



APRIL 9-15, 1979

Rain's now mainly a pain.

Income taxes not due until April 16 this year (the 15th is Easter Sunday). Molly Pitcher died April 9, 1913 Full moon April 12. Average length of days for the week, 13 hours, 16 minutes. Walrus are mating now Pony Express started April 9, 1860 Maine sardine season opens Good soup may be made in an old pot



Ask the Old Farmer: Where did the term "polka dots" come from? P.C., Buffalo, NY

The polka is a dance imported from Bohemia back in the early 1800s Somewhere about 1840 a company turned out a dotted pattern in dress goods Somebody, likely a musician, observing the regularity of the pattern, compared it to the notes of the polka Hunt up a scrap of polka music and you'll understand exactly how come

Home Hints: If you've run out of clean pajamas for your child, use an adult t-shirt as a bed shirt

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Week starts cold, with rain east and south, snow north, then rainy and seasonal

Greater New York-New Jersey: Sunny and very cold first of week, then rainy and mild

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain all week.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Cold and rainy all week, some flooding

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Chambersburg Auction

Chambersburg, Pa. April 5, 1979

CATTLE 315. Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter steers grading good 2.00-3.00 higher. Sl. cows 1.25-2.75 higher. Few Choice YG 71.85-73.00; Good 66.50-71.75; Standard 63.50-65.50. Choice sl. heifers 67.50-70.00 1 at 71.85; Good 63.50-66.50. Few Standard 60.00-64.50. Utility & Commercial sl. cows 57.00-61.75 few to 62.60. Cutters 55.00-58.85. Canner & L. Cutter 52.75-55.85. Shells down to 49.50. Few Choice sl. bullocks 69.25-73.35. Yield Grade #1-2, 1300-2040 lbs. 64.00-70.10 1 at 73.35.

FEEDER CATTLE: 1 lot Choice 388 lbs. steers at 104.00, few Good 500-750 lbs. 69.00-75.00.

CALVES 324. Vealers grading Good & Choice 10.00-20.00 higher. Prime vealers 135.00-140.00, Choice 120.00-132.00 Good 105.00-120.00. Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 91.00-96.00, 70-85 lbs. 84.50-90.50, Utility 50-100 lbs. 65.00-80.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol Bulls 90-120 lbs. 95.00-130.00 few to 136.00 Hol. Heifers 80-150 lbs. 130.00-195.00, few to 212.50.

HOGS 90. Barrows and gilts 3.00 higher, US No. 1-2 200-230 lbs. barrows & gilts 46.00-46.50, No. 1-3 220-230 lbs. 45.50-46.00, US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 35.00-38.75. Few Boars 35.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 52. US No. 1-3 35-40 lbs. feeder pigs 39.00-41.00 per head, No. 1-3 70 lbs. at 59.00.

SHEEP 400. Spring sl. lambs 50-80 lb. 69.00-80.00, few Choice 6-20 lbs.

110.00-185.00, 20-45 lb. 90.00-125.00, Good 40-70 lbs. 68.00-85.00 Good woolled lambs 70-100 lb. 63.00-70.00. Slaughter ewes 20.00-37.00, Goat kids 20.00-43.00 per head.

Special Market

Special Feeder Calf Sale
Courtland, Va. March 28, 1979

There 289 head sold. All cattle were graded by Representatives of the VDACS Division of markets, Livestock Section on VDACS standards and sold by the hundredweight.

STEERS: Choice 300-400 lbs. 102.00, 405-500 lbs. 94.00-97.50, 505-600 lbs. 86.00-88.50, 600-700 lbs. 82.00-85.50, 700-800 lbs. 77.00-78.50; Good 300-400 lbs. 97.50-100.00, 405-500 lbs. 96.50-97.00, 505-600 lbs. 89.50-98.00, 600-700 lbs. 82.50-84.00, 700-800 lbs. 73.50-75.00; Medium 300-400 lbs. 94.00-98.00, 405-500 lbs. 93.00-94.00, 505-600 lbs. 83.00-88.00, 600-700 lbs. 75.00-80.00, 700-800 lbs. 68.00-70.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 300-400 lbs. 78.00-81.00, 405-500 lbs. 80.00-84.50, 505-600 lbs. 83.00, 600-700 lbs. 72.00; Good 300-400 lbs. 79.00-80.00, 405-500 lbs. 78.00-79.00, 505-600 lbs. 73.00-78.00, 600-700 lbs. 69.00; Medium 300-400 lbs. 76.00-82.00, 405-500 lbs. 70.00-76.50, 505-600 lbs. 73.00.



