

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 1-7, 1978
Glorious for all of us!

Cut dandelion greens now Kentucky Derby May 6 New moon May 6 Bees seek first pollen now Average length of days for the week 14 hours '3 minutes First Nazi POW reached US May 7 1942 First nonstop flight from NYC to San Diego May 2 1923 One cannot tell what passes through the heart of a man by the look on his face.



Ask the Old Farmer: I have been looking for beetle traps for quite some time without success. The one I had was a Mason jar with water in it and a funnel screw-top. Once the beetle got down into it, he drowned. Are these still being made? H B, Sandusky, Ohio

We are not sure where they can be bought but if they are that simple, why not make one? We have neighbors who kill earwigs using an empty cat-food can with a mite of cat food and a couple inches of water in it.

Home Hints To ease the pain of a small burn apply vanilla extract

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Clear and very warm end of week colder with hard showers
Greater New York-New Jersey: Hot and clear to start, end of week seasonal with showers
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Sunny and hot with a few showers, then light rain and cooler last of week
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Clear and hot to start, then rainy and cool at midweek, weekend sunny and hot
Florida: Week begins cloudy and showers south, then rain, heavy in north and hot weekend cloudy and hot
Upstate N Y-Toronto & Montreal: Sunny and hot, then some light showers, end of week colder and rainy
Greater Ohio Valley: Week begins sunny and hot, then cooler with some rain rest of week

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Philadelphia Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Report

Wednesday, April 26, 1978

FRUIT
APPLES: Slightly higher controlled atmosphere storage unless otherwise stated Ctn. tray pack.

Pa. Red Delicious 11.00 Staymans 10.00 Romes 9.75.
 NJ Red Delicious 9-9.60 fair appear 7.20-7.80 regular storage Staymans & Romes 7.20

VEGETABLES
ASPARAGUS: Steady Pyramid Crates.
 NJ bchd. 12s Fieldrun 18.00-21.00 bu. bkt. loose 15.00.

MD 1-1/9 bu. crt. loose 14 00-15.00 mostly 14.00.

CABBAGE: About steady 1-3/4 bu. crt. & ctn. med. Green unless otherwise stated.

NY 50-lb. sks. Danish Type fair cond. 5 50 Red Type 6.00-7.00.

GREENS: Steady
 VA celery crt. loose Kale 6.00 Rape Turnip Tops & Mustard 5.50.

NC 1-2/5 bu. crt. bchd. Collard 4.50-5.00 loose Turnip Tops Mustard & Rape 5-5.50.

NJ Dandelion 1/2 bu. bkt Frame Grown 2-2.50 fair cond. 1.50 Broccoli Rabe 1-1/9 bu. crt. 3.00-4.00 mostly 3.50-4.00 bchd few 3-3.50.

LEEKs: Carton bunched 12s

NJ 5.00.
MUSHROOMS: About steady

PA 4-qt. bkt. med.-lge. 4.25-4.50 sml.-med. 3.25-3.50.

ONIONS-DRY: Lower 50-lb. sks. US #1 or generally good quality yellow unless otherwise stated.

NY med. 5.00 ord. cond. 2-2.50.

ONIONS-GREEN: About steady carton bunched 48s unless otherwise stated.

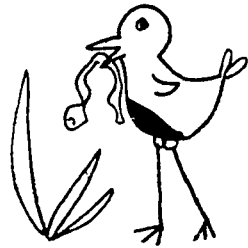
NJ 4/5 bu. crt. bchd. 36s 4.00-5.00 some best 6.00-7.00.

POTATOES: Steady. 50 lb. sks. US #1 Size A wshd. unless otherwise stated.

ROUND WHITES:
 Maine 2.75 Baled 10-5 lb. film bags 4.25-4.50.
 Canada CD #1 2.75.

SPINACH: About Steady NY bu. bkt. & bu. crt. Savoy Type 5.00-6.00 few 6.50 one lot 4.25

PA. bu. bkt. Savoy type 5.00.



Baltimore USDA

April 24, 1978

CATTLE 600: Slaughter steers and heifers 50-1.00 higher, cows firm to \$.50 higher, bulls \$.50-.75 higher, few feeders steady. Supply 35 per cent slaughter steers and heifers, 40 per cent cows, 20 per cent feeders, balance bulls.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 51.50-53.25; Good and Choice 2-4 1000-1375 lbs. 50.50-51.50; Good 2-4 950-1300 lbs. 45.75-50.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 48.00-50.35; Good 2-3 735-1020 lbs. 43.00-46.00.

COWS: Utility 2-3 and Commercial 3-4 38.00-43.00; Couple 43.35-44.00; Cutter 37.00-41.00; Canner and low Cutter 33.25-37.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1060-1935 lbs. 42.75-49.60.

FEEDER CATTLE: Choice steers 300-500 lbs. 56.00-59.00; few Good Choice bulls 395-550 lbs. 47.50-55.00.

HOGS 1000: Barrows and gilts steady to \$.25 instances \$.50 higher. US 1-2 200-240 lbs. 46.50-46.75, 25 head 47.00-47.25; US 2-3 230-260 lbs. 45.50-46.50.

SOWS: 250-50 cents higher. US 1-3 300-600 lbs. 37.50-38.25.

VEAL & CALF AUCTION: high Choice and Prime Vealers 190-265 lbs. 80.00-84.00; Choice 145-225 lbs. 66.00-78.50; few Good 110-250 lbs. 46.00-65.00; 75-100 lbs. 39.00-54.00; calves returned to farm 44.00-56.50; Individual 65.00.

