

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC



MAY 12-18, 1980 Bright as a jewel, then cool.

Fertilize your lawn now Armed Forces Day May 17 New moon May 14 Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 39 minutes School attendance became compulsory May 18, 1852 Woodpeckers and wrens are back Great St Louis fire Woodpeckers and wrens are back Laziness travels so slowly destroyed 30 steamboats May 17, 1848

that poverty overtakes it



Ask the Old Farmer: Will you please tell me what a "horse-boat" is V R Alexandria, La

It's a new one on us Perhaps it has something to do with "horsepower" Horses used to haul loads and operated machinery of various kinds by walking

on a treadmill We have seen circular saws and grist-mills operated in this manner It is probable that a horse-driven treadmill operated paddle wheels in this boat Home Hints For a better shine, rub scuffed shoes with a raw potato before

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS New England: Beginning of week brings showers, heavy in parts, and cool, rest of week is sunny, mild then cool, then heavy thun-

Greater New York-New Jersey: Seasonal, with rain, to start, clear and warm mid-week, with heavy rains, cool, resuming for

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Cool, showers north, then clear and warm middle of week, weekend cool, bringing heavy rains
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Clear and pleasant all week, cool, chance of rain, for week's end

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Peoria Cattle

Thursday, May 8 Report supplied by USDA

Receipts this week 2300. Compared to 2460 last week, and 2864 last year. Compared to last week, slaughter steers and heifers closed 1.50 to 2.00 lower. Cows sold mostly 3.00 lower, while bulls finished 1.00 to 2.00 lower. Trade opened the week slow in response to a lower carcass beef trade, coupled with one area packer out on strike. Tuesday and Wednesday found increase buyer demand and prices held steady with Mondays early

rounds. SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1225 lbs. 63.00-63.50. Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 61.50-63.50, bulk 62.00-63.50, 1250-1350 lbs. 61.50-62.50. Part load 1309 lbs. 63.50, few 850-1050 lbs. at 64.00 early Monday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1375 lbs. 60.50-62.00. Good 58.50-61.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 61.00-62.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1050 lbs. 60.00-61.50. Good 57.00-60.50.

and COWS: Utility

Commercial 2-3 41.00-46.00; Cutter 39.00-44.00, few packages and part loads 46.00-47.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1100-2100 lbs. 48.00-55.00.

New Holland Horse

Special Evening Auction New Holland Sales Stables

Report supplied by auction Report receipts of 200 head of work horses, mules, and driving horses.

Load of Tennessee driving horses 850.00-1600.00; Load of Kentucky driving horses, 1125.00-1975.00; Load of Pennsylvania driving horses 750.00-1475.00; Load of Kentucky driving horses, 710.00-1350.00; Load of NY driving horses, 750.00-1275.00; Load of NY driving horses, 700.00-1025.00; Load of Illinois driving horses, 850.00-1100.00; Tenn. work horses 950.00-1325, singles 1850.00-2400.00, pairs. Local work horses 900.00-1975.00; 550.00-1000.00; mules Driving horses 575.00-2000.00; Riding horses 700.00-1100.00.

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Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, May 8 Report supplied by USDA

Midweek prices on Slaughter Steers were steady with late the previous week. Heifers closed steady to 25 lower, instances 50 off. Cows were 50-1.00 lower and bulls 3 00-4.00 lower

Four day receipts 13,400; last week 13,500; a year ago

The fed cattle trade again fell into an irregular price pattern in reaction to sharply changing carcass prices. Live prices were forced downward on the opening session in reflection

Chick Starter

Broiler Grower

Turkey Grower

Dairy Feed 16%

18%

20%

32%

Hog Feed, 14-18%

38-42%

32-26%

Soybean Meal, 44%

Bran

Middlings

Corn Meal

Milk-Feed

Egg-Feed

Hog-Corn

Broiler-Feed

Turkey-Feed

100 pounds of hogs.

February, 1979.

up 100 pounds from a year ago.

Beef Cattle Concentrate

Laying Feed

of a bearish carcass trade. but the early decline was largely offset in active midweek trading as carcass prices turned upward and live inventories became depleted Demand was generally good by all interests including buyers outside the immediate Omaha area Marketings were virtually the same as the previous week and were well distributed over the trading period. The fun included a fairly liberal percentage Choice steers and heifers although many consignments were mixed 3-4. Slaughter Steers made up approximately 48 pct. and Heifers 31 pct. Cows com-

