

Livestock market and auction news



THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

OCT. 15-21, 1979

Could be soggy, even foggy.

Birds heading south now. Herbert Hoover died Oct 20, 1964
New moon Oct 20. Average length of days for the week 10
hours 56 minutes. Pumpkins are best now. Hurricane Hazel
hit us Oct 15, 1954. If the 16th is dry, so will be next spring.
Charity begins at home but shouldn't end there.



Ask the Old Farmer: In reading about the early days I learned that the first spring vegetables of our forefathers were "dandelion and goose grass greens. I have enjoyed dandelion greens for years, but have never heard of "goose grass greens." What can you tell me about them?
R Y Holland, Mich

Stipta Sparteae tall bunch-grass with large loose heads. Known as arrow-grass knot-grass silverweed Texas millet. We never ate it either.

Home hints To peel peaches easily dip them first into boiling water

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England. Week begins warm with showers, rain west, colder, partly sunny mid-week through weekend
Greater New York-New Jersey: Warm with locally heavy rains to start, partly sunny and cool mid-week, light showers for weekend
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Partly sunny and seasonal at week's start, heavy rains mid-week to week's end
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Seasonal rains to start the week, clearing mid-week, then rain, heavy west, and mild for weekend
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Martinsburg Auction

Martinsburg, Pa.
October 8, 1979

CATTLE 243. Choice slaughter steers 65.00-69.00, few to 70.00, Good 63.00-65.00, Standard 62.00-64.00, Utility 57.00-60.00. Choice slaughter heifers 63.00-67.00, Good 57.50-62.00, Standard 55.50-60.00, Utility 54.00-60.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 51.50-56.00, few 56.50, Cutters 48.50-52.00, Canner & Low Cutter 46.00-50.00, Shells down to 38.00. Choice slaughter bullocks 64.00-68.00, Good 62.00-64.00, Standard 60.00-62.00, Utility 57.00-60.00. Yield Grade #1 slaughter bulls 63.00-67.50; yield grade #2 60.00-64.00. Few Medium 300-600 lbs. feeder steers & bulls 65.00-95.00.

CALVES 298. Choice vealers 103.00-118.00, Good 90.00-105.00, Standard & Good 70-90 lbs. 65.00-95.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 105.00-128.00, 70-90 lbs. 80.00-110.00; holstein heifers 80-130 lbs. 90.00-220.00.

HOGS 303. US No. 1-2 barrows & gilts 37.00-37.80, few 38.00, No. 1-3 35.50-37.00, No. 2-3 34.00-36.50, No. 1-3 130-185 lbs. 30.00-34.00. US No. 1-3 sows 28.50-32.50, No. 2-3 26.50-30.00. Boars 24.50-30.00.

FEEDER PIGS 102. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 12.00-22.00 per head, No. 1-3 30-50 lbs. 15.00-30.00 per head.

SHEEP 18. Few Choice wooled slaughter lambs 60.00-65.00, few feeder lambs 52.00.

G&M Livestock

Duncansville, Pa.
October 8, 1979

Dairy Cows up to 1600.00.
STEERS: High Choice and Prime 66.50-68.10; Good to Choice 64.00-66.00; Standard to Good 58.00-64.00.

HEIFERS: High Choice and Prime 62.00-64.75; Good to Choice 58.00-62.00; Standard 50.00-56.00.

FEEDER STEERS: Good to Choice 300-500 lbs. 80.00-98.00; 500-700 lbs. 65.00-85.00.

BULLS: 1200-1650 lbs. 63.00-67.80; 900-1200 lbs. 57.00-63.00.

COWS: High Choice to Prime 49.00-52.50, Individual 69.00; Good 47.00-49.00; Utility 44.00-47.00; Cutters 42.00-44.00; Canners down to 40.00.

CALVES: High Choice 110.00-123.00; Good to Choice 90.00-110.00; Standard to Good 70.00-90.00.

Farm Calves Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 100.00-128.00. Farm Calves Hol Heifers 90-120 lbs. 150.00-222.50.

HOGS: 200-240 lbs. 36.50-38.10; 170-270 lbs. 34.00-36.50
SOWS: 30.00-35.50.

BOARS: 24.00-39.00.
Feeder Pigs: 15-25 lbs. 10.00-18.00. Feeder Pigs 25-50 lbs. 15.00-27.00.

SHEEP: 25.00-34.00. Lambs 58.00-65.50.

