



# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JUNE 2-8, 1980

June's groom will swelter soon.

Best horned pout fishing at night now Daily thunderstorms begin in Florida Last quarter of the moon June 5 Average length of days for the week, 15 hours 11 minutes Sewing machine invented June 2, 1857 Roquefort cheese developed June 4, 1070 Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant



Ask the Old Farmer Can you tell me what a scallop is? I know it's not a clam But what is it? A W, Wilmington, Del

The scallop is a puzzle It is the only bivalve on earth that can't swim, and can travel Generally circular, they vary in size depending on

where they are found which is in every temperate and tropical body of water there is They get their name from the regular pattern of smooth ridges in the shell and scalloped edges although the sea scallop which is the largest variety has a perfectly smooth shell They are one of nature's conundrums, but good eating

Home Hints To remove grass stains rub the spot with pure lard

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Clear and hot to start the week, then showers south, rain north, and seasonal throughout remainder of week

Greater New York-New Jersey Clearing and warmer all week, then partly sunny and warm, chance of showers, middle through end of week

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain east showers west at start mid-week is sunn and warm with some thunderstorms inland by week's end

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week begins warm, with showers then clear and hot middle of week with showers by weekend

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## Peoria Cattle

Thursday, May 29

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to last Wednesday: Slaughter Steers mostly 1.00 higher. Heifers .50 to .75 higher. Cows sold 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Bulls scarce and untested; however, a definite weaker undertone noted. Trading moderate both Tuesday and Wednesday. Demand somewhat improved over previous weeks with the settlement of area packer strike. Cows and Bulls around 5% of supply. Receipts this week 2800. Last Week 3109. Last Year 3578.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Choice and Prime 2-4, 1025-1225 lbs. 64.25-65.00, load 3-4 1225 lbs. at 62.50. Choice 2-4 1050-1225 lbs. 63.00-64.25, 1200-1350 lbs. 3-4, 59.00-60.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3, 1000-1150 lbs. 61.50-63.00. Good 59.50-61.50.

**HEIFERS:** Choice 2-4, 900-1050 lbs. 61.00-62.75. Bulk 61.00-62.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1050 lbs. 59.00-61.00. Good 58.00-59.50.

**COWS:** Utility and Commercial 2-3, closing 40.00-44.50. Cutter 38.00-42.00.

**BULLS:** Few yield grade 1-2 1100-1800 50 00-51.00

## Leesport Auction

Wednesday, May 28

**CATTLE 223.** (PDA). Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers 50 cents to \$1.75 higher. Slaughter cows 50 cents to \$1 lower. Few High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 61.35-63.10, Choice No. 2-4 1000-1275 lbs. 60.00-62.75, Good 57.00-59.00, couple to 60.00, Standard 53.50-56.00. Choice slaughter heifers 58.00-61.35, few Good 55.00-57.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 44.00-48.00, couple to 49.85, Cutters 45.00-47.85, Canner & Low Cutter 39 50-45.00, Shells down to 38.25. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 57.00-62.25, one at 68.00, Good 56.25-60.75, one at 63.75. Yield Grade #1 1100-1800 lbs. slaughter bulls 54.85-61.35, one at 67.75. Few Large Frame #1 450-510 lbs. feeder steers & bulls 76.00-79.00; Large Frame #2 400-650 lbs. 62.50-70.00.

**CALVES 91.** Approximately 90% returned to farm. Few Choice vealers 93.00-100.00, few Good 75.00-85.00. Farm calves, hostein bulls 90-130 lbs. 95.00-130.00; few holstein heifers 85-100 lbs. 75.00-125.00, 100-130 lbs. 115.00-150.00.

**HOGS 375.** Barrows and gilts 25 cents lower. US No. 1-2 195-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 32.75-33.75, No. 1-3 200-255 lbs. 31.50-33.00, No. 2-3 265-295 lbs. 29.75-31.10. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 24.00-28.00, No. 2-3 400-600 lbs. 22.00-25.00. Boars 24.00-27.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 344.** US No. 1-3 21-36 lbs. feeder pigs 42.00-48.00 cwt., No. 1-3 41.57 lbs. 43.00-56.00, one lot No. 1-3 80 lbs. 35.00 cwt.

**SHEEP 10.** One lot Choice 90 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 68.00. Few Slaughter ewes 18.00-46.00.

**GOATS 36.**

## Belknap Auction

Wednesday, May 28

**CATTLE 83.** (PDA) Compared with last week's market; One Good slaughter steer at 58.25, one Standard at 51.00. Couple Choice slaughter heifers 57.00 and 58.25, few Good 54.25-55.75, few Standard 48.00-50.00. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 47.00-50.00, one at 51.00, few Commercial 4-5, 35.00-43.50, few Cutters 47.00-50.00, few Canner and Low Cutters 41.00-45.00. Yield Grade No. 1-2, 1045-1765 lbs. slaughter bulls 53.00-65.00. Medium Frame #1, 320-545 lbs. feeder steers 60.00-73.00. Medium Frame #1, 320-510 lbs. feeder heifers 57.00-68.00.

**CALVES 103.** One Prime vealer at 100.00, Choice 90.00-97.00, few Good 79.00-88.00, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 70.00-81.00, 65-85 lbs. 55.00-64.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 86.00-102.00, 75-85 lbs. 75.00-85.00; few Hol. Heifers 85-120 lbs. 95.00-136.00; Beef cross bulls and heifers 70-110 lbs. 77.00-100.00.

**HOGS 358.** Barrows and gilts \$3.50-\$4 higher. US No. 1-2 210-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 33.40-34.00, one lot at 34.70 No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 32.00-33.70, No. 2-3 205-275 lbs. 30.00-32.00. Sows \$3-\$3.50 higher. US No. 1-3 275-545 lbs. sows 25.50-28.25. Boars 20.00-28.50.

