

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 12-18, 1979

Ocean swells, rainy spells.

Turn mattresses now . . . Albert Einstein born March 14, 1879
Full moon March 13 . . . Average length of days for the week, 11 hours, 55 minutes . . . Partial eclipse of the moon March 13
Animal hibernation over . . . American Legion founded in Paris March 15, 1919 *The pebble in the brook secretly thinks itself a precious stone*



Ask the Old Farmer: Is my modern dictionary correct in defining my grandfather's favorite expression, "galley west," as utter confusion? P.F., Dubuque, Iowa

Absolutely right, our own grandfather used to add "from hell to breakfast," indicating that the situation was widespread

Home Hints: Simplify the job of oven cleaning by removing one of the racks permanently. It's rarely used and can be inserted as needed.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Week begins partly sunny cold, then expect heavy rain

Greater New York-New Jersey: Partly sunny and cold to mid-week, then mild, with heavy rain and floods

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Coldish with intermittent snow first part of week, then partly sunny and very cold

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Clearing and seasonal to start, then rainy and mild.

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Sechrist Auction

Stewartstown, Pa.
March 12, 1979

CATTLE 85. Steers - High Choice and Prime 68.00-70.75; Good Choice 65.00-68.50; Good 62.00-66.00; Holsteins Good 64.00-66.85; Standard to Good 61.00-64.00. Heifers - High Choice and Prime 65.00-68.50; Good to Choice 62.50-64.85; Good 60.00-62.50; Holsteins Good 60.00-62.50; Standard Good 55.00-60.00. Bulls - Good and Choice Commercial 65.00-69.50; Standard to Good 63.00-65.00. Cows - High Yearling Commercial 54.00-56.75; Cutters 52.00-54.10; Canners Low Cutters 49.50-52.00; Shells 45.00-49.85.

CALVES 71. Calves - Choice and Prime 110.00-130.00; Good and Choice 100.00-115.00; Standard and Good 90.00-105.00; Bulls Good 110-120 lbs. 100.00-138.00; Hfrs. 80-120 lbs. 90.00-125.00; Culls 60.00-90.00.

HOGS 518. Hogs - U.S. No. 1 and 2, 190-220 lbs. 50.75-51.50; U.S. No. 1 and 3, 190-230 lbs. 50.25-50.50; U.S. No. 1 and 3, 180-250 lbs. 49.50-50.00. Sows - 250-375 lbs. 44.50-48.00; 400-500 lbs. 38.00-43.85. Boars - 300-500 lbs. 39.00-42.00.

SHEEP 19. Lambs - Good to Choice 75.00-100.00; Medium to Good 60.00-75.00. Ewes - 25.00-40.00.

Private Treaty Fat Hogs, Select No. 1 and 2, 190-215 lbs. 50.00-50.50.

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Special Market

Special Feeder Pig Sale

March 2, 1979
South Hill, Va.

There were 219 head sold. All pigs were graded by Representatives of the VDAC's Division of Markets, Livestock Section on USDA standards and sold by the hundredweight.

US 1-2's 30-49 lbs. 125.00-126.00; 50-69 lbs. 90.00; 70-99 lbs. 81.50; 100-130 lbs. 59.00.

US 3's 30-49 lbs. 119.50-120.00; 50-69 lbs. 89.50-105.00; 70-99 lbs. 80.00; 100-130 lbs. 60.00.

Utility 30-49 lbs. 90.50; 50-69 lbs. 75.00.

US 4's 50-69 lbs. 90.00; 70-99 lbs. 72.50-80.00; 100-130 lbs. 62.00.