HARVEY Z. MARTIN HAY AND STRAW SALE

WILL BE DISCONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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For More Information
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Livestock market and auction news

Shenandoah Valley Livestock

Livestock Sales, Inc.
Harrisonburg, Virginia
March 31, 1979

STOCKER, FEEDER & SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Good Light Steer calves 100.00 to 110.00; Medium 55.00 to 100.00; Plain 90.00 and down; Good Heavy Steers 89.00 to 94.00; Medium 85.00 to 89.00; Plain 80.00 and down; Holstein Steers 60.00 to 69.00; Slaughter Steers 67.25 and down; Good Light heifer Calves 78.00 to 83.00; Medium 72.00 to 78.00; Plain 69.00 and down; Good Heavy Heifers 68.00 to 73.00; Medium 64.00 to 68.00; Plain 60.00 and down; Slaughter Heifers 64.50 and down; Slaughter Cows 50.00 to 57.00; Utilities 45.00 to 50.00; Canners and Cutters 45.00 and down; Milk & Stock Cows 775.00 and down; Stock Bulls 81.00 and down; Slaughter Bulls 66.00 and down.

CALVES. Veal Calves 115.00 per Hundred weight; Baby Calves 170.00 and down.

LAMBS: Choice Blue 67.75; Slaughter Ewes 28.50 to 33.25; Stock Ewes 75.00 and down.

HOGS: Top 43.05; Heavy 40.00 to 41.25; Boars 43.00; Sows 31.75 to 39.00.

Oklahoma Cattle

April 5, 1979

Estimated receipts 4500
Same day last week 6740

FAIRLY ACTIVE: Feeder steers steady to 2.00 higher, instances 10.00-12.00 higher on choice 400-500 lb. feeder steers. Feeder heifers steady to 5.00 higher, most advance on choice feeder heifers under 500 lbs. Majority receipts choice 400-800 lb. feeder steers and choice 300-700 lb. feeder heifers. Moderate attendance of buyers.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice, few prime, scattered sales 267-400 lb. 119.00-125.00, package 295 lb. 130.00; 400-500 lb. closed at 111.00-122.00; 500-600 lb. 91.00-100.00; few packages 106.75-

109.55; 600-700 lb. 87.00-93.50; few 95.50-97.75; 700-850 lb. 82.00-88.00; couple packages in rather fleshy condition 74.25-79.90; mixed good and choice 300-400 lb. 104.00-114.75; 400-500 lb. 96.00-100.25; 500-600 lb. 83.00-91.00; 600-700 lb. 82.75-87.00; 700-800 lb. 80.50-82.50; few good 300-500 lb. 85.00-93.25; 500-850 lb. 79.25-83.50; couple packages 880-925 lb. 71.00-72.60; good holstein steers 300-500 lb. 93.00-100.00; 500-700 lb. 85.50-93.00; 700-850 lb. 73.50-79.30.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice, few prime 300-400 lb. 97.00-106.00; few 106.00-109.00; 400-500 lb. closing 90.00-95.50; 500-600 lb. late 78.50-86.50; package 560 lb. 87.75; 600-700 lb. 74.00-79.00; mixed good and choice 300-400 lb. 90.00-97.00; 400-500 lb. 80.25-88.00; 500-600 lb. 76.00-82.75; 600-700 lb. 68.25-75.75; package 736 lb. 69.25; good 300-500 lb. 73.00-80.25; 500-700 lb. 66.00-73.00.

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week feeder steers steady to 4.00 higher, instances 10.00-12.00 higher on choice 400-500 lb. steers, feeder heifers steady to 5.00 higher, most advance on choice feeder heifers under 500 lb.; slaughter cows closed steady to firm, late sales utility and commercial 2-3 56.00-60.75; cutter 1-3 51.25-52.25, bulls closed .50 to 1.00 higher. Weeks sales consisted yg. 1-2 1000-1800 lb. 60.00-71.25, one individual yg. 1 near 2000 lb. 72.00; salable receipts 11,100 head compared to 18,726 head last week and 13,370 head the same week a year ago. Cows and bulls near 10 percent of cattle receipts, feeders near 90 percent of the total.

Market courtesy of USDA.

Four States Livestock

Four States Livestock Sales, Inc.
Wednesday, March 28, 1979

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers & Heifers - \$1.00 Lower; choice 68.00-70.25; good 65.00-67.00; medium 64.00 down. Heifers - choice 65.00-66.00; good 61.00-64.00; medium 60.00 down. Cows large run mostly steady prices; high yield 57.50-

59.75; average 53.00-57.00; big middle 49.00-52.00; shelly 52.00 down. Fat Bulls - steady to \$1.00 higher; good 66.00-70.00; medium 60.00-65.00. Veal Calves - mostly steady prices; choice 112.00-119.00; good 100.00-111.00; medium 88.00-99.00; farm hfrs. to 144.00; farm bulls to 104.00; light & weak 83.00 down. Sows - 300-600 lbs. 34.25-38.75; thin sows 29.50-33.00.

