

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

APRIL 27-MAY 3, 1981

Mayday — spring's heyday!

Fish bite best during last quarter of the moon ... Casey Jones died in train crash April 30, 1900 ... Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 4 minutes ... Zipper patented by G Sundback April 29, 1913 ... Indecision is the key to flexibility



Ask the Old Farmer: Will you tell me what the original cupolas on barns and other buildings were used for? RT, Madison, Wis

Ventilators: Huge quantities of hay stowed in the mows would heat up and there was danger of fire at times, hence the need for ventilation ... Home Hints: Keep white vegetables, such as onions and cauliflower, from turning yellow during cooking by adding a little lemon juice or vinegar to the cooking water

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Week is cloudy and cool, then becoming sunny and hot for weekend

Greater New York-New Jersey: Sunny and seasonal, few sprinkles middle of week, week's end is clear and hot

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Clearing and warm through midweek, then becoming sunny and continued warm through end of week

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week starts rainy and cold, with midweek through weekend becoming clear and warm

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Spring Feeder Cattle Sale

Lynchburg, Va. Thursday, April 16

Report supplied by VDA

There were 1,840 head sold. All cattle were graded by Representatives of the VDACS's Division of Markets, Livestock Section on USDA standards and sold by the hundredweight.

STEERS: 300-400 lbs. Medium 1 83.00; Medium & Lg. 2 78.00; 400-500 lbs. Medium 1 74.00-80.50; Small 1 68.00-72.00; Med. & Lg. 2 70.00-76.00 500-600 lbs. Medium 1 63.25-69.75, Small 1 64.25-70.50; Med. & Lg. 2 68.75-69.50. 600-700 lbs. Medium 1 61.25-66.75; Small 1 61.25-64.75; Med & Lg. 2 63.50. 700-800 lbs. Medium 1 63.00-65.25; Small 1 62.00-62.25; Med & Lg. 2 64.25 800-900 lbs. Medium 1 62.00-64.25.

HEIFERS: 300-400 lbs. Med. & Large 1 54.50-59.50; Small 1 55.00, Med. & Large 2 55.75-58.25. 400-500 lbs. Med. & Large 1 55.50-61.75, Small 1 53.25-55.50; Med & Large 2 53.50-57.00 500-600 lbs. Med. & Large 1 55.50-57.75; Small 1 52.50-55.00. Med. & Large 2 52.50-56.25.

600-700 lbs. Med & Large 1 54.75-57.25; Small 1 55.75-57.25. 700-800 lbs. Med. & Large 1 56.00-60.00.

Feeder Cattle Sale

Roanoke, Va. Thursday, April 6

Report supplied by VDA

There were 1,812 head sold. All cattle were graded by Representatives of the VDACS's Division of Markets, Livestock Section on USDA standards and sold by the hundredweight.

STEERS 300-400 lbs Medium 1 75.00-75.50; Large 1 75.00-75.50; Small 1 68.25-69.50; Med. & Lg. 2 73.00-76.00. 400-500 lbs. Medium 1 75.00-85.00; Large 1 75.00-85.00; Small 1 65.00-72.00; Med. & Lg. 2 67.00-76.75. 500-600 lbs. Medium 1 70.50-75.00; Large 1 68.00-75.75; Small 1 65.25-67.00; Med. & Lg. 2 64.25-68.50. 600-700 lbs. Medium 1 65.00-67.75; Large 1 63.00-66.25, Small 1 60.00-65.50; Med. & Lg. 2 60.00-64.75. 700-800 lbs. Medium 1 63.50-65.75; Large 1 62.50-64.75; Small 1 58.25-62.25; Med. & Lg. 2 60.25-62.00. 800-900 lbs. Medium 1 63.50-64.00; Large 1 62.00-63.50; Small 1 58.50-60.75. 900-1000 lbs Medium 1 58.00-61.50; Large 1 59.00-61.00

Graded Feeder Cattle Sale

Harrisonburg, Va.

