

Livestock market and auction news



THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 9-15, 1981
Snow begins, then heavy winds

Repair your screens, mend your rakes, and sharpen your saws now
FDR made first "Fireside Chat" March 12, 1933 First quarter of the moon March 12 (Thurs) Average length of days for the week 11 hours 48 minutes First V-8 Ford built March 9, 1932
A warm heart requires a cool head



Ask the Old Farmer: We tried planting our backyard garden by the moon last year and it really worked! We got the information for our section of the country from the Almanac's sister publication *The Old Farmer's Almanac Gardener's Companion* is the 1981 edition out yet and where can I get a copy? R H Knoxville Tenn.

It's out and you should be able to find it on your newsstand. If not send \$1.50 (plus 75¢ for postage and handling) to OFAC Yankee Inc. Depot Sq., Peterborough, NH 03458.

Home Hint: Copper pieces can be cleaned by rubbing them with half a lemon dipped in salt. Follow with a good rinsing in hot water.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Sleet south snow north, and seasonal temperatures to start, then partly cloudy with flurries through weekend
Greater New York-New Jersey: Rain, snow in mountains, and cold most of week, week's end brings cloudy skies, light snow
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Showers, mild start of week, then cloudy and cool, becoming rainy weekend
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week begins warm, with clearing by midweek, heavy rain by end of week

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Eighty-Four Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.
Monday, March 2

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 200 Choice slaughter steers 58.00-61, Good 52.00-56.50, Standard 45.00-50.00. Choice slaughter heifers 55.00-60.50, Good 50.00-54.00, Standard 42.00-49.50. Cutter slaughter cows 41.00-44.60, Canner and Low Cutters 37.00-41.50, Shells down to 25.00 Choice slaughter bullocks 55.00-59.00 Yield Grade No 1-2, slaughter bulls 53.50-55.50, some 47.00-53. Good 300-500 lbs feeder steers 60.00-70, few 73.00 Good 250-500 lbs feeder heifers 53.00-67.00 Good 500-800 lbs. feeder bulls 50.00-63.50

CALVES 322 Choice vealers 100.00-110, Good 75.00-99, Standard and Good 65-80 lbs 65.00-80.00, Utility 50.00-65.00. Farm Calves Hol. Bulls 75.00-95.00; Hol Heifers 75.00-140.00, Beef cross bulls & heifers 60.00-90.00

HOGS 144. US No 1-2 barrows and gilts 40.35-44.25, No. 1-3 38.75-39.85, No. 1-3 32.00-39.00, US No. 1-3 sows 32.00-37.00, No 2-3 27.00-34.50 Boars 30.50-32.00.

FEEDER PIGS 24. US No 1-3 30-35 lbs. feeder pigs 10.00-17.50 per head, No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. 18.00-26.00 per head, few Utility 5.00-10.00 per head.

SHEEP 65. Choice 93 lbs. spring slaughter lambs at 68.50; Good woolled lambs 54.50-60.00, few Utility at 45.00. Slaughter ewes 20.00-27.00.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.

Wednesday, February 26

Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers Steady Choice 60.00-63.25; Good 55.00-59.00, Medium 54.00 Down Heifers Choice 55.00-57.00, Good 51.00-54.00, Medium 50.00 Down. Cows Somewhat lower High Yield 46.00-48.75, Average 42.00-45.00, Big Middle 39.00-41.00; Shelly 42.00 Down Fat Bulls Steady & scarce. Good to 56.00; Medium 50.00-54.00 Veal Calves Active & good run Choice to 106.00, Good 95.00-100.00; Medium 85.00-90.00, Farm Hfirs to 105.00; Farm Bulls to 103.00; Light & Weak 60.00 Down Lambs Good to 51.50 Sows Lower 300-575 lbs 34.00-40.00

STOCKER. Steers 300-550 lbs Very active & higher. Choice to 88.00; Good 65.00-70.00, Medium 58.00-62.00; Culls 57.00 & Down Steers 600-850 lbs Choice 68.00-74.00; Good 63.00-68.00, Medium

62.00 Down Heifers (All Weights) Choice to 74.50, Good 55.00-64.00, Medium 54.00 Down Bulls Choice to 72.00, Good 60.00-68.00, Medium 58.00 Down Springing Heifers to 85.00 Pigs, Hd Higher & strong demand 20-30 lbs 10.00-24.00, 30-60 lbs 26.00-38.00 Shoats by Lb to 43.00 Slaughter Hogs \$2.00 lower 200-230 lbs 41.50-43.00, 240-260 lbs 42.50-43.00, 180-185 lbs 38.00-40.50

Shenandoah Valley Livestock

Harrisonburg, Va.