Pork producers are eyeing Asia as a vast potential market for exports. Pork is widely consumed and may be the primary choice in countries like China, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Lebanon Valley Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa.
October 9, 1979

CATTLE 220. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter steers mostly steady, Slaughter cows mostly \$1 higher. Choice 2-4, 950-1400 lbs. slaughter steers 67.00-69.75, few to 70.10, Good 63.60-67.00, few Standard 60.50-64.60. Two Choice slaughter heifers 64.50 & 65.00, couple Good 60.85 & 62.75, few Standard 52.00-54.75. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 51.25-54.00, few 54.75, Commercial 3-5, 46.50-50.00, Cutters 50.75-53.00, Canner and Low Cutters 46.50-49.85, few Shells down to 40.75. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 63.85-66.00, Good 61.35-65.10, Standard 56.00-62.10. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1345-2000 lbs. slaughter bulls 65.60-67.00, one #2, 1175 lbs. at 61.50.

CALVES 230. Vealers steady to \$2 higher. One Prime vealer at 122.00, few Choice 94.00-110.00, few Good 90.00-100.00, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 90.00-110.00, 65-90 lbs. 83.00-91.00, Utility 50-100 lbs. 70.00-85.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 90.00-121.00; Holstein Heifers 85-150 lbs. 130.00-187.50, few to 220.00.

HOGS 351. Barrows and gilts mostly 50 cents lower. US No. 1-2 195-245 lbs. barrows and gilts 37.25-38.00, few to 39.75, No. 1-3 200-265 lbs. 36.60-37.60, few No. 2-3, 200-225 lbs. 35.75-35.85, 265-355 lbs. 27.75-32.25, lot 39.25. US No. 1-3 280-540 lbs. sows 24.00-29.50, individual 31.50, No. 2-3 290-765 lbs. 20.00-27.75. Boars 23.00-25.00.

FEEDER PIGS 44. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 33.50-35.50 per hundredweight, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 36.50-39.00 per hundredweight.

SHEEP 26. Choice 55-100 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 60.00-64.50, two head 66.00

and 68.00, few Good and Choice 90-115 lbs. 50.00-57.50. Couple Yearlings 115 & 130 lbs. 30.00 & 33.50. Slaughter ewes 22.00-27.50.

Baltimore USDA

October 8, 1979

CATTLE 300: Limited sales slaughter steers and heifers 50 cents to \$1.00 lower, Cows \$1.00 lower, bulls weak. Supply 20% slaughter steers and heifers, 55% cows, 20% feeders, balance bulls.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Few Choice 2-4 1000-1150 lbs. 66.50-69.25; Good and Choice 2-4 1000-1375 lbs. 65.00-65.75; Good 2-4 1050-1200 lbs. 60.00-63.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 63.60-66.00; Good 2-3 775-1100 lbs. 57.50-62.50.

COWS: Utility 2-3 46.50-51.50, several 52.00-52.85; Cutter 1-2 44.00-48.25.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1000-1700 lbs. 58.50-67.75; individual 69.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Medium frame with number 1 muscle thickness steers 800-965 lbs. 64.50-69.10; 275-400 lbs. including some bull calves 85.00-90.00. Heifers medium frame 1 350-400 lbs. 66.50-69.25; few 600-750 lbs. 61.50-66.75.

HOGS 800: Barrows & Gilts 50 cents lower. US 1-2 200-240 lbs. 36.50-36.75, few lots 37.00; US 2-3 230-270 lbs. 35.50-36.50.

SOWS: Weak. US 1-3 300-600 lbs. 29.00-29.50, few 30.00.

VEAL & CALF AUCTION: Couple Choice vealers 135-240 lbs. 90.00-98.60, Good and Choice 75-115 lbs. 74.00-87.00. Few calves returned to farm 71.00-76.00; individual heifer 101.00.

SHEEP AUCTION: Choice and Prime wooled slaughter lambs 95-104 lbs. 60.00-60.25; few Choice 110-115 lbs. 54.00-56.75. Pkg. Good slaughter ewes 160 lbs. 70.50.

Peoria Cattle

October 11, 1979

Receipts This Week 3100

Last Week 4000

Year Ago 4700

Compared with last weeks close, slaughter steers 1.00-1.50 lower. Slaughter heifers .50-1.00 higher. Cows firm to 1.00 higher. Bulls steady. Receipts about 65 percent slaughter steers, 30 percent slaughter heifers, balance mainly cows. Reduce receipts could not off set the effects of a lower dressed trade.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice & Prime 3-4 1150-1230 lbs. 67.00-67.50; load mostly 4's 65.50; Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 66.00-67.25; couple loads; 67.50; mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1300 lbs. 64.00-66.00; Good 2-3 59.00-64.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice & Prime 3-4 900-1100 lbs. 65.50-66.00; couple loads 66.50; Choice 2-4 850-1075 lbs. 64.50-65.50; mixed Good & Choice 2-4 800-1080 lbs. 62.50-64.50; Good 2-3 56.00-62.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 47.00-50.00; few 51.00-52.00; Cutter 1-2 44.00-48.50; Canner 41.00-44.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 & 2 1100-1700 lbs. 55.00-62.00, individual 63.00.

East Coast Carlot

October 10, 1979

Compared to Tuesday's close: prime special fed veal not enough sales reported early to establish trends.

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