



**THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC**

OCT. 13-19, 1980

It's a joy to gaze on these beautiful days.

Pick all apples before month's end Connie Mack retired Oct 18, 1950 First quarter of the moon Oct 16 Average length of days for the week, 11 hours, 2 minutes Geese flying south now Eleven Nazi war criminals hung Oct 16, 1946 Small leaks sink many great ships



Ask the Old Farmer: A friend and I are having a discussion about an old superstition about which shoe to put on first. He says it had something to do with the devil, and I say no. Can you straighten us out? GS, Omaha

Your friend is right. Anciently, the devil was supposed to prowl about on earth and men were afraid of being mistaken for him and maybe assaulted before they could prove their identity. The devil's left foot is supposed to be cloven, so men would put the right shoe on first to prove they weren't afraid to exhibit the left.

Home Hints: Fill dirty bathtub with hot water and two cups of laundry presoak, let sit overnight, then drain for clean tub. No scrubbing.

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**

New England: Cold wave, then cool temperatures, showers through midweek, partly sunny and very cold through weekend  
Greater New York-New Jersey: Cloudy and cool, showers south all week, with rain general for weekend  
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rainy and cold at week's start, then clear and pleasant, weekend rainy, turning very cold  
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Rainy and cool, then clear and pleasant middle of week, weekend is rainy, turning very cold

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**Lebanon Valley Auction**

Fredericksburg, Pa. Tuesday, October 7

Report supplied by PDA  
CATTLE 233. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter cows about steady. Few Low to average Choice 975-1275 lbs. (2-3) slaughter steers 66.85-71.85, Good 59.75-65.85, few Standard 54.00-59.00. Choice slaughter heifers 63.85-67.00, few Good 61.25-62.50. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 46.50-51.25, few 52.75, Cutters 44.75-49.00, Canner and Low Cutters 41.25-45.00, Shells down to 32.00. Couple Choice slaughter bullocks 64.00 and 66.50, few Good 56.75-61.25. Yield Grade #1, 975-1750 lbs. slaughter bulls 54.50-59.35. Few Medium and Large Frame #2, 450-900 lbs. feeder bulls 50.75-57.25.

CALVES 254. Bulk of supply returned to farm. Individual Prime vealer at 113.00, few Choice 97.00-107.00, few Good 80.00-90.00, Standard and Good 70-95 lbs. 73.00-79.50, Utility 50-85 lbs. 62.00-72.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 80-130 lbs. 83.00-112.00; Hol. Heifers 80-235 lbs. 115.00-186.00.

HOGS 348. Barrows and gilts 50 cents-75 cents lower. US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 50.00-50.85, one lot 51.10, No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 49.60-50.25. US No. 1-3 275-575 lbs. sows 39.00-42.75, few No. 2-3 400-600 lbs. 35.00-38.50. Boars 33.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 102. US No. 1-3 25-50 lbs. feeder pigs 43.50-44.00 per hundredweight.

SHEEP 21. Choice 55-80 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 58.00-62.00, Good 50-65 lbs. 50.00-55.00, couple to 58.00. Few Slaughter ewes 27.00-30.00.

**Omaha Cattle**

Thursday, October 9

Report supplied by USDA  
CATTLE AND CALVES: Midweek prices in Slaughter Steers were mostly steady with late previous week. Heifers closed firm to 25 higher. Cows were steady, instances 50 lower late and bulls firm to 1.00 higher.

Four Day Receipts 11,900  
Week Ago 10,300  
Year Ago 9,800

Caution was again a keynote of the fed Cattle trade during the current week, in reflection of an unsettled carcass trade. Prices advanced on a modest early supply, but the early upturn was largely erased in midweek trading. Buyers were usually competitive only for minimum numbers as they sought to maintain an acceptable ratio between current live prices and carcass realizations. The overall finish of the Steer and Heifer supply was attractive with a liberal percentage Choice Steers and Heifers, and included a rather large showing exotic crossbreeds. Slaughter Steers made up approximately 28 pct and heifers 27 pct. cows comprised 6 pct and feeders 38 pct including "Colorado Special" consignment.

