



# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 5-11, 1980

Skies are clear, then blackflies appear.

Two-thirds of US tornadoes occur this month Nixon impeachment hearings began May 9, 1974 Last quarter of the moon May 7... Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 24 minutes Sub-orbital space flight by Alan Shepard May 5, 1961 Better ask twice than lose your way once



Ask the Old Farmer: I have always taken it for granted that the authorized American spread eagle could be used facing either to the right or left Recently I have heard this is not so — that eagles always face left Is this right? J.L., Atlanta.

Our understanding is that the eagle always faces toward the olive branch —

on the Great Seal of the United States — which is the military right Home Hints: To rid a kettle of its iron taste, boil a mixture of hay and water in it.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Clear and hot for most of week, weekend brings showers, heavy north and west, and cool temperatures.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Clear and warm throughout most of week, then seasonal, with light rain for weekend.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Week begins clear and pleasant; then showers south, rain-north for weekend  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Sunny and warm, showers south, until end of week, weekend brings scattered showers, continued warm

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## Sechrist Auction

Monday, April 28

Report supplied by auction  
**CATTLE 111.** Steers High Choice and Prime 63.00-64.50; Good Choice 61.50-62.85; Holsteins Good 53.00-55.00; Standard to Good 50.00-52.85. Heifers High Choice and Prime 58.00-60.00; Good to Choice 55.00-57.00; Holsteins Good 50.00-54.50. Feeder Steers Good and Choice 70.00-77.50; Standard Good 65.00-70.00. Bulls Good and Choice Commercial 52.00-55.00. Cows High Yearling Commercial 48.00-52.00; Cutters 45.50-48.00; Canners Low Cutters 44.00-45.25; Shells 38.00-43.50.

**CALVES 73.** Calves Choice and Prime 105.00-125.00; Good and Choice 95.00-105.00; Standard and Good 75.00-95.00; Bulls 90-145 lbs. 85.00-110.00; Hfrs. 90-140 lbs. 90.00-210.00; Culls 30.00-70.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 429.** U.S. No. 1 and 2, 35-65 lbs. 20.00-33.00 per head; U.S. No. 1 and 3, 40-60 lbs. 15.00-20.00 per head.; U.S. No. 1 and 3, 20-40 lbs. 10.00-16.00 per head. Sows 250-375 lbs. 25.00-26.85; 400-500 lbs. 23.00-25.00. Boars 300-500 lbs. 22.00-25.00.

**SHEEP 13.** Lambs Good to Choice 60.00-70.00; Medium and Good 50.00-60.00. Ewes 10.00-22.00.

Private Treaty Fat Hogs, Select No. 1 and 2, 190-215 lbs. 30.00-31.00.

Private Treaty Fat Hogs, No. 1 and 2, 190-220 lbs. 29.50-29.75.

Private Treaty Fat Hogs, No. 1 and 3, 230-250 lbs. 28.00-29.25.

## Martinsburg Auction

Monday, April 28

Report supplied by auction  
**CATTLE 196.** Compared with last Monday's market, Choice slaughter steers 62.00-64.00, few to 65.50, Good 57.00-62.00, Standard 55.50-59.00, Utility 53.00-57.00. Good slaughter heifers 56.50-61.00, Standard 54.00-56.00, Utility 45.00-51.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 47.00-52.00, few to 53.50, Cutters 45.00-48.50, Canner & Low Cutter 37.00-44.00, Shells down to 34.00. Choice slaughter bullocks 61.00-65.00, Good 58.00-62.00, Standard 54.00-59.00, Utility 51.00-55.00 Yield Grade #1

1000-2000 lbs. slaughter bulls 60.00-66.50; yield grade #2 900-1600 lbs. 56.00-60.50.

**CALVES 239.** Choice vealers 98.00-118.00, Good 90.00-100.00, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 62.00-75.00, 70-90 lbs. 48.00-59.00, Utility 55-125 lbs. 38.00-60.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 88.00-127.00; few holstein heifers 85-130 lbs. 212.50.

**HOGS 358.** US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 31.25-32.00, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 28.50-31.00, No. 2-3 260-270 lbs. 27.50-29.50, No. 1-3 130-180 lbs. 24.00-28.00. US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. sows 25.00-28.00, No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 22.00-25.00. Boars 20.00-25.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 74.** US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 10.00-18.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 14.00-25.00 per head.

**SHEEP 0.** No sales on offer.

## Special Feeder Cattle Sale

Marshall, Va.

Thursday, April 24

Report supplied by VDA  
 There were 1,593 head sold. All cattle were graded by Representatives of the VDACS's Division of Markets, Livestock Section on USDA standards and sold by the hundredweight.

