

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 27-APRIL 2, 1978
Put away your sleds and sleighs.

Only fools observe April 1 "Oklahoma" opened in NYC March 31, 1943 Last quarter of the moon March 31 Geese flying north now . . . Average length of days for the week, 12 hours, 38 minutes . . . US purchased Alaska March 30, 1867 WW II food rationing began March 29, 1943 In a war of ideas it is people who get killed



Ask the Old Farmer: What is "composition"? My grandmother, born in 1850, used to take it every spring Did it prevent or cure anything? B.A., Gary, Indiana

We can't say that it cured anything and we doubt if there is anyone living who

would know how to mix it We only know that sulphur, burdock, bitters, salts, senna, and sassafras were among the items used, maybe not all at once

Home Hints: Paint rollers with short naps are best for most walls, ceilings, woodwork, and smooth concrete Use long-napped rollers for stucco, brick, wire fences, and most irregular surfaces

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Partly sunny, scattered showers and flurries all week.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Mild with light rain, then clearing, weekend partly sunny and showery

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Showers and very warm, then cloudy and cool at midweek, warm, partly sunny but chance of showers for weekend

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Clear and hot to start, then heavy rain and cool, light showers and seasonal for weekend

Florida: Sunny and hot through Friday, weekend brings showers north and hot

Upstate N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Light rain and mild, then cloudy and cool at midweek, week's end rainy with snow in the mountains

Greater Ohio Valley: Intermittent rain, seasonal, warm and continued showery for weekend

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Philadelphia Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Report

Thursday, March 23, 1978
FRUIT

APPLES: Steady. Ctn. Tray Pack: Wash. Golden Delicious US Ex. Fcy. 88-100s 13.00-13.50; Pa. Romes 6.75. 1-1/8 Bushel Cartons: Pa. Red Delicious 2 1/2" US #1 5.50-6.00. Controlled Atmosphere Storage: NY Red Delicious US Fcy. 88-125s 10.00-10.50, 138s 9.50; Pa. Romes US Combination Ex. Fcy.-Fcy. 88-100s 10.00-10.50. Ctn. Cel. Pack: NY McIntosh US Ex. Fcy. 100-120s 11.00-11.50. Ctn. Film Bag 12-3 lb. US Fcy. 2 1/4" & Up unless otherwise stated: Pa. Red Delicious 9.00 US Combination Ex. Fcy.-Fcy. 10.50; Romes 8.40-9.00; Staymans 8.40; NY McIntosh 7.80.

VEGETABLES

CABBAGE: Supplies very light. NY 50 lb. sks. Danish Type med. & lge. few 5.50.

MUSHROOMS: Slightly higher. Pa. 4 qt. bkt. med.-lge. 4.50-4.75, fair cond. 4-4.25, sml.-med. 3.50, fair cond. 3-3.25.

POTATOES: Steady. 50 lb. sks. US #1 Size A wshd. unless otherwise stated: round whites LI 2.25-2.35, mostly 2.35, lge. 3.25; Maine 2.25-2.50, mostly 2.35-2.40, fair cond. 2.00, lge. 3.25-3.50; Canada CD #1 PEI 3.15-3.25.

SWEET POTATOES: Steady. NC 50 lb. ctn. Porto Rico Type US #1 10.50-11.50, mostly 11.00, few low as 10.00, fair appear 8.50-9.50; NJ supplies insufficient to quote.

Peoria Auction

Peoria, Illinois
March 23, 1978

CATTLE: Receipts this week: 4300; Last Week: 3700; Year Ago: 4400.

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers and heifers 1.00-2.00 higher. Cows weak to 1.00 lower. Bulls firm. Receipts about 60 per cent slaughter steers, 30 per cent slaughter heifers, balance mostly cows. After Monday choice and Prime steers absent.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: On Monday couple loads choice and prime 3-4 1160-1195 lbs. 50.50-51.00; At midweek choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 49.75-51.50; 900-1050 lbs. 49.00-50.00; Mixed good and choice 2-4 900-1300 lbs. 48.00-49.75; Good 2-3 45.00-48.00; Few good and choice 2-3 holsteins early 43.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, including few prime 2-4 850-1100 lbs. 47.50-49.00; 800-900 lbs. 47.00-48.00; Mixed good and choice 2-4 750-1050 lbs. 46.00-47.50; Good 2-3 42.00-46.00; Standard and Good 2-3 40.00-42.00.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 32.00-34.00; High-dressing utility 35.00; few early 36.00; Cutter 1-2 30.00-32.00; canner 27.00-30.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 32.00-41.00; few yield grade 1 42.00-43.00.

Hunter's Sale Barn

March 20, 1978
Rising Sun, Md.

FEEDER HEIFERS: High Choice 34.50-36.50; Good 32.00-35.00.

FEEDER STEERS: Good to Choice 37.50-40.50; Standard to Good 33.00-36.50.

COWS: High Choice to Prime 35.25-37.00; Good to Standard 34.25-35.00; Utility 32.50-34.00; Cutters 29.50-33.75; Cannors 28.75-32.25.

CALVES: Prime 180-240 lb. 65.00-68.00; High to Choice 140-180 lb. 62.00-67.00; Good to Choice 120-140 lb. 47.00-57.50; Standard to Good 90-110 lb. 46.00-57.00; Utility 70-85 lb. 36.00-42.00; Low Utility 65-75 lb. 27.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 30-40 lb. \$22 to \$30 by hd.; 40-50 lb. \$24 to \$38 by hd.

SOVS: 34.50-37.00.

BOARS: 33.00-36.50.

SHEEP: 22.50-25.00.

LAMBS: .79 to .82 cents a lb.

GOATS: Kids \$20 to \$40 by hd.; Nannies \$20 to \$25 by hd.; Billies \$15 to \$22.

New Holland Horse

New Holland Sales
Stables

Monday, March 20
Reported receipts of 364 head of horses, mules, and

ponies. Market steady with last week's market.

Local horses, singles 700-1050; mules 650-1325; driving horses 250-680; riding horses 200-350; better horses 375-650; lightweight killers 28-34; heavyweight killers 40-46; mares 20-65; colts 10-25; geldings 15-60; larger ponies 75-210.

Belleville Auction

Belleville, Pa.
March 22, 1978

CATTLE 213. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows \$1-\$2 lower. Individual Good slaughter steer at 45.00, few Standard 36.75-40.75. Few Standard slaughter heifers 36.35-40.35. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 31.00-34.35, couple to 34.65.

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8-32-16	135.50	136.50	19-19-19	142.50	144.00
10-20-20	121.00		20-10-10	121.00	
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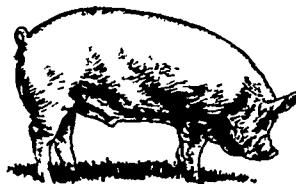
At the March 28 Feeder Pig Sale we will be offering:

150 FEEDER PIGS from Jerry Rutter, Dover, PA.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A BRED GILT AND PUREBRED BOAR SALE WILL BE HELD
6:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, AT THE LANCASTER STOCKYARDS, CONSIGNMENTS WELCOME.



NEXT FEEDER PIG SALE MARCH 28, 1978

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