SHEEP AUCTION 30: Choice & Prime Spring lambs 89-107 lbs. 73.60-75.20; few Choice 57-64 lbs. 71.00-73.00.

Dewart Auction

Dewart, Pa. April 24, 1978

CATTLE 330 Compared

with last Monday's market, slaughter steers unevenly steady to strong. Slaughter cows unevenly steady. Few High Choice & Prime No. 3-4 1050-1325 lbs. slaughter steers 53.35-54.35, one at 55.00, Choice No. 2-4 950-1350 lbs. 51.10-53.35, few to 54.50, Good 48.75-50.85, Standard 46.00-48.75, Utility & Low Standard 42.50-45.75. Choice slaughter heifers 46.75-50.10, few Good 43.85-47.00, few Standard 42.25-43.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 39.50-42.50, couple 43.35 and 44.10, Cutters 35.50-39.60, Canner & Low Cutter 32.50-35.25, few Shells down to 28.00. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 46.00-50.25, few Good 43.75-46.75, few Standard 41.00-43.50. Few Yield Grade #1 1105-2210 lbs. slaughter bulls 43.00-49.00. Few Choice 300-520 lbs. feeder steers 54.00-58.50, Good 350-650 lbs. 48.50-53.00; Good & Choice 325-625 lbs. feeder heifers 43.00-49.50; Medium & Good 300-600 lbs. feeder bulls 43.00-50.00.

CALVES 164 Vealers \$4 to \$10 higher. Few Prime vealers 76.50-87.50, Choice 78.00-84.50, Good 65.00-74.00, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 57.00-67.00, Standard 60-85 lbs. 51.00-57.00. Farm calves active, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 57.00-70.00; holstein heifers 80-120 lbs. 55.00-80.00.

HOGS 458 Barrows & gilts mostly 50 cents lower. US No. 1-2 200-225 lbs. barrows & gilts 47.00-47.50, No 1-3 190-245 lbs. 46.00-47.00, No. 2-3 195-250 lbs. 45.30-46.10, few No. 1-3 155-175 lbs. 41.25-44.00. Couple US No. 1-3 385 and 505 lbs. sows 39.50 and 40.00, No. 2-3 350-625 lbs. 35.00-38.50. Two Boars 29.50 and 31.00, light weights 31.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 165 US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 31.50-39.00, few down to 20.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-45 lbs. 40.50-50.00, No. 1-3 50-60 lbs. 53.50-60.50 per head.

SHEEP 13. Few Choice 75-

110 lbs spring slaughter lambs 65.00-70.50 Few Slaughter ewes 18.00-22.50.

Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa. April 25, 1978

CATTLE 268. Compared with last Tuesday's market Choice 1050-1350 lbs. slaughter steers 52.00-54.35, Good 950-1350 lbs. 48.00-52.50, Standard 46.00-48.00, Utility 42.00-46.00 Choice 900-1100 lbs. slaughter heifers 51.00-53.85, Good 48.00-51.00, Standard 45.00-48.00, Utility 40.00-45.00. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 40.00-43.85, Cutters 39.00-42.00, Canner and Low Cutter 36.00-39.00, Shells down to 32.00. Good slaughter bullocks 42.00-48.75, Yield Grade No. 1, 1200-2085 lbs. slaughter bulls 44.00-48.75, Yield Grade No. 2, 800-1200 lbs. 40.00-44.00

CALVES 166. Prime vealers 80.00-86.50, Choice 75.00-80.00, Good 65.00-75.00, Standard and Good 110-130 lbs. 60.00-65.00, 90-110 lbs. 55.00-60.00, 70-90 lbs. 40.00-55.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 95-115 lbs. 65.00-75.00; Holstein heifers 80-110 lbs. 70.00-80.00.

HOGS 828. US No. 1-2 200-230 lbs. barrows and gilts 47.00-48.35, No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 46.20-47.10, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 44.25-46.00, No. 1-3 130-175 lbs. 43.00-44.50. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 37.00-41.25 Boars 220-690 lbs. 32.75-34.25.

FEEDER PIGS 101. US No. 1-3 10-20 lbs. feeder pigs 25.00-40.00 per head, No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. 40.00-55.00 per head.

SHEEP 47. Good 65-75 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 50.00-75.00. Slaughter ewes 15.00-21.00.

Babcock B-300V

1ST IN INCOME OVER FEED & CHICK COSTS
20TH PENNSYLVANIA RANDOM SAMPLE TEST

Results of the 20th Pennsylvania Random Sample Egg Laying Test confirm the reports we've been receiving from egg producers in Pennsylvania on the outstanding performance of the Babcock B-300V.

If you've been buying chicks based on Random Sample performance, isn't it time to buy today's winner -- the Babcock B-300V.



BABCOCK B-300V
1st CAGE AND FLOOR.

	INCOME OVER CHICK & FEED COST		EGG PRODUCTION PER HEN HOUSED		% LAYING HOUSE MORTALITY		LB FEED PER LB. EGGS	
	CAGE	FLOOR	CAGE	FLOOR	CAGE	FLOOR	CAGE	FLOOR
Babcock B-300V	6.07	6.74	256.1	275.7	3.1	1.0	2.36	2.33
Shaver 288	5.52	6.27	245.5	273.1	5.2	3.0	2.44	2.44
DeKalb XL	5.85	5.96	253.3	275.7	2.1	3.0	2.43	2.59
Hisex	6.04	6.43	258.8	268.3	4.2	7.0	2.43	2.36

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We have received several questions concerning Babcock's showing in European Egg Laying tests as advertised in this paper. The Babcock B-300V was not entered in the recently completed Wissinkenke and Putten Laying Tests.



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