**STEERS:** Medium Frame No. 1: 300-500 lbs. 81.00-93.50; 500-600 lbs. 79.00-88.00; 600-700 lbs. 71.00-82.00; 700-800 lbs. 65.00-66.50; 800 lbs. & up 61.50-64.50. Large Frame No. 1: 300-500 lbs. 82.00-94.00; 500-600 lbs. 82.00-89.50; 600-700 lbs. 72.00-76.00; 700-800 lbs. 67.00; 800 lbs. & up 62.50-65.00. Small Frame No. 1: 300-500 lbs. 77.00-88.00; 500-600 lbs. 76.50-79.00; 600-700 lbs. 70.50-73.00; 700-800 lbs. 65.00-65.50; 800 lbs. & up 65.00-66.00. Large & Medium Frame No. 2: 300-500 lbs. 75.00-77.00; 500-700 lbs. 60.00-67.00.

**HEIFERS:** Medium Frame No. 1: 300-500 lbs. 64.00-71.50; 500-600 lbs. 64.00-67.50; 600-700 lbs. 60.00-64.00; 700-800 lbs. 57.00-61.00. Large Frame No. 1: 300-500 lbs. 59.00-67.00; 500-600 lbs. 60.00-70.00; 600-700 lbs. 61.50-63.50; 700-800 lbs. 56.00-58.00. Small Frame No. 1: 300-500 lbs. 65.00-67.00; 500-600 lbs. 63.50-64.50; 600-700 lbs. 59.50-60.75. Large & Medium Frame No. 2: 400-600 lbs. 52.00-65.00.

# Livestock market and auction news

## G&M Livestock

Duncansville, Pa.  
 Monday, April 28

Report supplied by auction  
 Market report hogs-higher, steers-weak, cows-weak.

**DAIRY COWS:** 960.00-1200.00.

**STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 61.00-63.10; Good to Choice 58.00-61.00; Standard to Good 55.00-58.00.

**HEIFERS:** High Choice and Prime 62.00-64.00; Good to Choice 55.00-60.00/Standard 52.00-55.00.

**FEEDERSTEERS:** Good to Choice 300-500 lbs. 60.00-80.50.

**BULLS:** 1200-1640 lbs. 55.00-62.00; 900-1200 lbs. 52.00-58.00.

**COWS:** High Choice to Prime 50.00-53.00; Good 46.00-50.00; Utility 42.00-46.00; Cutters 40.00-42.00; Canners Down to 38.00.

**CALVES:** High Choice 100.00-118.00; Good to Choice 90.00-100.00; Standard to Good 70.00-90.00; Utility 40.00-70.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Hol. Bulls 90.00-121.00; Hol. Heifers 140.00-205.00.

**FEEDER PIGS:** 15-25 lbs. 10.00-18.00; 25-50 lbs. 18.00-26.00.

**HOGS:** 200-240 lbs. 29.00-31.50, few to 32.00/ 170-220 lbs. 26.00-29.00.

**SOWS:** 25.00-28.50.  
**BOARS:** 22.00-26.00.  
**SHEEP:** 22.00-32.00.

## Valley Livestock

Valley Stockyards  
 Athens, Pa.

Monday, April 28

Report supplied by auction  
 Reported receipts of 374 calves, 131 cows, 39 heifers, 25 bulls, 14 steers, 101 hogs, 0 lambs, 13 sheep. Cattle market reported steady, calf market reported steady.

**Holstein Heifer Calves** to 210.00; Veal Calves to 109.00; Bobs, 90-110 lbs. 80.00-100.00; Bobs, 80 and down lbs. 68.00 and down; Grassers & Feeders 55.00-85.00; Lambs none; Sheep to 31.50; Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 28.00-35.00; Sows 25.00-28.00; Boars 18.00-20.00; Pigs 10.00-23.00; Heifers 47.00-53.00; Steers 50.00-55.50; Steers, feeder 57.00-60.00; Bulls 53.00-59.50; Cows, utility 47.00-50.00, Top 52.50; Cows, fat 44.00-47.00; Cows, medium 40.00-42.50; Cows, poor or small 38.00-40.00; Horses to 480.00; Ponies to 75.00; Goats to 40.00.

## New Holland Dairy

New Holland, Pa.  
 Wednesday, April 30

Report supplied by auction  
 Reported receipts of 102 cows, 40 heifers, and 6 bulls. Market lower.

Load of Pa. fresh cows, 710.00-1300.00; Load of Pa. fresh cows, 970.00-1390.00; Load of Pa. fresh cows, 850.00-1075.00; Load of Susquehanna Co. fresh cows, 1050.00-1200.00; Load of Butler Co. fresh cows, 820.00-1100.00, springers 950.00-1425.00; 2 Loads of N.Y. purebred & grade fresh cows, 1200.00-1675.00, springers 1250.00-2075.00; Locally consigned cows, 710.00-1725.00; Springing heifers grade 850.00-1290.00; Open Heifers 350.00-710.00; Bulls 540.00-900.00.