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Pa. Feed Prices

Thursday, March 15

Report supplied by

Pa. Crop Reporting Service

185 00

200 00

163 00

158 00

168 00

172 00

225 00

8 40

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10 00

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Ratio

Lbs of feed equal in value to 1 doz. eggs, 1 lb. of milk,

broilers and turkey, and bushels of corn equal in value to

Pa. Production

Summaries

pounds, up 13 percent from a year earlier. The number

of milk cows in the Commonwealth during February was 713,000 head, up 10,000 head from a year ago. Milk

production per cow averaged 960 pounds in February,

February egg production totled 347 million, 21

percent above a year ago. The February average of

16.6 million layers was up 11 percent. Egg production

per 100 layers was 2,092, compared with 1,926 in

totaled 77.5 million pounds, up 9 percent from

February 1979. Kill days for February included 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays, compared with 20 weekdays (one a holiday) and 4 Saturdays for February 1979. Cattle slaughter at 52,300 head was up one percent while calf slaughter at 21,100 head was 5 per cent more

than in February a year ago. Hog slaughter totaled

270,700 head, 16 percent greater than last year. The

number of sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 11,500

head, up 29 percent from February 1979.

Commercial red meat production during February

Milk production during February totaled 684 million

prised 8 pct and feeders 10

STEERS: At midweek high time, Choice 3-4 1000-1275 lbs. ranged 64.00-65.50. Some 1150-1300 lbs. with increased percentage 4 63.00-63.75. Several loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1250 lbs. 64.75-65.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 63.25-64.00. Good 2-3 61.50-63.00. Part loads Good 2-3 1250-1350 lb. Holsteins 57 00-57.50.

Average og LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. Steers this week 64.18; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 64.20. Average cost Slaughter Steers this week 63.21 average weight 1160 lbs. as compared 63.70 and 1183 lbs. week ago. Average cost Heifers 61.21, average weight 1003 lbs. as compared 62.14 and 1008 lbs. week ago.

HEIFERS: load and part load Choice and Prime 3 with end 4 1007-1034 lbs. 63.50-63.75, load Choice and Prime 3-4 1017 lbs. 63.25. Choice 2-4 900-1075 lbs. 61.50-63.00 Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1050 lbs. 61.00-62.00. Good 2-3 57,50-60 90.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 41.90-43.00, few Utility 43.50-44.00 Cutter 38.50-41.50. Canner and lowcutter 36 00-39.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1300-1800 lbs. 50.00-55.00.

Few Large Frame #1 470-650 lbs. feeder steers 67.00-74.00, one lot 995 lbs. at 57.00. Large Frame #2 400-530 lbs. 55.00-76.50, 700-865 lbs. 50.00-55.50, few Medium frame #1 350-425 lbs. 65.00-80.00, few 650-730 lbs. 60.00-66.50; few Medium Frame #1 450-550 lbs. feeder bulls 55.00-59.00.

CALVES 90. Few Choice vealers 105.00-108.00, few Good 78.00-100.00, Standard & Good 85-110 lbs. 65.00-72.00, few Utility 50-95 lbs. 30.00-65.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 90.00-105.00; holstein heifers 85-125 lbs. 105.00-125.00.

rew to 62.50; few Yield Grad

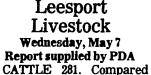
#2 965-1200 lbs. 49.10-55.50

HOGS 364. Barrows & gilts \$2.50 to \$3 higher. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 32.75-33.10, No. 1-3 195-260 lbs. 32.00-32.75, No. 2-3 190-265 lbs. 30.60-32.00, few No. 1-3 170-180 lbs. 28.50-29.75. Sows 50° to \$1 higher. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 26.00-28.00. Boars 26.00-27.00, few light weights 26.75-30.00.

FEEDER PIGS 107. Few US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 44.00-63.00 cwt., few No. 1-3 50-90 lbs. 35.00-39.00, Utility 20-80 lbs. 22.00-25.00 cwt.

SHEEP 70. Few choice 45-55 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 77.00-93.00. Slaughter sheep 22.00-35.00.

GOATS 18. Few Large Goats 39.00-55.00, few kids 22.00-26.00, small kids 12.00-



with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers steady to 50° lower. Slaughter cows \$1 to \$1.75 lower. High Choice & Prime 1050-1350 lbs slaughter steers 62.50-63.85, Choice 965-1300 lbs. 59.00-63.25, Good 56.60-63.25, Standard 54.00-56.10, few Utility 52.00-53.85. Few Choice 900-1200 lbs. slaughter heifers 55.25-60.50, few Good 53.00-55.60 Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 45.85-47.85, few to 49.50, Low Dressing Utility 41.75-45.00, Cutter s44.00-46.10, few 46.85, few Canner & Low cutter 40.00-43 75, Shells down to 37.85. Few Good & Choice slaughter bullocks 57.00-60.75, one at 63.25, few Standard 52.00-55.00. Yield Grade #1 1300-1820 lbs. slaughter bulls 56.10-58.50,



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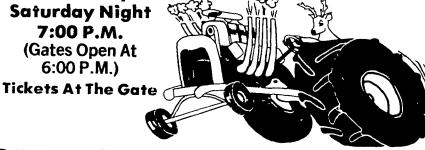
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