



APRIL 11-17, 1977

Perhaps a shower an hour.

Income taxes due Friday Jackie Robinson first black major league baseball player April 11, 1947 (Brooklyn Dodgers) Average length of days for the week, 13 hours, 20 minutes Titanic sank April 15, 1912 Panda bears from China arrive at Washington, D.C. zoo April 16, 1972 Maine sardine season opens this week *The discontented man finds no easy chair*



Ask the Old Farmer: My grandfather was a farmer and his dwelling had few modern facilities — the backyard privy was as crude as any. Yet when he prepared to visit the accessory, he would say he was "going to the dolphins." Just what did he mean? W.L., Salt Lake City

Home Hints: Use a block of wood for leverage to prevent marring when pulling nails. Insert block against the nail after the first gentle tug and continue pulling.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Showers to start, then sunny and warm on Wednesday, rainy spell and flooding at week's end

Greater New York-New Jersey: Cold, rain, snow north through Tuesday, clear and mild at midweek, week's end brings cold, heavy rain and snow north

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain to start, then becoming milder with showers south by Wednesday, cold, some heavy rains or snow in north for end of week

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Joliet Cattle

April 6, 1977

CATTLE: 2300 trading moderate. Slaughter steers and heifers steady. Supply about 25 heifers. Steers mostly choice 2-4 1050-1350 lbs. Heifers mostly choice 2-4 850-1050 lbs.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High choice and prime 3-4 1150-1350 lbs. 38.00-38.50, few loads 1350-1475 lbs. Also 38.00-38.50. Choice 2-4 1050-1350 lbs. 37.00-38.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 900-1200 lbs. 35.50-37.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Load choice and prime 3-4 1010 lbs. 37.25. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 36.00-36.50. Mixed good and choice 2-3 700-1000 lbs. 34.50-36.00.

April 7, 1977

CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 6109, 5 days last week 6568, same period last year 8456. At mid-week

slaughter steers and heifers steady to 50 higher. Supply mainly choice steers and heifers.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High choice and prime 3-4 1150-1475 lbs. 37.75-38.50, load 1210 lbs. 38.75 Monday. Choice 2-4 1050-1350 lbs. mostly 37.00-38.00, load predominately 4 1585 lbs. 36.00 Monday. Mixed good and choice 2-3 900-1200 lbs. 35.50-37.00. Good 2 1050-1350 lbs. Holsteins 32.00-34.00, up to 34.50 Wednesday.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Load and half load choice and prime mostly 3, few 4, 1010 lbs. 37.25 Wednesday. Choice, few prime, 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 36.25-37.00 Monday, 36.00 36.75 Wednesday. Mixed good and choice 2-3 700-1000 lbs. 35.00-36.25 Monday, 34.50-36.00 Wednesday.

Martinsburg Auction

Martinsburg, Pa.

April 4, 1977

CATTLE 278. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter steers steady to \$1 higher. Slaughter cows mostly \$1 to \$1.50 lower. good slaughter steers 34.50-39.00, Standard 32.50-35.00, Utility 26.50-31.00. Good slaughter heifers 32.00-35.00, Standard 28.50-32.50, Utility 25.50-28.00, Utility & High Cutter slaughter cows 29.75-30.75, Cutters 25.00-28.00, Canners 23.00-26.00, shells down to 20.00. Good slaughter bullocks 33.00-36.00, Standard 31.00-33.00, Utility 30.00-32.50. Yield Grade No. 1 slaughter bulls 35.00-38.00; yield grade No. 2 31.00-33.00. Few Medium & Good feeder steers 30.00-38.00; few Medium & Good feeder heifers 23.50-32.00.

CALVES 320. Vealers grading Good & Choice

unevenly steady, Standard & Low Good steady to \$2 higher. Choice vealers 64.00-72.00, Good 53.00-62.00, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 38.50-52.00, 90-110 lbs. 25.00-30.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 38.00-50.00.

HOGS 456. Barrows & Gilts mostly 50 cents lower. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 36.00-37.00, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 35.50-36.25, No. 2-3 190-260 lbs. 34.00-35.00, No. 1-3 140-180 lbs. 28.00-33.00. US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs. sows 26.00-32.00, No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 25.50-28.00. Boars 17.00-20.00.

FEEDER PIGS 25. Few US No. 1-3 25.35 lbs. feeder pigs 20.00-25.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 24.00-35.00 per head.

SHEEP 75. Bulk of supply sold to the Easter trade. Choice 20-70 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 60.00-105.00.

