



**THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC**

**JUNE 15-21, 1981**

Raindrops on roses, no need for hoses.

Summer begins at 6:45 AM EST June 21 (Sun) . . . Father's Day June 21 (Sun.) . . . Full moon June 17 (Wed.) . . . Average length of days for the week, 15 hours, 18 minutes . . . Oil began flowing through Alaska Pipeline June 20, 1977 . . . Fireflies around now . . .  
*Lost time is never found again*



**Home Hints:** An iron hammer becomes a rubber mallet when a rubber tip such as those used on canes or crutches is placed over its head

**Ask the Old Farmer:** Did you ever hear of using a piece of dried fish skin to settle coffee? J.C., Southington, CT.  
 Yes, but that was when coffee was merely ground. With some of today's pulverized varieties, the whole darned codfish wouldn't settle it.

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS**  
 New England: Rain, heavy south; showers midweek on, clearing by end.  
 Greater New York-New Jersey: Week brings stormy, quite warm; turns cloudy and cool.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Very hot temperatures becoming mild and partly cloudy, weekend rains.  
 Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Starts warm; midweek turns cloudy and mild, then showers central and north.

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**Omaha Cattle**

Thursday, June 11

Report supplied by USDA

Through midweek Steers 1.25-1.75 higher. Heifers .25-.75 higher. Cows 3.00-4.00 higher. Bulls firm to 1.00 higher.

Four day receipts 15,125; Last Week 13,825; Year Ago 15,525.

Steers made up 55 pct of week's receipts, Heifers 25 pct. Cows 8 pct. and Feeders 7 pct.

Substantial advances in the carcass and boxed beef trade, beginning late last week, provided the momentum to raise Steer and Heifer prices through Tuesday to their highest levels in the past four weeks. However, the sessions upswing was blunted at midweek as salable numbers increased and the beef trade momentarily declined. Demand by most interests good throughout week, except for Heifers weighing 925 lbs. and down and Steers weighing 1050 lbs. and down; these kinds being present in increasing numbers.

**STEERS:** Earlier in week, two loads Choice 2-3 1225-1409 lbs. 70.00; at Midweek three loads Choice, some Prime mostly 3 1130-1225 lbs. 69.00. Choice 2-4 1075-1300 lbs. 67.50-68.75. Choice, few Prime 3-4 1175-1300 lbs. 66.00-67.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1050-1250 lbs. 66.50-67.50. Few Good 64.50-66.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1250-1450 lbs. Holsteins 59.00-60.50. Good Holsteins 58.00-58.50.

**HEIFERS:** Load Choice mostly 3 1040 lbs. 66.50. Choice 2-4 925-1050 lbs. 65.00-66.25, mostly 65.00-65.75. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1025 lbs. 63.50-65.00. Good 62.00-63.50.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. steers 67.75; 1100-1300 lbs. 68.35. Average cost Steers this week 66.82, average weight 1172 lbs. as compared 65.46 and 1179 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers this week 65.02, average weight 1004 lbs. as compared 64.35 and 1003 lbs. a week ago.

**COWS:** High Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 42.50-44.00, few high dressing to 45.00. Canner and Cutter 41.00-42.50.

**BULLS:** 1-2 1200-1800 lbs. 48.00-52.00, few individual 1 to 55.00.

**Valley Livestock**

Valley Stockyards  
 Athens, Pa.

Monday, June 8

Report supplied by auction

Reported receipts of 279 calves, 102 cows, 28 bulls, 6 heifers, 4 steers, 75 hogs, 18 lambs, 23 sheep. Cattle market reported very active, calf market reported real good.

Holstein Heifer Calves to 167.50; Veal Calves, to 95.00; Bobs, 90 to 110 75.00-115.00; Bobs, 80 and down lbs. 55.00-68.00; Grassers and Feeders 46.00-65.00; Lambs 55.00-73.00; Sheep 15.00-23.50; Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 42.00-49.50; Sows 34.00-42.00; Boars 31.00-35.00; Pigs 22.00-39.00; Heifers 46.00-49.50; Steers 49.00-53.00; Steers, feeder 45.00-63.00; Bulls 48.50-56.75; Cows, fat 39.00-42.50; Cows, medium 42.00-44.50; Cows, poor or small 32.00-39.00; Horses small to 235.00; Ponies to 87.50; Goats to 47.00.

