

MARCH 7 - 13, 1977

Hang on, spring is right around the corner.

Clean your cellar this week GI's cross Rhine River March 8, Last quarter of the moon March 12 Skunks are mating Average length of days for the week, 11 hours, 38 minutes First US paper money circulated March 10, 1862 One father is more than a hundred school

patrols start out now masters (George Herbert)



Ask the Old Farmer: In 1640 one of my ancestors was on a committee in Ipswich, Mass, charged with sowing hempseed, flaxseed, and "card wyer canes" Was this last item used to make brushes to card wool or flax? R.D. Amarillo, Texas

Yes indeed They used stiff canes or twigs, splinters of wood and large fishbones Maybe that's where the herringbone stitch originated Home Hints Shellac is difficult to apply and is sticky unless it is mixed with denatured alcohol before being used

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Clear with thaw to start, then rain and freezing-rain by Wednesday, cold with flurries over weekend

Greater New York-New Jersey: Warmer with rain through Thursday, week's end sunny and cold

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain through Thursday, 6-10" snow and sleet expected throughout the weekend

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Mild with heavy rain, Friday brings clearing and warmer temperatures

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Pa. Auction Summary

Harrisburg, Pa. February 25, 1977

CATTLE 4854. Compared with 6887 head last week, and 6660 head a year ago. Compared with last Friday's summary; slaughter steers uneven, Choice steady to 50 cents lower, Standard and Good 50 cents to \$1 higher. Slaughter heifers steady. Slaughter cows 50 cents to \$1 higher. Slaughter bullocks steady to 50 cents lower. Slaughter bulls \$1 to \$2 higher. STEERS: High Choice and Prime 40.00-41.50, Choice 36.75-40.35, Good 33.75-38.10, Standard 31.00-35.50, few Utility 27.25-32.00. heifers; Choice 34.00-38.00, Good 31.50-34.70, Standard 28.00-33.50, Utility 23.75-28.75. COWS: Utility and High Dressing Cutter 26.00-29.50, Cutters 24.75-28 00, Canners 21 50-26.00, Shells down to 16 75. BULLOCKS. Few Choice 36.50-38.75, Good 33.00-36.50, few Standard 28.60-33.25.. BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2000 lbs. 32.75-38.60, Yield Grade No. 2, 900-1500 lbs. 30 00-34 00 FEEDER CATTLE Few Good 350-700 lbs steers 30.00-37.50

CALVES 3098 Compared with 484 head last week, and 4789 head a year ago. Vealers steady to \$3 lower. VEALERS Few Prime 69 00-82.00, Choice 55.50-71 00, Good 43.50-60.00, Standard and Good 110-130 lbs 35 00-50 50, 90-110 lbs. 28 00-39 50, Standard 70-90 lbs. 24 00-31 50, Utility 50-100 lbs 12 00-28 00. FARM CALVES Holstein bulls 90-115 lbs 33 00-48.50.

HOGS 5290 Compared

with 6951 head last week, and 8624 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts steady to 50 cents higher. BARROWS & GILTS: US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. 41.00-43.25, No. 1-3 200-245 lbs. 40.00-41.40, No. 2-3 190-250 lbs. 38.20-41.00, few No. 2-4 250-320 lbs. 32.50-38.10, No. 1-3 125-180 lbs. 31.25-39.00. SOWS: US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. 28.00-37.00, few No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 25.00-31.75. BOARS 17.00-26.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1016. Compared with 1488 head last week, and 1060 head a year ago. Feeder pigs were \$3 to \$4 higher. FEEDER PIGS PER HEAD. US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. 14.00-25.00, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 17.50-31.00, No. 1-3 50-90 lbs. 27.00-39.00, Utility 30-50 lbs. 14.00-28.00. GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES. 484 HEAD. ALL SALES PER HUN-DREDWEIGHT. Feeder pigs were \$10 to \$15 higher. US No. 1-2 35-60 lbs. 77.00-91.00, 65-85 lbs. 68.50-77.00; No. 2-3 30-40 lbs. 79.50-92.00; No. 3, 25-40 lbs. 64.00-81.00, 50-55 lbs. 63.00-75.00; Utility

SHEEP 151. Compared with 439 head last week, and 637 head a year ago. Wooled slaughter lambs steady to strong. WOOLED LAMBS: Choice 75-105 lbs. 49.50-55.00, Good 65-90 lbs. 34.00-46.00. Few Slaughter ewes 5.00-18.00.