**FEEDER PIGS 132.** US No. 1-3 15-30 lbs. feeder pigs 6.50-14.00 per head, No. 1-3 30-40 lbs. 13.00-19.00, one lot No. 1-3 55 lbs. at 20.00 per head, Utility 15-30 lbs. 5.00-8.00 per head.

**SHEEP 20.** One lot Mixed Good and Choice 65 lbs. spring slaughter lambs at 64.00. Slaughter ewes 13.00-30.00.

## Western Maryland Market

Tuesday, May 27

Report supplied by auction

**BUTCHER CATTLE:** Fat Steers few offered; Good Holsteins to 55.25; Standard 50.00-52.00; Heifers Choice to 57.00; Cows 2.00-4.00 under last week. High Yielding 47.00-49.00; Standard & Utility 42.00-46.00; Cannors 41.00-43.00; Shelly 43.00 Down; Bulls Few offered; Medium 1100-1450 lb. 53.00-55.00.

**BUTCHER HOGS:** Steady with last week. Top Hogs 30.00; Bulk 200-240 lbs. 29.35-29.75; 240-260 lbs. 29.00-29.75; 170-195 lbs. 24.75-27.25; Sows 400-600 lb. 20.50-23.00; 250-350 lb. 19.00-22.75.

**VEAL CALVES:** Light calves higher, big calves lower, Good-Choice 85.00-105.00, Standard 70.00-85.00, Light calves 70.00-80.00, Weak & Rough 69.00 Down.

**CALVES RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein Heifers 80-120 lb. 135.00-170.00, 65-80 lb. 120.00-150.00; Holstein Bulls 95-115 lb. 107.00-129.00, Few 90-100 lb. 85.00-105.00, Few 120-130 lb. 90.00-120.00.

**LAMBS:** Good-Choice 90-105 lb. to 66.50.

**STOCK CATTLE:** Small Run - Strong Demand. Stock Steers 300-450 lb. Good 69.00-75.00, 600-750 lb. Holsteins 59.00-62.50; Stock Heifers 500-650 lb. Choice 59.00-69.00, 700-850 lb. Good 51.00-64.00; Stock Bulls 950 lb. Holstein at 50.25.

**PIGS AND SHOATS:** Good Run. By The Head 15-30 lb. 7.00-12.00, 30-60 lb. 13.00-25.00. By the Lb. 100-165 lb. 25.00-28.00.

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## Pa. Auction Summary

Friday, May 30

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**CATTLE:** 5032. Compared with 6474 head last week, and 5638 head year ago. Compared with last weeks market: Slaughter steers steady to \$1 higher; Sl. heifers uneven mostly steady to \$1 higher; Sl. cows steady to \$2 lower; Sl. bulls and bullocks steady to \$1 lower. Sl. steers: High Choice & Prime 63.00-65.50; Choice 60.00-66.00; Good 54.75-57.00; Standard 53.00-56.50. Sl. heifers: Choice 57.00-61.75; Good 53.50-59.00; few Standard 48.00-54.00. Sl. cows: Utility & Commercial 43.75-48.75; Cutters 43.50-48.00; Canner & L. Cutter 39.00-45.00; Shells down to 34.00. Sl. bullocks: Choice 57.00-63.00; Good 55.00-60.00. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1 1200-2200 lbs. 53.00-61.50; few Yield Grade No. 2, 800-1500 lbs. 50.50-57.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers, Medium Frame No. 1 300-700 lbs. 60.00-79.00. Heifers, few Medium Frame No. 1 300-500 lbs. 57.00-68.00. Bulls, few Medium Frame No. 1 300-650 lbs. 62.50-72.00.

**CALVES:** 2029. Compared with 2618 head last week and 2138 head a year ago. Vealers grading Good & Choice \$2-\$8 lower; Standard & Low Good mostly steady; Few Prime 92.00-115.00; Choice 88.00-100.00; Good 78.00-93.00; Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 70.00-85.00; 70-90

lbs. 60.00-75.00; Few Utility 50-95 lbs. 50.00-75.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 85.00-130.00; Hol. Heifers 90-140.00 lbs. 100.00-175.00.

**HOGS:** 4531. Compared with 7775 head last week and 4811 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts steady to \$2 higher. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 32.25-34.00 No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 31.25-33.00; No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 29.00-31.50; Sows \$1 lower. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. 22.00-28.00. Boars 18.00-27.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 1400.** Compared with 1680 head last week and 1077 a year ago, steady to weak. US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. 6.00-14.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 11.50-22.50; few No. 1-3 50-70 lbs. 20.00-26.00 per head.

**GRADED FEEDER PIGS 2043.** Compared with 3732 head last week, and 3130 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs uneven spots \$4 higher mostly steady to \$5 lower. US No. 1-2 25-40 lbs. 40.50-59.00, 40-50 lbs. 37.00- 48.00, 50-60 lbs. 34.50-43.00, 60-70 lbs. 30.00-36.00; No. 2-3 25-40 lbs. 33.00-45.00, 40-60 lbs. 32.00-42.00.

**SHEEP:** 290. Compared with 857 head last week and 390 head a year ago. Spring lambs unevenly steady; Choice 60-110 lbs. 67.50-70.00 few to 78.00; Good 50-90 lbs. 57.00-66.00; Sl. ewes 13.00-35.00.

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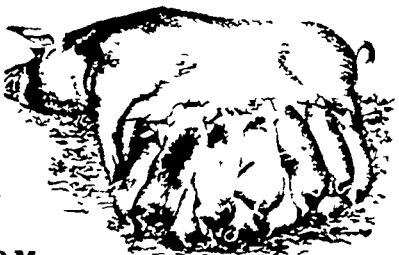
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