Livestock market and auction news

Peoria Auction

April 7, 1977

CATTLE: Receipts this week: 4500 Last week: 5000 Year ago: 7200 Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers steady to 50 higher, slaughter heifers steady to firm. Cows 50 lower. Bulls steady to 50 higher. Receipts about 65 percent slaughter steers, 30 percent slaughter heifers, balance mainly cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice and prime 3-4 1150-1275 lbs. 37.75-38.50, load 1395 lbs. 38.50 and load Monday 1255 lbs. 38.75; Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs. 36.50-37.75, couple loads 38.00; mixed good and choice 2-4 900-1330 lbs. 35.50-37.00; good 2-3 34.50-35.50;

Omaha Cattle

Compared with the previous week's close: Slaughter steers and heifers fully steady, instances 25 higher through midweek, with limited late sales fully 50 higher. Cows 50-1.00 higher and bulls firm to 50 higher.

Four day receipts 12,600 as compared 14,500 previous week and 15,600 a year ago. The fed Cattle trade followed a mildly uneven price pattern during the period, but day-to-day variations were not as severe as on frequent occasions over the past several weeks. Most interests came into the week with fairly good inventories on hand, but by midweek some were aggressive for numbers to meet the balance of the week's slaughter quota; on the other hand a few plants will be closed on Good Friday and demand there was adjusted to accommodate this situation. Carcass trading showed the traditional Holy Week bearishness early, but turned sharply higher at midweek. Slaughter steers made up approximately 50 of the week's total and heifers 35. Cows comprised 13.

STEERS: Two loads choice 3 1159 lbs. 38.75 late. during the week several loads choice and prime 3-4 1046-1256 lbs. 37.75-38.25. Choice 2-4 975-1250 lbs. closed 37.25-38.50, load predominately 4 1350 lbs. 37.25. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1225 lbs. 36.50-37.50. Good 2-3 34.00-36.50. Standard and low-good 2-3 32.00-33.50.

AVERAGE OF LS-214: Detailed quotations for choice 900-1100 lbs. steers this week 37.59; choice 1100-1300 lbs. 37.66. Average weight steers this week 1141 lbs. as compared 1135 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers this week 988 lbs. as compared 986 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: At midweek, load high choice and prime 3-4 1083 lbs. 37.75, and load same grade 975 lbs. 37.50. During week, moderate volume choice and prime 3-4 946-1089 lbs. 37.00-37.25. Choice 2-4 875-1050 lbs. Closed 35.75-37.00. Mixed good and choice 850-1000 lbs. 35.00-36.00. Good 2-3 31.50-34.50. Small lots standard and good 2-3 30.50-31.50.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 26.50-28.00. Few 28.25-28.50 Canner and cutter 23.50-27.00.

good 2-3 holsteins 33.50-34.50, few 35.00; standard and good 2-3 32.50-33.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and prime 3-4 900-1075 lbs. 35.75-36.50 load Monday 36.75; choice 2-4 850-1050 lbs. 35.00-35.75; mixed good and choice 2-4 800-1100 lbs. 33.50-35.00; good 2-3 31.50-34.00; standard and good 233 30.00-31.50.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-3 25.00-27.00; high-dressing utility 27.50, few early 28.00-28.50; cutter 1-2 23.00-25.00; canner 20.00-23.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 30.00-35.00; few yield grade 1 35.50-36.00.

Lancaster Feeder Cattle

Friday April 1, 1977

Feeder Cattle
Today 1187
Last Friday 309

TREND: Supply included 750 in graded sale, large share of supply unsold, few sales 50-1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS: Couple lots Choice and Prime 585 lb. 43.00, couple lots 835-850 lb. 37.85-38.10; one lot Choice 480 lb. 42.00, part load 580 lb. 38.85, 700-910 lb. 36.10-38.85, load 1050 lb. 36.35; load mixed Good and Choice 450 lb. 43.00, 565-860 lb. 35.25-37.60.



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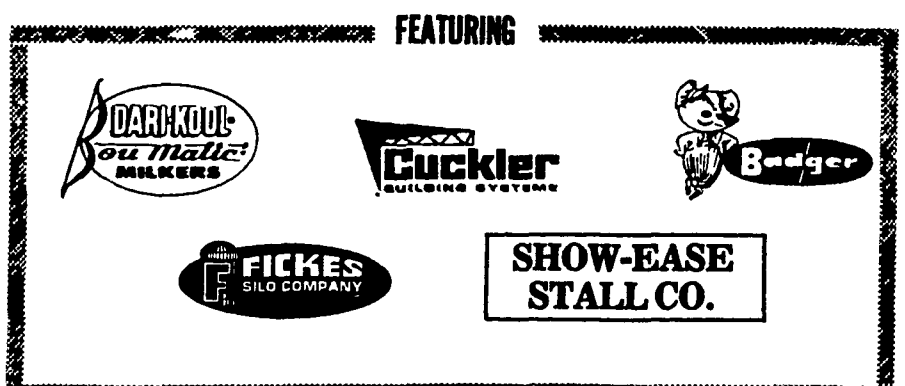
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