



MAY 7-13, 1979

Mercury rises, with a few surprises.

Forest fire danger now . . . Mother's Day May 13 . . . Full moon May 11 . . . Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 24 minutes  
Skunks born this week . . . New York World's Fair opened May 8, 1939 . . . Nixon impeachment hearings began May 9, 1974 . . . The grand essentials in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Do you know why the big, heavy, blue coats worn by the Navy and Coast Guard are called "pea-jackets"? F. T., Newark, N.J.

*Old-timers, a couple of hundred years ago, had a habit of dropping the last part of a word "Pea" meant nothing more than "peak." It was called "peak-jacket" because it was worn when a*

*man went up to the mast-head of a ship. The jacket was especially designed for going aloft*

**Home Hints:** To ward off lace bugs from rhododendrons, mountain laurels, and azaleas, spray the plants with a mixture of one-half cup molasses in a gallon of water

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**

**New England:** Week begins partly sunny and warm, then rain.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Sunny and very warm to start, then rainy and seasonal last of week.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** First of week, cooler with thundershowers; then sunny and hot.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Very warm with showers to mid-week, then sunny and seasonal

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**Oklahoma Cattle**

May 3, 1979

Thursday Feeder Cattle Auction estimated receipts 10,700, same day last week 8,152.

Fairly active, feeder steers under 700 lbs. steady, over 700 lbs. 1.00-2.00 lower, feeder heifers under 600 lbs. steady, over 600 lbs. 1.00-3.00 lower. Receipts largely Choice 500-850 lbs. feeder steers and Choice 400-750 lbs. feeder heifers. Moderate attendance buyers.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Choice 300-500 lbs. 109.50-123.00, 500-600 lbs. 93.00-106.00, 600-700 lbs. 86.10-94.25, 700-800 lbs. 82.70-87.10, 800-875 lbs. 80.05-84.80; mixed Good and Choice 400-500 lbs. 89.30-97.00, 400-725 lbs. 80.00-87.00.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Choice 300-500 lbs. 97.50-110.50, 500-700 lbs. 80.30-91.25, few 700-800 lbs. 76.00-78.20; mixed Good and Choice 275-400 lbs. 86.50-103.00, 400-500 lbs. 81.75-86.30, 500-700 lbs. 73.10-81.80.

**FOR THE WEEK:** Compared to last week, feeder steers steady to 2.00 lower, feeder heifers steady

to 3.00 lower, decline on weights over 600 lbs. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 lower, late sales Utility and Commercial 2-3 55.00-62.25, Cutter 1-3 53.50-58.00. Bulls closed 1.00-2.00 higher, instances 3.00 higher. Weeks sales consisted YG 1-2 1000-2095 lbs. 69.00-78.00. Salable receipts near 25,700 compared to 22,254 last week and 15,579 same week a year ago. Cows and bulls near 7 percent of cattle receipts, feeders near 93 percent of total.

**New Holland Horses**

Monday, April 30  
New Holland Sales Stables

Reported receipts of 283 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market stronger with last week's market.

Local driving horses 350-1100; riding horses 275-550; better horses 600-900; lightweight killers 250-425; heavyweight killers 500-850; mare ponies 25-60; colts 10-30; geldings 25-55; larger ponies 100-285.

**Livestock market and auction news**

**St. Louis Cattle**

National Stockyards  
May 3, 1979

Receipts this week 6,300  
Week ago 6,000  
Year ago 6,900

Compared to the previous weeks close, slaughter steers mostly 1.00-1.50 higher, most advance on average choice to prime. Slaughter heifers 1.50-2.00 higher. Cows 1.00-2.00 lower. Bulls steady. Slaughter supply mainly choice and mixed choice and prime 2-4 1000-1200 lb. steers, around 35 percent heifers and 15 percent cows.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Mixed choice and prime 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 77.00-77.50, part load 78.00. Choice 2-4 950-1300 lbs. 75.00-77.00. Several 75.50-77.00. Mixed good and choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 74.00-75.50. Few lots mixed good and choice 2-3 1125-1275 lb. holsteins 71.00-72.00. Good 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 71.00-74.00. Standard to good 2-3 1050-1300 lb. holsteins 67.00-70.50.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Mixed choice and prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 75.00-76.00, closing 75.00-75.50. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 73.00-75.50, closing week sales 73.00-75.00, several 73.00-74.50. Mixed good and choice 2-3 700-975 lbs. 71.50-74.00. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 69.00-71.50.

**COWS:** Utility and commercial 52.00-58.00, closing 52.00-56.00. Boning utility 1-2 56.00-60.00. Closing week sales 56.00-58.00. Cutter 1-2 51.00-57.00, closing 51.00-55.00. Canner and low cutter 1-2 46.00-52.00, closing 46.00-51.00.