Leesport Auction

Leesport, Pa.
March 14, 1979

CATTLE 234. Supply included 65 head feeder cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers 75 cents-\$2.50 lower. Slaughter cows 50 cents-\$1.50 higher. Choice 960-1300 lbs. slaughter steers 66.00-69.60, couple to 70.10, Good 65.25-67.60, few Standard 64.25-65.50. Choice 800-1060 lbs. slaughter heifers 64.25-67.00, few to 68.50, couple Standard 57.25 and 59.60. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 53.50-57.00, Cutters 51.00-54.85, few Canner and Low Cutters 45.00-50.00. Few Good and Choice slaughter bullocks 66.00-71.50, couple Standard 63.75 and 65.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1465-1840 lbs. slaughter bulls 66.25-68.25, couple Yield Grade No. 2, 900-1360 lbs. 57.75 and 64.35. Few Choice 500-630 lbs. feeder steers 90.00-103.00, few Good 815-920 lbs. 65.00-72.00. Few Choice 500-640 lbs. feeder heifers 81.00-85.00. Few Good 660-900 lbs. feeder bulls 60.00-78.00.

CALVES 125. Few Choice vealers 101.00-119.00, few Good 99.00-104.50, 90-115 lbs. 90.00-98.00, 70-85 lbs. 80.00-90.00, Utility 50-100 lbs. 71.00-85.00. Farm calves were active. Holstein bulls 100-130 lbs. 100.00-140.00, 90-95 lbs. 95.00-100.00; few Holstein heifers 100-130 lbs. 112.00-165.00.

HOGS 422. Barrows and gilts \$1 lower. US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.00-51.60, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 50.25-51.10, No. 2-3 260-285 lbs. 48.25-49.50, few No. 1-3 135-190 lbs. 45.00-51.50. Sows \$1-\$6 lower. US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. sows 40.50-43.00, few 48.25, few No. 2-3 400-635 lbs. 38.00-40.00. Boars 36.00-40.00, few 51.50.

FEEDER PIGS 188. US No. 1-3 20-45 lbs. feeder pigs 120.00-130.00 per hundredweight, No. 1-3 55-70 lbs. 86.00-110.00 per hundredweight.

SHEEP 47. Choice 60-70 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 90.00-110.00, few 15-35 lbs. 125.00-220.00, 70-95 lbs. 89.00-97.00. Slaughter ewes 24.00-38.00.

St. Louis Cattle

National Stockyards
March 15, 1979

Receipts this week 7,300; week ago 6,700; year ago 8,400.

Livestock market and auction news

Compared last weeks Thursday auction). Feeder steers and heifers unevenly steady to 2.00 lower. Large attendance of buyers and demand continued good for increased receipts. Supply mainly Choice and Mixed Good and Choice 350-800 lb. steers and 300-600 lb. Heifers.

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FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 300-400 lbs. 86.25-97.25; 400-500 lbs. 80.00-89.50; 500-600 lbs. 75.00-82.50. Mixed Good and Choice and some Choice compact 300-500 lbs. 78.00-84.50; 500-600 lbs., 72.00-77.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 50.00-55.00. Late mostly 50.00. 54.00. Boning Utility 1-2 55.00-56.00, mostly 55.00-56.00. Cutter 1-2 48.00-54.00. Canner and low Cutter 1-2 43.50-48.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1900 lbs. 62.00-67.00, individual yield grade 1 67.50.

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Market courtesy of USDA

Joliet Cattle

March 15, 1979

CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 4,415, 4,516 last week, 5,865 last year. As compared to the previous weeks close slaughter steers 1.00 to mostly 1.50 lower. Slaughter heifers mostly 1.50 lower. Cows generally steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed High Choice and Prime 3-4, few 5, 1125-1350 70.50-72.00, load Monday 72.25, Closing week sales 70.50-71.00. Choice 2-4 1050-1300 68.50-72.00, closing 68.50-70.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 1000-1250 67.00-69.50.

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COWS: Utility & Commercial 2-4 51.00-54.00.

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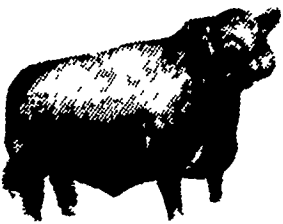
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