

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JUNE 9-15, 1980

Holy Toledo, who invented the mosquito?

Divide and replant iris after flowering. John Wayne died June 11 1979. New moon June 12. Average length of days for the week 15 hours, 16 minutes. Father's Day June 15 (first one celebrated 1910). Johnny Vander Meer pitched 2 successive no-hitters June 10 and 15, 1938. It is easy enough to be prudent when nothing tempts you to stray.



Home Hint: Rub a fresh tomato leaf on a bee stung for an easy cure.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Showers, seasonally warm temperatures start the week, then rain midweek through end of week.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Showers becoming heavy, mild, beginning of week, then seasonal, sunny skies, rest of week.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins sunny and warm, followed by showers midweek, weekend is cooler, bringing thundershowers.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Showers, heavy south and hot throughout the week.

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Leesport Auction

Leesport, Pa.
Wednesday, June 4

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 283. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers steady to \$1 higher. Slaughter cows steady to strong. Few High Choice & Prime 1160-1225 lbs. slaughter steers 63.00-64.25, Choice 950-1350 lbs. 59.50-64.35, one at 66.25, Good & Choice holsteins 1300-1400 lbs. 54.75-56.50, Good 55.60-60.00, Standard 53.50-55.50. Few Choice 950-1075 lbs. slaughter heifers 59.25-63.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 46.10-48.75, few Commercial 45.75-46.00; Cutters 43.50-47.85, Canner & Low Cutter 42.10-43.50, Shells down to 35.00. Good slaughter bullocks 54.85-60.25, few to 67.25, few Standard 54.00-55.00. Yield Grade #1 1200-1735 lbs. slaughter bulls 56.75-61.10; few yield grade #2 1185-1335 lbs. 49.00-55.60. Few Large Frame #2 300-450 lbs. feeder steers 75.00-84.00, 650-675 lbs. 65.50-67.00, few 725-1000 lbs. 54.50-58.75; few Medium Frame #1 600-800 lbs. feeder bulls 57.00-59.50.

CALVES 120. Choice vealers 90.00-95.00, few Good 85.00-90.00, Standard & Good (few) 90-110 lbs. 70.00-75.00, few Utility 50-90 lbs. 30.00-60.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 95-130 lbs. 100.00-121.00; holstein heifers 95-135 lbs. 100.00-135.00.

HOGS 414. Barrows & gilts \$1 to \$1.25 lower. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 31.50-32.25, one lot 32.50, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 30.50-31.75, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 29.50-30.50, few No. 1-3 140-180 lbs.

28.50-30.75. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 26.50-30.00, few No. 2-3 400-625 lbs. 26.00-28.00. Boars 25.00-26.75.

FEEDER PIGS 446. US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 36.00-49.00 cwt., No. 1-3 40-65 lbs. 29.00-41.00, one lot 48.00, 2 lots No. 1-3 100-150 lbs. 28.00-29.00, Utility 30-45 lbs. 26.00-31.00 cwt.

SHEEP 48. Few Choice 30-65 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 70.00-80.00, one lot 87.00, Choice 100-110 lbs. 65.00-66.50. Slaughter ewes 15.00-30.00, mostly 18.00-25.00.

GOATS 32. Large goats 34.00-45.00, one at 50.00, Kids 16.00-32.50 per head.

New Holland Horse

Monday, June 2
New Holland Sales Stables

Report supplied by auction. Reported receipts of 324 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market steady.

Load of work and riding Iowa 500.00-850.00 singles, riding; 1450.00-1850.00 pairs, work. Better horses 550.00-975.00; Driving horses 400.00-900.00; Riding horses 375.00-500.00; Lightweight killers 375.00-400.00; Heavyweight killers 525.00-675.00; Mares 25.00-70.00; Colts 10.00-35.00; Geldings 25.00-70.00; Larger Ponies 125.00-225.00.

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Livestock market and auction news

Belknap Auction

Dayton, Pa.
Wednesday, June 4

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 77. Compared with last Wednesday's market: few Good slaughter steers 55.00-58.00, few Standard 50.00-53.00. Few Standard slaughter heifers 48.75-52.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 44.50-48.00, one at 49.25, Cutters 42.50-47.00, Canner & Low Cutter 38.00-42.50. Yield Grade #1-2 1100-1980 lbs. slaughter bulls 52.00-60.50, one at 65.00. Few Medium Frame #1 420-630 lbs. feeder steers 62.00-72.00; few Medium Frame #1 450-520 lbs. feeder heifers 56.00-66.50.

CALVES 110. Choice vealers 87.00-95.00, Good 80.00-87.00, few Standard 65.00-72.00, few Utility 50-80 lbs. 30.00-60.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 80.00-105.00, 70-90 lbs. 70.00-82.00; few holstein heifers 75-140 lbs. 91.00-125.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-100 lbs. 74.00-102.00.

HOGS 544. Barrows & gilts steady. US No. 1-2 210-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 33.50-34.40, couple lots 35.00 and 35.40, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 32.00-33.70, No. 2-3 200-260 lbs. 30.00-32.00, No. 1-3 175-195 lbs. 25.00-29.00. Sows steady. US No. 1-3 300-655 lbs. sows 22.00-28.50, few No. 2-3 330-640 lbs. 20.00-22.00. Boars 18.00-26.25.

FEEDER PIGS 104. US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 14.00-17.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 16.00-25.00 per head.