STEERS: Early, load Choice 3 1133 lbs. 69.25, few loads Choice with end prime predominantly 3 1158-1241 lbs. 68.50-69.00 during week. At midweek Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 67.00-68.00, some mostly choice 3 1000-1050 lbs. 66.50-66.75, few consignments 4 with end 5 1200-1250 lbs. 64.50-66.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1225 lbs. 66.25-67.00. Good 2-3 63.00-65.50. Load Good and Choice 2-3 1300 lb. Holsteins 63.50.

HEIFERS: Load Choice 3 1072 lbs. 68.00 Tuesday.

**Middleburg Auction**

Middleburg, Pa. Tuesday, October 7

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 251. Choice slaughter steers 70.00-73.00, Good 68.00-71.60, Standard 58.00-68.00, Utility 54.00-58.00. Choice slaughter heifers 69.75-71.60, Good 62.00-69.75, Standard 55.00-62.00, Utility 50.00-55.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 47.00-50.50, Cutters 45.00-48.25, Canner & Low Cutter 44.00-47.00, Shells down to 33.00. Choice slaughter bullocks 68.00-73.00, one at 78.10, Good 60.00-68.00. Yield Grade #1 slaughter bulls 58.00-65.00; yield grade #2 54.00-58.00.

CALVES 156. Prime vealers 100.00-113.00, Choice 95.00-100.00, Standard & Good 70-90 lbs. 75.00-85.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-115 lbs. 80.00-115.00; holstein heifers 85-150 lbs. 110.00-205.00.

HOGS 631. (Monday, October 6, 1980) US No. 1-2 215-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 49.00-50.25, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 48.00-49.00, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 47.00-48.00. US No. 1-3 300-450 lbs. sows 39.00-44.00, No. 2-3 250-600 lbs. 33.75-38.00. Boars 200-700 lbs. 30.00-38.65.

FEEDER PIGS 354. US No. 1-3 10-20 lbs. feeder pigs 5.00-12.00 per head, No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 10.00-18.50 per head.

SHEEP 26. Choice 80-100 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 57.00-65.00. Slaughter ewes 23.00-26.00.

**St. Louis Cattle**

Thursday, October 9

Report supplied by USDA  
Receipts This Week: 4,700  
Week Ago: 4,400  
Year Ago: 4,800

Compared last week's close, slaughter steers .50-1.00 higher. Slaughter heifers 1.00-2.00 higher in face of reduced marketings and improved demand. Cows firm after fluctuating mildly during the period. Bulls fully 1.00 higher. Slaughter supply about 50% steers, near 30% heifers and 15% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 68.50-69.00, load 69.50 early Monday. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 67.00-69.00, mostly 67.50-68.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 66.00-67.50. Good 2-3 900-

1150 lbs. 64.00-66.00. Several small lots and part loads Good 2-3 1100-1300 lbs. Holsteins 61.00-62.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1025 lbs. 66.50-67.00, load 947 lbs. 67.50 Tuesday. Choice 2-4 800-1000 lbs. 65.00-66.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 63.00-65.00. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 60.00-63.00.

COWS: Late sales, Utility and Commercial 2-4 44.00-49.00. Few Boning Utility 1-2 49.25-51.00. Cutter 1-2 43.00-48.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 38.00-43.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1000-1850 lbs. 52.00-58.50, mostly 53.00-58.00. Several Yield Grade 1 1400-2400 lbs. 59.00-60.00.

FEEDERS: (including around 1,300 at the regular Thursday Auction.; Feeder steers uneven, generally steady. Feeder Heifers uneven, weights under 600 lbs. unevenly 2.00-6.00 lower, most decline under 450 lbs.; over 600 lbs. firm to 2.00 higher. Supply mainly medium frame 1-2 500-800 lb. steers and 300-700 lb. Heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1: 375-500 lb. 74.50-78.00; few lots 525-575 lb. 73.00-76.50; 600-700 lbs. 71.50-76.00; 750-800 lbs. 66.50-72.00; few lots 800-1000 lbs. 66.25-69.75.

Medium Frame 1-2; 300-450 lbs. 70.25-73.50. Large Frame 1-2 Holsteins Lot 823 lbs. 58.00. Bulls: Medium Frame 1-2; 475-600 lbs. 60.50-62.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: medium frame 1: 300-475 lbs. 60.00-65.00; 500-600 lbs. 66.00-68.50; 600-700 lbs. 66.75-69.00; 700-800 lbs. 61.25-67.00, bulk 65.25-65.75.

