


THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 11-17, 1981
Apple blossoms; sun plays possum.

Fish bite best when wind west Last complete run of 3rd Ave El, NYC, May 12, 1955 Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 35 minutes Nylon stocking first went on sale May 15, 1940 First Kentucky Derby May 17, 1875 *There is no safety in putting things off.*



Ask the Old Farmer: Can you tell me how to make bayberry candles? And how many berries it might take to make a definite number of candles? We live on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where the native bayberry grows R.C., Cambridge, MD
We never made them, but we know that first of all you boil the bayberries and then let the mixture cool
The wax rises to the top and solidifies. Take it off and use it like any other wax. As to the number of berries needed, a bucketful might make one candle.

Home Hints: When aluminum pans become dull, boil some apple parings in them to bring back the old dazzle

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS
New England: Week begins wet, becoming seasonal midweek, resuming rains by weekend
Greater New York-New Jersey: Clear and warm at week's start, showers and cool temperatures following, weekend rainy
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Cloudy, bringing on light rains and cold through most of week, heavy rains by weekend
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Cool temperatures all week, showers at start, then partly cloudy with rain at end

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Martinsburg Auction

Martinsburg, Pa.
Monday, May 4
Report supplied by auction
CATTLE 187. Choice slaughter steers 62.90-65.50, Good 60.50-62.80, Standard 55.00-60.50, Utility 43.00-54.50. Choice slaughter heifers 60.50-63.25, Good 55.00-60.50, Standard 50.50-53.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 45.00-51.50, Cutters 43.50-45.50, Canner & Low Cutter 39.00-42.50, Shells down to 36.00. Good slaughter bullocks 56.00-61.50, Standard 52.50-55.50, Utility 45.50-51.50. Yield Grade #1 slaughter bulls 56.60-58.76; yield grade #2 49.50-52.50.
CALVES 309. Choice vealers 90.00-105.00, Good 85.00-93.00, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 66.50-78.50, 70-90 lbs. 61.50-68.50, Utility 55-100 lbs. 55.50-61.50. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 85.00-106.50; holstein heifers 85-130 lbs. 125.00-178.50.
HOGS 433. US No. 1-2 barrows & gilts 42.30-43.10, No. 1-3 41.50-42.20, No. 2-3 40.00-40.50. US No. 1-3 sows 35.00-39.25, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs.

35.00-38.50. Boars 30.00-34.50.
FEEDER PIGS 18. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 14.00-26.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 26.50-35.00 per head.
SHEEP 2. Slaughter ewes 28.00-30.50. GOATS 6. 17.00-44.00 per head.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland, Pa.
Wednesday, May 6
Report supplied by auction
Reported receipts of 41 cows, 53 heifers, and 5 bulls. Market steady. Load of Susquehanna Co. fresh cows, 975.00-1560.00; Load of Pa. purebred & grade fresh cows, 1125.00-1500.00, springers 1575.00-1975.00; Load of Pa. fresh cows, 925.00-1150.00.
Locally consigned cows 520.00-1435.00; Springing heifers 810.00-1250.00; Open heifers 320.00-590.00; Bulls 360.00-875.00.

Joliet Cattle

Thursday, May 7
Report supplied by USDA
CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 3,150; 5 days last week 3,330, same period a year ago 4,037. Trading slow on Monday, active on Wednesday. Slaughter Steers ended the week mostly steady compared with Wednesday of last week. Slaughter Heifers ended the week mostly steady. Cows closed the week 2.00 lower.
SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed High Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1350 lbs. 65.00-66.25, Monday load YG 3-5 64.00 Monday; 3-5 1300-1350 lb. 2 loads 66.00. Choice and Prime 2-4 1200-1240 lb. 69.25 Wednesday. Choice 2-3, few 4, 1050-1150 lb. 66.50-67.00 Monday; 68.00-68.50 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lb. 65.00-66.50 Monday; 67.50-68.50 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lb. 64.50-65.50 Monday; 66.00-67.25 Wednesday.
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 950-1100 lb. 66.00-66.25 Monday; 66.50-67.25 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1125 lb. 64.50-65.75 Monday; 65.50-67.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lb. 63.00-64.75 Monday; 64.00-65.50 Wednesday.
COWS: Cutter & Utility 1-3 38.00-43.00 Monday.

Lambs 64.70; Choice Blue O 72.50; Good Red O 68.25; Slaughter Ewes 17.00 and down; Stock Ewes 101.00 and down.
HOGS: Top 40.00; Heavy 39.00; Sows 41.00 and down; Boars 30.50 and down.