**BULLS:** Yield grade 1-2 1050-1800 lbs. 65.00-72.00. Yield grade 1 1400-1900 lbs. 72.00-73.00.

**FEEDERS:** (Including around 2,000 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers and heifers unevenly steady to 3.00 lower, instances 4.00-5.00 lower on weights under 500 lbs. Demand only moderate at best for bulk of offerings. Supply mainly choice and mixed good and choice 400-800 lb. steers and 300-600 lb. heifers.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Choice 260-400 lbs. 107.00-125.00; 400-500 lbs. 95.50-

112.50; 500-600 lbs. 90.00-105.00; lot thin high choice 506 lbs. 112.50; 600-700 lbs. 83.00-87.25; 700-800 lbs. 77.50-85.25; few lots 875-975 lbs. 72.50-78.75. Mixed good and choice and some choice compact 375-500 lbs. 92.00-104.00; 500-600 lbs. 81.50-87.00. Few lots good and choice 525-550 lb. holsteins 90.00-92.25.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Lot choice 330 lbs. 95.00; choice 400-500 lbs. 83.00-88.50; 500-600 lbs. 80.00-88.00. Mixed good and choice 300-400 lbs. 87.50-90.50.

**Belleville Auction**

Belleville, Pa.  
May 2, 1979

**CATTLE 105.** Compared with last Wednesday's market; one Choice slaughter steer at 73.10, Standard 63.60-70.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 54.50-59.00, couple to 61.00, Cutters 48.00-54.00, Canner & Low Cutter 45.75-48.50. Yield Grade #1 1000-1800 lbs. slaughter bulls 66.25-70.25.

**CALVES 95.** Choice vealers 107.00-125.00, Good 96.00-105.00, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 92.50-96.00, 65-90 lbs. 89.00-92.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-115 lbs. 110.00-146.00; holstein heifers 85-130 lbs. 150.00-175.00.

**HOGS 300.** Barrows & gilts mostly \$1 higher. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 46.00-46.75, No. 1-3 200-255 lbs. 42.10-46.00, No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 36.50-39.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 307.** US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 28.50-50.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 50.00-58.50 per head.

**SHEEP 34.** Choice 70-100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 82.00-89.00, Good 50-85 lbs. 48.50-80.00. Slaughter ewes 25.00-37.50.

**Valley Livestock**

Valley Stockyards  
Athens, Pa.

Monday, April 30  
Reported receipts of 370 calves, 110 cows, 75 hogs, 38 heifers, 9 sheep, 15 lambs, 26 bulls, and 10 steers. Cattle

market active and calf market high.

Holstein heifer calves to 206.00; veals 90.00-135.00; bobs, 90 to 110 lbs. 95.00-160.00; bobs, 80 lbs. and down 75.00-88.00; grassers and feeders 60.00-98.00; lambs 60.00-72.00; sheep 20.00-35.00; hogs, 200 to 250 lbs. 43.00-46.00; sows 36.00-40.25; boars 33.00-42.00; pigs 18.00-52.00; heifers 62.00-65.50; steers, feeder 75.00-88.25; steers, common 55.00-65.00; bulls 58.00-71.25; cows, good 60.00-63.50, cows, medium 57.00-58.25; cows, poor or small 32.00-50.00; horses, none; ponies 67.50-235.00; goats 6.00-53.00.

liberal percentage choice, and a moderate volume choice and prime heifers. Steers made up approximately 41 percent, heifers 34 percent, cows 10 percent and feeders 13 percent.

**STEERS:** Load choice with few prime predominately 3 1249 lbs. \$78.00 at midweek. Eight loads choice and prime 3-4 1182-1371 lbs. \$77.00-77.60 during week. Choice 2-4 1025-1300 lbs. ranged \$76.00-77.25. Mixed good and choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. \$74.75-76.00. Good 2-3 \$70.00-75.00.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations for choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week \$76.48; choice 1100-1300 lbs. \$76.42. Average weight steers this week 1165 lbs. as compared 1142 lbs. the previous week. Average weight heifers this week 992 lbs. as compared 983 lbs. the previous week.

**HEIFERS:** Moderate volume choice and prime 3-4 969-1050 lbs. \$75.00-75.50 late. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. \$73.25-75.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 875-1025 lbs. \$72.50-73.50. Good 2-3 \$67.00-71.50.

**COWS:** Utility and commercial 2-4 late \$54.50-56.00, individual high-dressing \$57.00. Cutter \$52.00-54.50. Canner and low-cutter \$49.00-51.50.

**BULLS:** 1-2 1400-2200 lbs. \$64.00-70.00, few 1 \$71.00-73.50 during week.

**FEEDERS:** Small volume choice 950-1075 lb. steers \$74.00-75.00, occasionally \$75.25-75.50.



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