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Greencastle

Greencastle, Pa. February 28, 1977

CATTLE 106. Compared with the two weeks ago market: Few choice 800-900 lbs. slaughter steers at 35.25-36.50, few Standard 30.25-30.75, individual Utility at 26.75. Few Choice 800-860 lbs. slaughter heifers 33.10-34.10, individual Standard 28.75. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 26.00-28.25, few to 29.00, Cutters 24.00-26.00, Canners 22 10-25.00, Shells down to 15.00. Couple Standard slaughter Bullocks 31.75 and 35.25, individual Utility 28.00. Couple Yield Grade No. 2, 1335 and 1700 lbs. slaughter bulls 31.10 and 32.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Few Good 500-600 lb. Feeder Bulls 34.00-35.00.

CALVES 203. Couple Prime vealers 77.00 and 78.00, few Choice 61.00 and 67.00, Good to Low Choice 50.00-59.00, Standard and Good 110-130 lbs. 36.00-50.00, 90-110 lbs. 31.00-34.50, Standard 70-85 lbs. 30.00-34.00, few Utility and Standard 55-95 lbs. 26.00-30.50.

FARM CALVES ACTIVE. Holstein bulls 90-110 lbs. 34.00-49.00.

HOGS 35. Barrows and gilts; US No. 1-2 220-230 lbs. 40.75-41.00, Lot No. 2-3 200 lbs. 39.00, few No. 2-4 270-285 lbs. 35.75-37.00. Few US No. 1-3 320-430 lbs. sows 27.00-32.50.

FEEDER PIGS 29. US No. 1-3 35-45 lbs. feeder pigs 18.00-25.50 per head.

SHEEP 0. No sales on offer.



Omaha

Omaha, Neb. March 3, 1977

Weekly 51 - Cattle -Compared with the previous week close -

Slaughter steers and heifers steady to 25 cents lower. Cows 50-1.00 higher and bulls firm to 50 cents higher.

Four Day receipts 11200 as compared 15,000 previous week and 14,200 a year ago. Despite moderate marketings and a reduced daily rate of slaughter, fed cattle prices again came under considerable pressure. Prices were forced sharply downward on the opening session, much of the early downturn was recovered later with demand improved to some extent by storm conditions which rolled across the trade territory. Several midwest packers were out of operation because of labor difficulties and some others reduced slaughter quotas in reflection of poor cut-out results. There was strong seller resistence to the continued price decline in fed cattle prices and marketings were sharply curtailed after Monday. The Steer and Heifer supply was mianly good to average -Choice. Steers made up approximately 37 and heifers

feeders short 5. STEERS: At midweek high time, load Choice with end prime predominantly 3 1276 lbs.38.00. Choice 2-4 975-1300 lbs. closed 37.00-37 75 with many sales 37.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1225 lbs. 36.00-36.75, Holsteins 34.25-35.00. Good 2-3 33.00-36.00. Standard and Good 2-3 29.00-30.50.

40. Cows comprised 16 and

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations, for Choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 37.18; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 36.98. Average weight steers first three days 1141 lbs. companred 1135 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers first three

New Holland Dairy

Monday, Feb. 28 Reported receipts of 184 cows, and 15 heifers. Market

steady with last week's market

Herd of 36 head, all stages of production 345-760; load of New York State fresh 410-900, springers 725-950; load of Pennsylvania fresh cows 530-615; load of Wisconsin fresh cows 790-835; load of Pennsylvania fresh cows 530-790: load of New York fresh cows 425-680, springers 530-660; herd of 50 head, all stages of production 260-750.

Locally consigned cows 450-700; springing heifers 475-610.

days 991 lbs. as compared 999 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: Six loads and part loads Choice and Prime 3-4 957-1074 lbs. 36.75-37.00. Choice 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 35.50-36.75. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 34.50-35.00. Good 2-3 31.00-34.00, small lots Standard and Good 2-3 29.00-30.50.

COWS: Utility Commercial 2-4 24.50-26.50, few 27.00-27.50. Canner and Cutter 21.00-24.50, mixed cutter and utility 24.75-25.50.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-2000 lbs. 30.00-33.50, Individual 1 34.00-

New Holland Horse

New Holland Sales **Stables** New Holland, Pa.

Monday, Feb. 28 Reported receipts of 293 head. Market stronger than last week's market.

Local work horses 400-620; mules 375-670; pairs 1225-1450; driving horses 175-500; riding horses 150-250; better horses 275-600; lightweight killers 22-26; heavyweight killers 30-32; mare ponies 20-50; colts 5-25; geldings 20-45: larger ponies 65-110.

Peoria

Compared to Wednesday. carcass steer beef uneven, Choice & Prime steady - 1.0 higher; good 1.00 lower. COMPARED TO LAST-WEEK: Carcass steer beef steady -1.00 lower, decline on Good. Choice beef cuts mostly steady 3.00 lower, except ribs & loins 2-3.00 higher. Fresh pork steady-7.00 lower, except butts 1-2.00 higher.

STEER BEEF: All yield grade 3 and all weighing 500-800 lb. Prime 65.00-67.00; Choice 64.00-66.00; Good

61.00-63.00.



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