Medium frame 1-2 and some small frame 1: 350-600 lbs. 55.00-61.75, mostly 56.00-60.75.

STOCK COWS: Scattered lots small and medium frame 1-2 850-975 lbs. middle aged 41.75-45.75; lot small frame aged 738 lbs. 38.25.

**East Coast Carlot**

Wednesday, October 8

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's close: Prime special fed veal no sales reported, however, generally steady undertone indicated. Limited sales good and choice boning veal steady to weak. Spring lamb, mixed weights, not well

tested; however, firm undertone indicated. Boneless beef firm with last week in narrow test.

**VEAL CARCASS**

HIDE ON  
Prime (Special Fed): No sales reported.

**BONING TYPE GOOD AND CHOICE HIDE ON**

Northeastern Suppliers: 65-75 lbs. 112.00, all limited; 55-64 lbs. 110.00, all steady-weak; 45-54 lbs. 108.00; 35-44 lbs. 106.00; 34 lbs. down 104.00.

Inshipped: No sales reported.

**SPRING LAMB CARCASS**

Choice & Prime 3-4 3 1/2 Loads  
55 lbs. down 132.00, few 133.00; 55-65 lbs. few 133.00; 65-75 lbs. few 133.00.

**BONELESS BEEF US & Canadian Origin**

4 1/2 Loads  
90 pct chem lean, fresh 133.00.

85 pct chem lean, fresh 122.00.

75 pct chem lean, fresh 102.00 part load.

75 pct chem lean, frozen 105.00 fob east.

**BEEF TRIMMINGS**

50 pct chem lean, fresh 63.00-63.50, immediate ship.

**CURED AND PROCESSED MEATS**

8 Loads  
Semi-Boneless Hams: 14-17 lbs. 117.00 firm.

Boneless Hams: 13-17 lbs. 145.00 firm.

Picnics: 5-7 lbs. 79.50.

No. 1 Sliced Bacon, Vacuum Pack, 1 lb. Pkg. 108.00 steady.

Franks, 70 Beef 30 Pork, 1 lb. Pack 89.00 steady.

**Shenandoah Valley Livestock**

Harrisonburg, Va. Saturday, October 4

Report supplied by auction

STOCKER, FEEDER.

**AND SLAUGHTER CATTLE**

Good Light Steer Calves 80.00-84.00; Medium 75.00-80.00; Plain 70.00 and down; Good Heavy Steers 69.00-73.00; Medium 64.00-69.00; Plain 59.00 and down; Holstein Steers 55.25 and down; Good Light Heifer Calves 62.00-67.50; Medium 57.00-62.00; Plain 52.00 and down; Good Heavy Heifers 57.00-61.00; Medium 52.00-57.00; Plain 48.00 and down; Slaughter Cows 46.00-51.00; Utilities 40.00-46.00; Canners & Cutters 40.75 and down; Stock Bulls 64.00 and down; Slaughter Bulls 60.00 and down.

CALVES: Baby Calves 125.00 and down.  
SHEEP & LAMBS: Choice Blue O 61.50; Good Red O 58.00; Feeder Lambs 62.60-65.00; Slaughter Ewes 17.00 and down.

HOGS: Top 47.50; Heavy 44.00; Sows 36.50 and down; Boars 34.75 and down.

**New Holland Dairy**

New Holland, Pa.

Wednesday, October 8

Report supplied by auction  
Reported receipts of 104 cows, 27 heifers and 3 bulls Market steady.

Load of NY purebred & fresh cows, 1175.00-2000.00, springers 1400.00-1775.00; Load Pa. fresh cows, 1625.00-1875.00; springers 1300.00-1600.00; Load of Pa. fresh cows, 1225.00-1450.00; Load of Pa. fresh cows, 1210.00-1675.00, springers 1030.00-1530.00.

Locally consigned cows 750.00-1475.00; Springing heifers 925.00-1320.00; Open Heifers 400.00-675.00; Bulls 650.00-720.00.

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