Wednesday, April 15

Report supplied by VDA

There were 1,798 head sold. All cattle were graded by Representatives of the VDACS's Division of Markets, Livestock Section on USDA standards and sold by the hundredweight.

STEERS: 300-400 lbs. Medium 1 72.00-79.00; Small 1 74.00-76.00; Med. & Lg. 2 71.00. 400-500 lbs. Medium 1 74.50-83.50; Large 1 72.00-77.00; Small 1 66.00-76.50; Med. & Lg. 2 62.00-75.00. 500-600 lbs. Medium 1 65.00-74.50; Large 1 72.50-73.50; Small 1 62.00-77.50; Med. & Lg. 2 62.00-75.00. 600-700 lbs. Medium 1 66.50-68.00; Large 1 63.50-69.00; Small 1 60.00-70.00; Med. & Lg. 2 64.50. 700-800 lbs. Medium 1 63.50-65.75; Large 1 63.25-65.00; Small 1 60.00-63.00, Med. & Lg. 2 59.00-62.75. 800-900 lbs. Medium 1 60.00-62.25; Large 1 62.00-63.00. 900-1000 lbs. Medium 1 60.00-62.25; Large 1 62.00-63.00.

HEIFERS: 300-400 lbs. Medium 1 55.00-59.50; Small 1 55.00; Med. & Lg. 2 52.50-57.50. 400-500 lbs. Medium 1 53.50-62.25; Large 1 54.00-57.50; Small 1 53.00-59.00; Med. & Lg. 2 51.00-51.50. 500-600 lbs. Medium 1 53.00-58.75; Large 1 55.25-59.50; Small 1 53.50-56.50; Med. & Lg. 2 48.50. 600-700 lbs. Medium 1 53.50-57.75; Large 1 56.25-57.25; Small 1 50.50-52.50; Med. & Lg. 2 48.50. 700-800 lbs. Medium 1 51.25-54.50; Large 1 52.25-54.50; Small 1 52.00. 800-900 lbs. Medium 1 52.75; Large 1 54.50; Small 1 51.50. 900-1000 lbs. Large 1 52.50

Feeder Cattle Sale

Marshall, Va.

Thursday, April 16

Report supplied by VDA

There were 1,100 head sold. All cattle were graded by Representatives of the VDACS's Division of Markets, Livestock Section on USDA's standards and sold by the hundredweight.

STEERS: 300-400 lbs. Medium 1 77.00; Small 1 64.00-75.00; Med & Lg. 2 62.00-65.00. 400-500 lbs. Medium 1 74.00-81.00; Large 1

77.00-83.00; Small 1 71.00-72.00; Med. & Lg. 2 61.00-65.00. 500-600 lbs. Medium 1 65.00-79.00; Large 1 71.00-80.00; Small 1 60.50-67.00; Med. & Lg. 2 63.50-72.00. 600-700 lbs. 71.00-76.00; Large 1 61.00-75.50; Small 1 56.50-63.00; Med. & Lg. 2 53.50-59.50. 700-800 lbs. Medium 1 66.50-76.00; Large 1 64.00-67.50; Small 1 58.00-63.50; Med. & Lg. 2 56.00. 800-900 lbs. Medium 1 60.00-62.50; Large 1 62.50-65.50; Small 1 58.00-60.50. 900-1000 lbs. Large 1 60.00-62.25. Short steers 400-500 lbs. 57.00.

HEIFERS: 300-400 lbs. Medium 1 55.00-56.00; Small 1 50.00-54.00; Med. & Lg. 2 46.50-49.00. 400-500 lbs. 51.00-55.00; Large 1 58.00-61.00; Small 1 50.00-51.50; Med. & Lg. 2 45.50-49.00. 500-600 lbs. Medium 1 51.00-56.00; Large 1 51.00-54.00; Small 1 46.00-47.50; Med. & Lg. 2 45.50. 600-700 lbs. Medium 1 54.00-62.50; Large 1 54.50-63.00; Small 1 46.00-48.00. 700-800 lbs. Medium 1 50.50-55.00; Large 1 54.00-63.00.

