

# Livestock market and auction news



MARCH 16-22, 1981  
Spring is here!

Spring begins March 20 at 12 03 PM EST Oysters spawn on full tides now Full moon March 20 (Fri) Average length of days for the week, 12 hours, 10 minutes Capistrano, Calif., gets its swallows back this week Young Men's Hebrew Association organized March 22, 1874 A good wife is a rich treasure



**Ask the Old Farmer.** I recently purchased a small oak desk — one I discovered was given years ago as a premium by the Larkin Soap company. How could they give a desk of this kind as a premium for selling soap? GS, Atlanta

The profit on the soap was substantial. They gave desks, bookcases, dishes, and teapots. We own a desk and bookcase combined. Don't know how many hundred-weights of soap it took to earn it.

**Home Hints** Pierce the end of an egg with a pin, and it will not break when placed in boiling water.

### OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Mild with light rain early week, cold near week's end, with rain south, snow north.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Rain to begin, then milder and seasonal through end of week.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Mild temperatures to start, with cloudy skies, possible showers, rainy, cold, then warming at week's end.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Partly cloudy with seasonal temperatures begin the week, then heavy rains rest of week and weekend.

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### Shenandoah Valley Livestock

Harrisonburg, Va.  
Saturday, March 7

Report supplied by auction

**STOCKER, FEEDER, AND SLAUGHTER CATTLE:** Good Light Steer Calves 79.00-86.50; Medium 74.00-78.75; Plain 69.00 and down; Good Heavy Steers 68.00-74.50; Medium 63.00-67.75; Plain 58.00 and down; Holstein Steers 51.50-53.50; Good Slaughter Steers Not enough to quote; Good Light Heifer Calves 55.00-61.00; Medium 50.00-54.75; Plain 45.00 and down; Good Heavy Heifers 53.00-58.50; Medium 48.00-52.75; Plain 43.00 and down; Slaughter Cows 38.00-44.75; Utilities 33.00-37.75; Canners & Cutters 32.75 and down; Milk & Stock Cows 600.00 and down; Slaughter Bulls 47.00-55.00.

**CALVES:** Veal Calves 89.50 and down; Baby Calves 120.00 and down.

**SHEEP & LAMBS:** Choice Blue O 58.00; Good Red O 55.25; Slaughter Ewes 15.00-29.50; Stock Ewes 105.00 and down.

**HOGS:** Top 40.20; Medium 38.75; Sows 25.00-36.50; Boars 31.00 and down; Butcher Hogs 39.75 and down.

### New Holland Horse

Monday, March 9  
New Holland Sales Stables

Report supplied by auction

Reported receipts of 166 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market stronger.

Better horses 550.00-800.00; Driving horses 400.00-700.00; Riding horses 375.00-475.00; Few registered horses 850.00-1400.00; Lightweight killers 375.00-500.00; Heavyweight killers 550.00-795.00; Mares 40.00-110.00; Colts 15.00-40.00; Geldings 40.00-110.00; Larger ponies 150.00-295.00

### New Wilmington Auction

New Wilmington, Pa.  
Monday, March 9  
Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE** 243. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter cows mostly \$2 higher. Choice slaughter steers 60.00-62.75, one at 63.75, Good 56.00-59.25, Standard 52.00-55.75. Choice slaughter heifers 57.00-60.00, few Standard 47.75-49.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 43.50-47.00, Commercial No 4-5 37.00-43.50, Cutters 41.50-44.75, Canner & Low Cutter 36.25-41.50, Shells down to 25.00. Yield Grade #1 1040-2045 lbs slaughter bulls 51.00-57.00; few yield grade #2 940-1135 lbs 43.50-50.74. Few Medium & Large Frame #1 360-660 lbs. feeder steers 68.00-77.00, Medium & Large Frame #1 330-560 lbs. feeder heifers 58.00-70.00; Large Frame #2 465-890 lbs. feeder bulls 51.50-58.50

**CALVES** 311. Vealers grading Good & Choice \$5 to \$10 lower, Standard Steady. One Prime vealer at 108.00, Choice 90.00-100.00, Good 74.00-90.00, Standard 50.00-70.00, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 48.00-59.00, 65-85 lbs. 44.00-51.00, Utility 40-70 lbs. 25.00-38.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 95-135 lbs. 80.00-92.00; holstein heifers 85-135 lbs. 100.00-116.00.

**HOGS** 597. Barrows & gilts \$1 higher US No. 1-2 205-245 lbs barrows & gilts 42.00-43.00, No. 1-3 195-255 lbs 41.00-42.10, No. 2-3 205-270 lbs. 38.00-41.10. Sows mostly \$2 higher US No 1-3 240-585 lbs. sows 35.00-40.00, few 42.50. Boars 27.00-32.80.

**FEEDER PIGS** 79 US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 19.00-22.00 per head, no. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 22.00-32.00, No 1-3 50-70 lbs. 30.00-37.00 per head.

**SHEEP** 13 One lot Choice 85 lbs. new crop lambs 76.00, one lot Good 85 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 61.00. Few Slaughter ewes 23.50-31.00

1290# 61.25 Wednesday. Load Choice 2-3 1000# 61.00 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1100# 59.00-60.50 Monday; 58.50-60.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000# 58.00-59.00 Monday; 57.00-58.50 Wednesday.

**COWS:** Cutter & Utility 1-3 39.00-43.00, few 43.50 Monday; 41.00-44.00 Wednesday; 41.00-44.00, few 45.00 Thursday.

### Joliet Cattle

Thursday, March 12  
Report supplied by USDA

Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 3,800; 5 days last week 4,146, same period a year ago 3,503. Trading moderate on Monday, slow on Wednesday. YG 2 & 3 slaughter steers ended the week steady to .50 higher than Wednesday of last week. YG 3-5 steers ended the week mostly steady. Slaughter heifers ended the week steady to .50 lower. Cows ended the week 1.00-2.00 higher.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Mixed High Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1300# 60.00-62.00 Monday; 60.00-61.75 Wednesday; YG 3-4, few 5, 1150-1350# 59.00-60.00; Choice & Mixed Choice and Prime YG 4-5 couple loads 1385-1485# 55.00-57.00 Monday. Choice 2-3, few 4, 1175-1250# 2 loads 62.50; 2 loads 63.00 Monday; package 1225# 62.50 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1050-1350# 60.50-62.25. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250# 59.00-60.75.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4 950-1125# 60.50-60.75, load 61.25 Monday; 58.75-59.50, load 60.25, package

### Valley Livestock

Valley Stockyards  
Athens, Pa.  
Monday, March 9

Report supplied by auction  
Reported receipts of 117 cows, 19 bulls, 460 calves, 13 heifers, 0 steers, 71 hogs, 3 lambs, 3 sheep. Cattle market reported unsteady, calf market reported steady.

Holstein Heifer Calves to 136.00; Veal Calves to 103.00; Bobs, 90 to 110 lbs 55.00-65.00; Bobs, 80 and down lbs. 48.00-60.00; Back To Farm 70.00-100.00; Lambs 58.00-63.00; Sheep to 19.00; Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 36.00-41.00; Sows 28.00-36.00; Boars 24.00-30.00; Pigs 12.00-27.50; Heifers 47.00-50.50; Steers Not enough to est. market; Steers, feeder 48.00-57.00; Bulls 49.00-55.00, Cows, utility 43.50-45.50; Cows, fat 38.00-42.00; Cows, medium 36.00-41.50; Cows, poor or small 32.00-36.00; Horses to 680.00, Mules to 140.00; Goats to 45.00.

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**50 to 60 Head** more or less  
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