SHEEP 8. One lot Choice 90 lbs. spring slaughter lambs at 72.00.

Peoria Cattle

Thursday, June 5

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to last Wednesday. Slaughter steers finished this week steady to .50 lower. Heifers showed little price fluctuation from day to day and closed steady. Cows regained all of early weeks decline, closing steady. Bulls steady to 1.00 higher. Receipts this week 2800 compared to 2759 last week and 3918 one year ago.

STEERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4, 1000-1250 lbs. 63.00-65.00. Closing sales

mostly 63.00-64.00. Yield Grade 3-4 1200-1300 lbs. 61.00-62.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1150 lbs. 61.50-63.50. Good 59.50-62.00, 1200-1350 lbs. Holsteins 54.00-55.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 61.00-62.50 part load at 63.00 on Monday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1050 lbs. 59.00-61.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-3 closing 40.00-45.00. Cutter 37.00-43.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1000-1600 lbs. 46.00-53.00, mostly 50.00-53.00.

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, June 5

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts This Week 4300
Week Ago 3500
Year Ago 4300

Compared last week, slaughter steers 1.00-1.50 lower. Slaughter heifers 1.50-2.00 lower. Both classes registered price upturns Monday. But declined sharply thereafter to more than offset early gains. A sharply lower wholesale beef trade late Monday and Tuesday appeared to be the main factor contributing to the decline. Cows closed fully 1.00 higher. Bulls mostly 2.00 lower. Slaughter supply fully 50% steers, about 30% heifers and 12% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 64.00-64.75 Monday, but ranging 63.00-63.50 Tuesday; Lot Choice and Prime 4-5 1300 lbs. 59.00. Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 61.00-64.25, mainly 61.00-62.00 at mid-week. Scattered lots Choice 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 62.50-65.00, latter price Monday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1100 lbs. 61.00-62.00 Tuesday. Good 2-3 900-

1100 lbs. On Tuesday 59.50-61.00; Standard to mostly Good 2-3 1050-1250 lbs. Holsteins 53.75-58.00, few lots Good, Few Choice 1250-1250 lbs. 57.00-58.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 850-1025 lbs. 61.00-62.50, bulk 61.00-61.50 Tuesday, not tested later. Choice 2-4 800-1025 lbs. 58.00-62.00, mainly 58.00-60.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-950 lbs. Tuesday 59.00-60.00, most well tested later. Good 2-3 700-900 lbs. 700-900 lbs. 57.00-59.00 Tuesday.

COWS: Late Utility and Commercial 2-4 39.00-42.00. Boning Utility 1-2 42.00-44.00. Cutter 1-2 39.00-42.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 36.00-39.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-2000 lbs. 48.00-52.00. Few Yield Grade 1 1500-2300 lbs. 53.00-54.00.

FEEDERS: (Including around 700 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers and heifers steady to 2.00 higher, the advance mainly on steers over 700 lbs. and heifers over 500 lbs. Demand good for the rather light supply. Receipts mainly medium frame 1-2 500-800 lbs. steers and 400-800 lbs. heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1: Few lots 400-425 lbs. 78.00-80.00; 525-600 lbs. 70.00-74.75; 600-675 lbs. 68.75-71.50; 700-800 lbs. 64.00-70.00; 800-1000 lbs. 63.00-65.00. Medium Frame 1-2 and some Small Frame 1: 400-500 lbs. 71.00-79.25, 500-625 lbs. 64.00-68.00; few lots 550-650 lb. bulls 57.50-58.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1: Few Lots 350-475 lbs. 67.00-72.00, 500-600 lbs. 63.50-70.50; numerous lots moderate to very fleshy 700-800 lbs. 57.00-62.00. Medium Frame 1-2. Scattered lots 350-525 lbs. 61.00-68.00.

Small lot young small frame 1-2 cows with calves at side 540.00 per pair.

Oklahoma Cattle

Thursday, June 5

Report supplied by USDA. Thursday feeder cattle auction and weekly summary estimated receipts 7200 same day last week 7150. Feeder steers and heifers firm to 1.00 higher. Demand good. Trade moderately active. Bulk supply Medium Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 600-850 lb. Steers and 500-750 lb Heifers. Moderate showing 450-500 lb. Steers and 400-500 lb Heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1 375-500 lb. 77.00-82.25; lot 375 lb. 83.75; 500-600 lb. 69.00-74.50; lot 510 lb. 77.30; lot 505 lb. 81.25; 600-700 lb. 66.00-69.00; 700 800 lb. 64.00-68.50; mostly 65.00-67.00; 800-900 lb. 63.00-65.00; lot 840 lb. 65.80; 900-950 lb. 62.25-64.00. Medium Frame 1-2 340 lb. thin 85.00; 480 lb. 73.75; 500-600 lb. 66.00-70.25, thin 70.25-75.25; 600-675 lb. 63.50-66.00; 700-775 lb. 63.25-64.50. Large Frame 1-2 510 lb. 69.00; 775-835 lb. 61.00-64.00. Medium Frame 2 400-500 lb. 66.00-74.25; 650 lb. 63.75. Large Frame 2 725-850 lb. 61.00-62.75; 1050 lb. 55.00.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 2 400-500 lb. 66.00-74.25; 650 lb. 63.75. Large Frame 2 725-850 lb. 61.00-62.75; 1050 lb. 55.00.

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