STOCKER: Steers 300-550 lbs. - steady with last week but \$2.00 under two weeks ago; choice 98.00-102.00; good 92.00-97.00; medium 85.00-91.00; culls 84.00 down. Steers 600-850 lbs. - choice 85.00-88.00; good 78.00-84.00; medium 77.00 down. Heifers (all weights) - Holsteins to 102.00; choice 80.00-86.00; good 71.00-79.00; medium 70.00 down. Bulls - choice 87.00-90.00; good 80.00-86.00; medium 79.00 - down. Dairy Cows to 820.00. Springing Hfrs. to \$1000.00. Pigs, Hd. \$3.00 - \$3.00 Lower; 20-30 lbs. 25.00-34.00; 40-60 lbs. 35.00-45.00. Shoats by Lb. to \$46.00. Slaughter Hogs - \$3.00 to \$5.00 Lower; few lots 42.25-42.85; 200-230 lbs. 41.00-42.00; 240-260 lbs. 41.00-41.85; 180-195 lbs. 38.00-40.00.

Delmarva Poultry

April 4, 1979

Ready to cook movement light and disappointing in most quarters. Slaughter schedules reduced in instances. Today's LTL asking prices ranged lower at 47-48 cents on plant grade and 48-49 cents on U.S. Grade A. Live supplies ample at mostly desirable weights. Undertone weak and unsettled.

Current broiler fryer negotiated prices for immediate delivery includes mostly multiple-drop shipments to New York City from Delmarva.

RANGE: U.S. Grade A 48-51; Plant Grade 47-49½; Premium X U.S. Grade A 55. **WTD. AVG.:** U.S. Grade A 48.75; Plant Grade 48.15; Premium X U.S. Grade A 55.00.

X Includes special services, selected competitive brands, etc.

Hunter's Auction

April 2, 1979
Rising Sun, Md.

BULLS: 900 lb. 65.50. **COWS:** High Choice to Prime 53.75-55.00; Good to Standard 52.75-53.75; Utility 52.00-53.50; cutters 51.00-52.50; Canners 47.50-51.00.

CALVES: Prime 240-280 lb. 101.00-110.00; High to Choice 140-180 lb. 97.00-105.00; Good to Choice 120-140 lb. 98.00-110.00; Standard to Good 90-110 lb. 91.00-135.00; Utility 70-85 lb. 78.00-96.00; Low Utility 65-75 lb. 62.00-85.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 30-35 lb. \$36 to \$42.

HOGS: 145-160 lb. 48.00-51.00.

GOATS: Kids \$22 to \$28 by hd.; Nannies \$25 to \$33 by hd.; Billies \$25 to \$20 by hd.

SHEEP: 25.00-27.00; 90 lb. Lambs 50-53.

Special Market

Work Horse, Driving Horse, and Mule Sale
at New Holland
March 9, 1979
Total 315 head.

Work horses, load out of Michigan, pairs 1727-2700, singles 775-1050; load of work horses and mules out of Tennessee, work horses, pairs 2375-3400; mules, pairs 1550-1700, singles 800-1225; load of work horses out of Virginia, pairs 1425-1925, singles 860-1750; load of work horses out of Canada, pairs 2750-3000, singles 1050-1950, load of work horses out of Tennessee, pairs 1600-2725, singles 975-1650; local work horses, pairs 1175-2900, singles 600-2100; mules, pairs 1775-2075, singles 775-1300; driving horses 500-1400.



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Regular consignments from Ray Kyper, Bob Kennedy, Dale Brewer and Ed Stover plus local consigners.

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11:00 A.M. - Beef Sale Stockers & Feeders 200 to 250 each week.

12:30 P.M. - Dairy Cows
7:00 P.M. - Small Animal Sale

For Special Sales and Herd Dispersals on the farm or at our barn or other market information call: Office 717-733-2444.

WALTER H. RISSER, Proprietor

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From 7 A.M. Wed. Morning
State Graded Until 12 Noon.

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Tags delivered if you call 717-354-4341 our office in advance.

Calf Sale To Be Held In New Sales Pavilion
Every Thursday At 4:30 P.M.

NOTICE

Third Annual Penna. Feeder Pig Show and Sale
Tuesday, April 10, 1979 - 7:00 P.M.

This event is co-sponsored by the Lancaster County Swine producers Association and New Holland Sales Stables, Inc.

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