

Livestock market and auction news



THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 25-31, 1981
We're in the lap of the year.

Seek solitude more often Babe Ruth hit last home run (714) May 25, 1935 Last quarter of the moon May 26 (Tues) Average length of days for the week, 15 hours, 1 minute Turtles lay eggs now Mt Everest conquered May 29, 1953 Pink Lady Slippers bloom now. Catch the bear before you sell its skin



Ask the Old Farmer: My grandmother used to dose me with mullin tea Did you ever hear of it? D S, Philadelphia
Yes, and mullin syrup, made from the root, thickened with molasses We don't know whether it would cure anything or not, but it would certainly take your mind off the sickness

Home Hints: Retain more meat juices and flavor by removing meat from the store wrappings as soon as possible

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Sun and rain off and on all week
Greater New York-New Jersey: Showers, increasing rain start week, warm midweek to cool by week's end
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with showers, midweek warm, then rain again and cool
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Showers northwest first, heavy rain and cool throughout week

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Peoria Cattle

Thursday, May 21

Report supplied by USDA

51 weekly Cattle Summary: Compared to last week Slaughter Steers .50, instances 1.00 higher. Heifers .25 to .50, instances 1.00 higher Holsteins finished 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Cows under pressure at midweek closing 1.00 to mostly 2.00 lower. Bulls remained steady. Trade opened the week slow and deliberate in reaction to an unsettled beef trade. On Wednesday demand improved and pushed live prices above the sharply lower closing prices of the previous week. Receipts this week 2600 as compared to 2809 last week and 3109 last year.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Couple loads Choice and Prime 2-4 1210

lbs. 66.00-66.25. Choice 2-4 1025-1250 lbs. 64.50-66.00. YG 3-4 including Prime 1250-1350 lbs. 63.25-65.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1050-1250 lbs. 62.50-64.50. Few lots and part loads 1100-1400 lbs. Holsteins 54.00-58.00. Good 60.00-63.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, including Prime 2-4 950-1050 lbs. 64.00-65.25. Several loads mostly 3-4's 1050-1175 lbs. 63.00-64.75. Few packages 4-5's at 60.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1050 lbs. 61.50-64.00. Good 59.00-61.50, package 55.00.

COWS: At midweek, Utility and Commercial 2-3 40.00-44.00. Cutter 38.00-43.00. Canner and low Cutter 35.00-38.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 48.00-56.00, bulk 50.00-56.00

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.
Wednesday, May 13

Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers Steady prices. Dairy Type Good 55.00-61.50; Medium 54.00 Down. Heifers. Choice 56.00-59.00; Good 50.00-55.00; Medium 49.00 Down. Cows Good run, \$1.50 higher. High Yield 46.50-48.50; Average 43.00-46.00; Big Middle 39.00-42.00; Fatty Herf. 38.00-41.00; Shelly 42.00 Down. Fat Bulls Good 55.00-58.75; Medium 47.00-54.00. Veal Calves Light calves higher, heavy calves lower. Choice to 90.00; Good 85.00-88.00; Medium 75.00-84.00; Farm. Hfrs. to 195.00; Farm Bulls to 102.50; Light & Weak 64.00 Down.

STOCKER: Steers 300-550 lbs. Large run, steady prices. Choice 69.00-72.50; Good 63.00-68.00; Medium 57.00-62.00; Culls 56.00 Down. Steers 600-850 lbs. Choice 63.00-67.00; Good 57.00-62.00; Medium 56.00 Down. Heifers (All Weights) Few Light Wts. to 75.00; Choice 55.00-65.00; Good 49.00-54.00; Medium 48.00 Down. Bulls Choice 63.00-70.00; Good 55.00-62.00; Medium 54.00 Down. Springing Heifers to 910.00. Pigs, Hd. Good run, \$2.00 higher. 20-30 lbs. 15.00-26.00; 40-60 lbs. 27.00-32.50. Shoats by Lb. to 37.00. Slaughter Hogs \$2.00 higher. Few lots 43.00-43.50; 210-230 lbs. 41.60-42.75; 240-260 lbs. 41.25-42.50. Sows Large run. 300-600 lbs. 34.00-38.50; Thin Sows 27.00-33.00.

Martinsburg Auction

Martinsburg, Pa.
Monday, May 18

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 229. Choice slaughter steers 64.25-66.75, Good 61.50-64.80, Standard 56.50-60.50, Utility 48.00-54.50. Choice slaughter heifers 60.50-62.50, Good 57.00-61.50,

Standard 51.50-55.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 46.00-51.50, Cutters 43.75-45.25, Canner & Low Cutter 40.75-43.75, Shells down to 38.00. Choice slaughter bullocks 59.50-62.50, Standard 52.00-57.50, Utility 46.50-51.75. Yield Grade #1 slaughter bulls 56.50-62.00; yield grade #2 52.50-55.50.

CALVES 280. Choice vealers 92.00-98.50, Good 84.50-88.50, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 70.00-82.50, 70-90 lbs. 68.50-70.50, Utility 61.50-67.50. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 85.00-108.00; holstein heifers 85-130 lbs. 135.00-181.00.

HOGS 377. US No. 1-2 barrows & gilts 44.00-45.10, No. 1-3 43.00-43.80, No. 2-3 42.00-42.50, US No. 1-3 sows

36.50-39.50, No. 2-3 35.00-36.50. Boars 30.50-35.50.

FEEDER PIGS 87. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 15.00-21.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 21.00-28.00 per head.

SHEEP 1. One slaughter ewes at 30.00.

GOATS 4. 20.00-27.00 per head.

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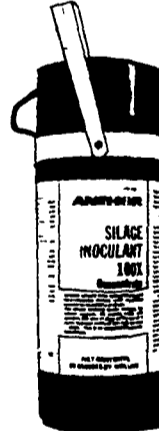
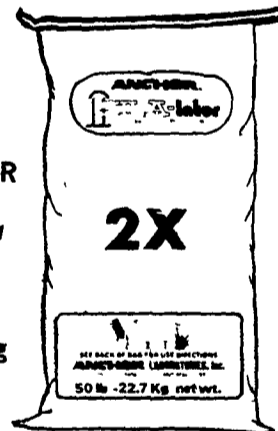
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