Saturday, February 28

Report supplied by auction

STOCKER, FEEDER, AND SLAUGHTER CATTLE Good Light Steer Calves 75.00-91.00, Medium 70.00-74.75, Plain 65.00 and down; Good Heavy Steers 67.00-72.00; Medium 62.00-66.75, Plain 57.00 and down; Holstein Steers 62.00 and down; Good Slaughter Steers few at 57.90; Good Light Heifer Calves 61.00-66.00; Medium 56.00-60.75, Plain 51.00 and down; Good Heavy Heifers 53.00-58.50; Medium 48.00-52.75, Plain 43.00 and down; Good Slaughter Heifers too few to quote; Slaughter Cows 44.00-48.50, Utilities 39.00-43.75; Canners & Cutters 35.00 and down; Milk & Stock Cows 455.00 and down; Stock Bulls 76.00 and down, Slaughter Bulls 55.75 and down

CALVES. Veal Calves 99.50 and down; Baby Calves 112.50 and down.

SHEEP & LAMBS Choice Blue O 57.00, Good Red O 50.25, Feeder Lambs 54.00-54.75; Slaughter Ewes 27.00 and down, Stock Ewes 120.00 and down

HOGS Top 41.00; Heavy 38.00-40.75; Medium 39.00, Light 26.50-31.00; Sows 40.00 and down; Boars 32.50 and down.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland, Pa.

Wednesday, March 4

Report supplied by auction

Reported receipts of 98 cows, 73 heifers and 8 bulls Market lower Load of Butler Co fresh cows, 600.00-1060.00, Load of Pa fresh cows, 775.00-1475.00, Load of Pa fresh cows, 950.00-1060.00, Load of Pa fresh cows, 650.00-1220.00, Herd of 34 head, all stages cows, 500.00-1300.00

Locally consigned cows 395.00-1510.00, Springing heifers 790.00-1150.00, Open heifers 340.00-450.00, Bulls 225.00-480.00

Central U.S. Carlot

Wednesday, March 4

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's 4.30 report Steel beef steady-1.00 mostly lower Heifer beef mostly steady, instances 1.00 lower Demand and trading light to moderate early but late trade very slow on moderate supplies The boxed beef carcass cutout value declined \$ 29 to \$100.83 per cwt Sales reported on 93 loads of steer and heifer beef

STEER BEEF

73 Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

Choice 3 600-800 lbs 94.00, few 93.00, 1.00 lower

Choice 3 800-900 lbs 93.00-94.00 late 93.00, 1.00 lower

Choice 4 600-900 lbs 85.00-86.00, steady-1.00 lower

Choice 2-3 600-900 lbs 92.50 (Hols)

Good 2-3 600-900 lbs 89.00-91.00, load 88.00, steady-1.00 lower

FOB Amarillo Basis

Choice 3 600-800 lbs 95.00

Choice 2-3 600-700 lbs YG 3 95.00-97.00, YG 2.96 50-98.50

Choice 4 600-850 lbs 86.00 (West)

Good 2-3 600-900 lbs 91.50

HEIFER BEEF

20 Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

Choice 3 500-700 lbs 92.00-93.00, mostly 93.00, mostly steady

Choice 4 500-700 lbs 85.00-86.00, steady-1.00 lower

Good 2-3 500-700 lbs 88.00-90.00, steady-1.00 lower

FOB Amarillo Basis

Choice 4 500-700 lbs 86.00 (West)

Good 2-3 500-700 lbs 90.50

Cow beef steady-2.00 higher Demand light to moderate, supplies light

COW BEEF

11 Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

Utility 450&up lbs 76.50 (West) 2.00 higher (BRKG) 3-4

Utility 400&up lbs 79.50 (West) steady (BNG) 2-3

Utility 400&up lbs 80.00 (BNG) 2-3 (Southeast)

