER BULLS:** Choice 500-770 lb. 27.50-29.25; Good 400-600 lb. 23.50-26.50.

**Virginville Grange meets**

VIRGINVILLE, Pa. - Senator Michael O'Pake attended the most recent meeting of the Virginville Grange and spoke briefly. The group also had its Halloween Party.

During the meeting, various dates were decided upon. Beginning November 1, there is a meeting at the Ag Center, Leesport, for masters, overseers, lecturers, and secretaries. On November 3 at 7:30 p.m. the pumpkin pie contest will be held. On November 5 the youth will have a hayride,

and should be at the hall at 8 p.m. The group will visit the Centerport Grange on November 9, and on November 13 the National Grange will be held. Ten tickets still remain. Then, on November 15, a masters meeting will be held in the Grange hall at 8 p.m. The date for the Cooperative Extension banquet is November 19 at the Fleetwood Grange.

Committees were also named at the recent meeting.

**Know Where the Activities Will Be? Read the Farm Women Calendar.**

**Alfalfa**

**processing feasible**

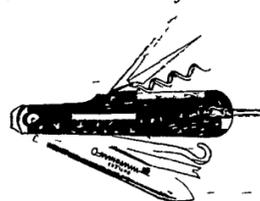
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Processing fresh alfalfa into Pro-Xan, a USDA-developed experimental high-protein, feed supplement, shows commercial possibilities, according to a report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service. Pro-Xan is not commercially available under a trademark name. Investing in a Pro-Xan facility would be an alternative to building or expanding a conventional alfalfa dehydration plant.

Several methods have been developed for processing green-chop alfalfa into valuable high-protein Pro-Xan granules and a press cake with roughage value. Simulated initial investment costs for plant construction and harvesting and hauling equipment needed to produce Pro-Xan by these methods ranged from \$2.4 million to \$3.0 million.

The annual rates of return on investment for the systems in operation also were evaluated. They ranged from 43 to 48 per cent, depending on how the alfalfa solubles were disposed, the method of handling the dehydrated press cake, the length of the operating season, and the size or capacity of the plant. These rates of return were somewhat higher when compared to the return that might be expected from an alfalfa dehydration plant operating for the same length of season. The higher dehydrated alfalfa prices of recent months would result in slightly higher rates of return to an investment in Pro-Xan since the study estimates used 1974 and 1975 prices.



**Typical fickle prospect we suspect.**  
Bank your cellars now . . . Richard Cardinal Cushing died Nov 2, 1970 Full moon Nov 6 . . . Election Day Nov 2 Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 12 minutes Penumbra Eclipse of the moon Nov. 6, the end of which will be visible in North America except the northwestern part (eclipse ends at 8 17 PM, EST). TV quiz scandals reach climax Nov 2, 1959 A man shows his character by what he laughs at



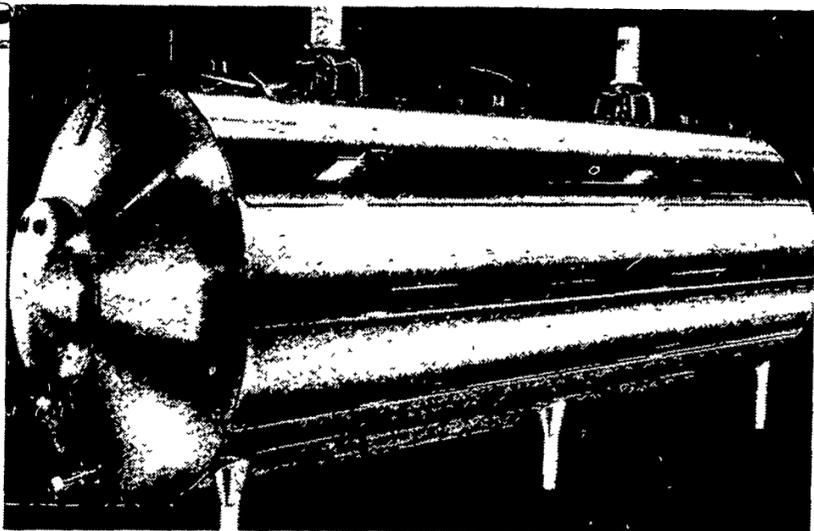
**Ask the Old Farmer:** In my grandfather's diary for September 16, 1872, he mentions an apple cut. He writes, "Mrs Mickens had an apple cut for the ladies in the afternoon, and the boys came at night and we had a dance." What was an apple cut? FS, Danbury, Conn

It was common practice then to core and slice apples and then dry the slices to store them through the winter. Of course the work went faster with extra hands and a little music afterwards didn't detract from the appeal of the affair either.  
**Home Hints:** If you prefer onion flavor that "whispers" instead of shouts, chives are for you. Grow them in pots on your window sill

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**  
**New England:** Cool and showery through midweek, then clearing and mild for week's end  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Mild and showery through Wednesday, then clear, sunny, warm for rest of the week  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Begins clear and cool with frosts inland, then sunny and warm at week's end  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Sunny through midweek, then turning cloudy and warm for remainder of week  
**Florida:** Cloudy with showers all week, heavy rain in the south  
**Upstate N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Cold with flurries through Thursday, sunny and mild for week's end  
**Greater Ohio Valley:** Cloudy and cold to start; turning clear and hot on Wednesday through the end of the week.  
**Deep South:** Sunny and very warm at start, by Friday, seasonal rains on and off.  
**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** Cold and flurries to start, then sunny and warmer starting Thursday; at week's end, colder and rainy  
**Northern Great Lakes:** Early week light snow through Wednesday, sunny and warm for week's end.  
**Central Great Plains:** Early week through Friday sunny and warm, Saturday brings cold, rain, sleet and snow

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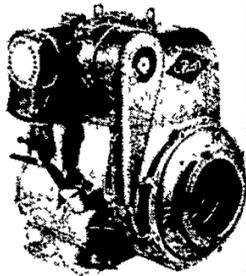
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