and Prime 2-4 875-1075 lbs. 63.00-63.50, load early 64.00. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 62.00-63.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-1000 lbs. 61.00-62.00. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 59.00-61.00.
COWS: Closing week sales; Utility and Commercial 2-4 38.00-40.00. Boning Utility 1-2 40.00-42.00. Cutter 1-2 37.00-40.00. Canner and Low Cutter 2 34.00-37.00.
BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1925 lbs. 49.00-52.00. Few Yield grade 1 54.50-55.00.
FEEDERS: Few lots Medium frame 1 950-1000 lbs. 65.00 early in the week.
FEEDERS: (Including around 1,200 at the regular Thursday auction.) Bulk sales feeder steers and heifers fully steady. Supply mainly Medium Frame 1-2 300-700 lbs. feeder steers and heifers.
FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1: 300-500 lbs. 70.00-76.00, several 72.00-74.50; 500-600 lbs. 66.50-69.50; lot thin 550 lbs. 72.50; 600-700 lbs. 63.00-66.50; 700-900 lbs. 61.50-64.75. Medium Frame 1-2 500-700 lbs. 62.00-65.60. Large Frame 1-2: Lot 604 lbs. Holsteins 57.00; couple lots 660 and 855 lbs. Holstein Bulls 49.50 and 50.00.
FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1: 400-500 lbs. 58.00-62.26; 500-600 lbs. 57.50-61.50; few lots 550-575 lbs. 63.00 and 63.25; 600-800 lbs. 58.00-60.50. Medium Frame 1-2: 400-600 lbs. 54.50-57.50.
COWS AND CALF PAIRS: Couple lots Medium Frame 1-2 2-4 years old with calves at side.

G&M Livestock

Monday, May 4
Report supplied by auction
Compared to last week, market report cows weak, steers steady; hogs sharply higher.
STEERS: High Choice Prime 64.00-66.70; Good to Choice 58.00-64.00; Standard to Good 52.00-58.00.
HEIFERS: Good to Choice 58.00-62.00; Utility 52.00-58.00; Standard 48.00-52.00.
FEEDER STEERS: Good to Choice 300-500 lbs. 55.00-68.00.
BULLS: Bullocks 58.00-64.50; 1200-2145 lbs. 53.00-58.00.
COWS: High Choice to Prime 48.00-51.00, few to 53.50; Good 44.00-48.00; Utility 42.00-44.00; Cutters 40.00-42.00; Canners Down to 36.00.
CALVES: High Choice 90.00-99.00; Good to Choice 70.00-90.00; Standard to Good 50.00-70.00; Utility 40.00-60.00.
FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90.00-104.00; Hol. Heifers 140.00-170.00.
FEEDER PIGS: 40-60 lbs. 28.00-34.00.
HOGS: 200-240 lbs. 39.00-42.60; 170-300 lbs. 37.00-40.00.
SOWS: 32.00-40.50.
BOARS: 28.00-34.50.
SHEEP: Lambs 50.00-60.00.

Shenandoah Valley Livestock

Harrisonburg, Va.
Saturday, May 2
Report supplied by auction
STOCKER, FEEDER, AND SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Good Light Steer Calves 73.00-77.00; Medium 68.00-72.75; Plain 67.50 and down; Good Heavy Steers 69.00-73.75; Medium 65.00-68.75; Plain 64.50 and down; Holstein Steers 57.00 and down; Good Slaughter Steers 61.75 and down; Good Light Heifer Calves 55.00-59.50; Medium 50.00-54.75; Plain 49.50 and down; Good Heavy Heifers 51.00-56.50; Medium 46.00-50.75; Plain 45.75 and down; Slaughter Cows 41.00-47.25; Utilities 34.75-40.75; Canners & Cutters 34.00 and down; Milk & Stock Cows 61.00 and down; Stock Bulls 61.50 and down; Slaughter Bulls 45.75-56.50.
CALVES: Veal Calves 88.00 and down; Baby Calves 122.50 and down.
SHEEP & LAMBS: Wool Blue O

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, May 7
Report supplied by USDA
Weekly Cattle Review.
Receipts This Week 4,800
Week Ago 5,900
Year Ago 4,800
Compared with last weeks close, Slaughter Steers weak to .50 lower. Slaughter Heifers through mid-week 1.00-1.50 lower. Cows 2.00 lower. Bulls 1.00 lower. Supply mainly Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 Slaughter Steers, around 35% Heifers and 15% Cows.
SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 66.00-67.50, Mid-week sales 66.00-66.50; not tested late. Choice 2-4 950-1300 lbs. 65.00-67.75, closing 66.00-67.75. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 64.00-65.50, closing sales 65.00-66.50. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 62.00-64.00. Load Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1158 lb. Holsteins 58.50. Standard to mostly Good 2-3 1050-1375 lb. Holsteins 53.00-57.00.
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Through Mid-week. Mixed Choice

Vintage Cattle

Vintage Sales Stables
Friday, April 29
Report supplied by auction
350 head..
High Choice, Prime 3-4 1120-1400 lbs. 65.75-67.75; Choice 2-4 1000-1425 lbs. 63.50-66.00; Several at 66.00-66.75; High Good, Low Choice 2-3 61.00-64.00; Choice Holsteins 1225-1450 lbs. 55.00-58.75; Bulls 51.00-58.00; Cows 42.00-48.00.



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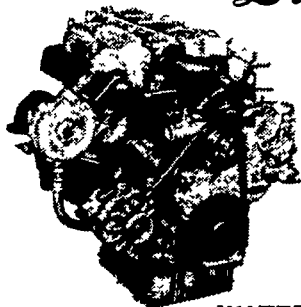
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