Medium and Large No. 1: 405-500 lbs. 69.00-70.00; 505-600 lbs. 68.50; 605-700 lbs. 64.50-65.00; 705-800 lbs. 56.75; 805-900 lbs. 55.25; 905-1000 lbs. 53.75. Medium and Large No. 2: Under 400 lbs. 76.00-77.00; 405-500 lbs. 66.75-76.00; 505-600 lbs. 66.00-67.50; 605-700 lbs. 60.00-64.50; 705-800 lbs. 54.75-57.50; 805-900 lbs. 54.00-55.25; 905-1000 lbs. 53.50-53.75. Medium and Large No. 3: 405-500 lbs. 64.00-69.00; 505-600 lbs. 64.75-69.00; 605-700 lbs. 67.50; 705-800 lbs. 60.25.

## New Holland Horse

Monday, April 28  
 New Holland  
 Sales Stables

Report supplied by auction  
 Reported receipts of 347 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market stronger.

Better horses 550.00-1020.00; Reg. Quarter Horse 2025.00; Driving horses 400.00-1500.00; Riding horses 350.00-500.00; Lightweight killers 325.00-475.00; Heavyweight killers 525.00-765.00; Mares 25.00-75.00; Colts 10.00-25.00; Geldings 25.00-75.00; Larger Ponies 125.00-250.00.

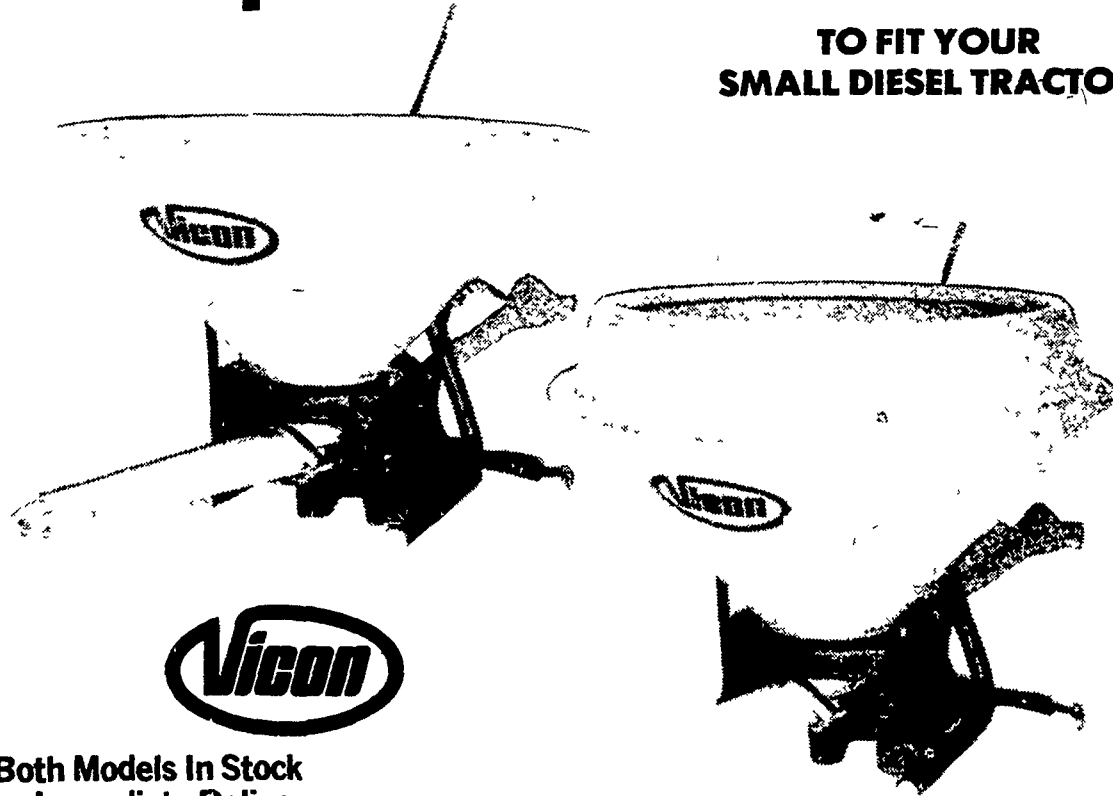
## Holstein Feeder Steers

Harrisonburg, Va.  
 Tuesday, April 29

There were 879 head sold. All steers were graded by Representatives of the VDACS's Division of Markets, Livestock Section on USDA standards and sold by the hundredweight.

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