Dewart Auction

Dewart, Pa.

Monday, April 20

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CATTLE 207. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter steers strong to \$1 higher. Slaughter cows steady to strong. Choice 2-4, 975-1320 lbs. slaughter steers 62.25-65.10, Good 55.00-58.50, few Standard 50.00-55. Few Choice slaughter heifers 56.75-59.75, few Good 52.00-58.25. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 43.00-47, couple 50.00, Cutters 41.75-45, few Canner and Cutters (low) 37.25-40.75, Shells down to 35.00. Yield Grade #1, 1000-2000 lbs. slaughter bulls 53.75-60.75. Few Large Frame #1, 350-770 lbs. feeder heifers 56.00-65.50, few Large #2, 470-670 lbs. 51.00-54.50.

CALVES 137. Couple Prime vealers 110.00 & 112, few Choice 91.00-109, few Good 70.00-87, Standard and Good 65-95 lbs. 50.00-65.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 65.00-93, couple to 100.00; few Hol. Heifers 80-125 lbs. 70.00-130.00.

HOGS 263. Barrows and gilts 75

cents-\$1.25 higher. US No. 1-2 2-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 41.74-42, several to 43.50, No. 1-3 195-255 lbs. 39.25-41.25, lot No. 2-3 265 lbs. at 36.10. US No. 1-3 3-600 lbs. sows 30.00-34.50. Few Boars 25.00-31.00.

FEEDER PIGS 127. US No. 1-3 45-70 lbs. feeder pigs 26.00-30.50 per head.

SHEEP 16. Slaughter ewes 15.50-26.00.

Feeder Cattle Sale

Wytheville, Va.

Friday, April 17

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There were 1095 head sold. All cattle were graded by Representatives of the VDACS's Division of Markets, Livestock Section on USDA standards and sold by the hundredweight.

STEERS: 300-400 lbs. Med. & Large 1 84.00-90.00; Small 1 83.00-92.00; Med. & Large 2 84.00-89.00, 2 at 98.00. 400-500 lbs. Med. & Large 1 80.00-90.00; Small 1 78.50-87.00; Med. & Large 2 85.00-89.00. 500-600 lbs. Med. & Large 1 77.00-84.00; Small 1 72.00-73.00; Med. & Large 2 74.00-84.00. 600-700 lbs. Med. & Large 1 60.00-66.75; Small 1 63.00-64.25; Med. & Large 2 67.00-72.00 700-800 lbs. Med. & Large 1 60.00-65.00; Small 1 62.25-63.75; Med. & Large 2 60.00-61.50. 800-900 lbs. Med. & Large 1 52.50-62.50; Small 1 61.00; Med. & Large 2 56.50. 900-1000 lbs. Med. & Large 1 53.50-57.50; Small 1 52.50; Med. & Large 2 55.00. Over 1000 lbs. Med. & Large 1 50.00-52.50.

HEIFERS: 300-400 lbs. Med. & Large 1 61.00-68.00; Small 1 62.00-65.00; Med. & Large 2 60.00-65.00. 400-500 lbs. Med. & Large 1 64.00-70.00; Small 1 66.00-70.00; Med. & Large 2 60.00-68.00. 500-600 lbs. Med. & Large 1 57.50-62.75; Small 1 51.00-58.50; Med. & Large 2 54.00-61.50. 600-700 lbs. Med. & Large 1 54.75-58.50; Small 1 53.75-56.00; Med. & Large 2 50.00-56.50. 700-800 lbs. Med. & Large 1 52.00-56.50; Small 1 53.00; Med. & Large 2 52.00-58.00. 800-900 lbs. Med. & Large 1 53.00.

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