Canner & Cutter 400&up lbs 85.00 (Midwest) steady 1-2

Compared to Tuesday's 2.30 report Fresh pork loins 14-17 lbs steady-75 higher, 17-20 lbs. 1.25-2.25 higher Picnics steady with late Tuesday Fresh hams steady-

2.00 higher Sdls bellies 14-18 lbs steady in limited market test Trading active early, demand moderate Sales reported on 37 loads and 34 loads of trimmings and variety meats

FRESH PORK CUTS

LOINS 14-17 lbs 88.75-90.25, steady-75 higher, 17-20 lbs 87.25-88.00, 1.25-2.25 higher

PICNICS 4-8 lbs 46.00 late Tuesday, 4-8 lbs 46.00 steady, 8&up lbs 46.00 late Tuesday

SKINNED HAMS 14-17 lbs 65.75, steady, 17-20 lbs 66.00-67.00 steady-1.00 higher, 20-26 lbs 65.00 steady, 26-34 lbs 62.00, 2.00 higher 26&up lbs 61.00

BELLIES, SDSL 10-12 lbs 37.50, 14-16 lbs 42.00, steady 16-18 lbs 40.00 steady

VARIETY MEATS

LIVERS, EXPORT 50 lb box 15.50

PORK TRIMMINGS

BONELESS PROCESSING

PORK

(Chemical Lean)

42% lean trimmings fresh 34.50

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72% bnl picnics fresh 41.00 late Tuesday

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St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, March 5

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts This Week. 4,700

Week Ago. 6,200

Year Ago 4,500

Compared to the previous week's close, slaughter steers weak to 1.00 lower Slaughter heifers mostly 50-1.00 lower Cows 1.00-2.00 lower, Bulls steady Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1025-1200 lbs. steers, around 35% heifers and 10% cows

SLAUGHTER STEERS Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs 60.00-61.50 early, some closing sales 60.0, 3-4 1090-1325 lbs 57.75-60.00, closing 57.75-58.25 Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs 59.25-61.50, closing 59.25-60.00, 2-3 950-1050 lbs 60.00-62.00, closing sales 60.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 59.50-61.00 Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs

58.00-59.50. Standard to Good 2-3 1050-1400 lbs holsteins 51.00-56.00, closing 51.00-55.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs 58.00-59.50, package early at 60.00, closing 58.00-58.50, 3-5 900-1075 lbs 54.00-56.50, 4-5 950-1125 lbs 52.00-54.00 Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs 57.00-59.00, closing 57.00-58.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-1000 lbs 56.00-57.50 Good 2-3 700-950 lbs 54.00-56.00

COWS Closing week sales Utility and Commercial 2-4 39.00-42.00 Boning Utility 1-2 42.00-44.00 Cutter 1-2 38.00-42.00 Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 34.00-38.00

BULLS Yield grade 1-2 1050-1900 lbs 50.00-55.00 Yield Grade 1 1100-2065 lbs 55.25-56.25 Individual 2265 lbs holstein 57.00

FEEDERS (Including around 1,000 at the regular Thursday auction feeder steers and heifers unevenly 2.00-4.00 lower Receipts mainly medium frame 1 400-800 lbs steers and 400-700 lbs heifers Large buyer attendance

FEEDER STEERS Medium Frame 1. 300-390 lbs 74.00-78.75; 400-500 lbs 64.00-69.00; 500-700 lbs 63.00-66.75, lot thin 516 lbs. 72.00; 700-800 lbs 61.00-65.00, lot flesh 790 lbs 58.00, 850-950 lbs 58.00-62.25 Medium Frame 1-2. 500-600 lbs. 58.00-63.00. Large Frame 2 Holsteins Couple lots 570-960 lbs 51.00-54.50


FEEDER HEIFERS Medium Frame 1. Lot 279 lbs. 65.50; 375-500 lbs 57.50-61.00, 500-600 lbs 57.50-60.75, 600-700 lbs 54.00-58.50, fleshy 750-800 lbs 53.50-57.50 Medium Frame 1-2 Few lots 350-525 lbs 54.75-58.75

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