**Western Maryland Livestock**

Westminster, Md.

Tuesday, June 9

Report supplied by auction

**BUTCHER COWS:** Active bidding, \$1 higher. High Yield 48.00-49.85; Standard & Utility 44.50-47.50; Canners 42.00-45.00; Shelly 42.00 Down. Bulls YG 1 56.85-58.75; YG 2&3 52.00-56.50. Steers Few Low Choice & Good 63.00-64.50; Holsteins Good 52.00-57.00. Heifers One Choice #2 at 62.00; Good & Choice 55.00-57.00.

**BUTCHER HOGS:** Good run, \$2.50 to \$3 higher. US #1&2 200-260 lbs. 50.10-50.85; US 1&3 200-260 lbs. 48.50-50.00, US 1&2 270-280 lbs. 47.10-48.00. Sows US 1&3 350-600 lbs. 38.50-42.00; 250-350 lbs. 36.00-38.75. Boars 400-700 lbs. 36.60-37.10.

**VEAL CALVES:** Big calves \$5 to \$7 lower, small calves \$2 lower. Good & Choice 85.00-91.00; Standard & Good 75.00-88.00; Stocky & Thin 50.00-65.00. Killers 80-100 lbs. 70.00-78.00; Weak & Rough 70.00 down.

**CALVES RETURNED TO FARM:** Bulls \$8 lower, Heifers higher. Holstein Heifers Good demand, several 90-125 lbs. 125.00-170.00; Holstein Bulls Bulk 95-115 lbs. 95.00-109.00; Some 80.00-95.00. Beef Type 75-100 lbs. 80.00-95.00.

**SPRING LAMBS:** Few 60-70 lbs. 55.00-63.00; One lot Good 113 lbs. at 62.50; Sheep to 17.00.

**STOCK CATTLE:** Smaller run. Steers Good & Choice 300-550 lbs. 67.00-74.00; Good & Choice 600-900 lbs. 55.00-65.00. Heifers Medium 300-700 lbs. 45.00-51.00. Bulls Good & Low Choice 300-500 lbs. few 55.00-65.00; Good & Choice 500-750 lbs. 50.00-63.00.

**BULLS:** Good & Low Choice 300-500 lbs. few 55.00-65.00; Good & Choice 500-750 lbs. 50.00-63.00.

**PIGS AND SHOATS:** Steady to \$2 higher! By the Head 15-30 lbs. 12.00-32.00; 30-60 lbs. 18.00-31.00, few to 35.00; By the Lb. 40-90 lbs. 44.00-50.00; 110-170 lbs. 42.00-46.00; St. Boars 200-230 lbs. to 37.50.

**Belknap Auction**

Wednesday, June 10

Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 115:** Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows 2.00-3.50 higher. Few Choice 1240-1540 lbs. slaughter steers 60.50-62.75, Good to Low Choice 56.00-61.00, Standard 48.00-55.75, few Utility 44.00-47.75. Choice No. 3-4 slaughter heifers 55.00-59.75. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 45.25-49.25, few 51.50-55.00, Commercial No. 4-5 40.00-45.00, cutters 43.00-47.50, Canner & Low Cutter 38.00-44.00. One Good slaughter bullock at 56.00. One Yield Grade #1 1690 lbs. slaughter bull at 55.00. Large Frame #1 535-725 lbs. feeder heifers 57.50-60.00.

**CALVES 98:** Few Prime vealers 89.00-105.00, few Choice 78.00-84.00, Good 70.00-80.00, Standard & Good 60-100 lbs. 50.00-65.00. Farm calves, hositeln bulls 95-125 lbs. 70.00-101.00, 75-95 lbs. 64.00-82.50; few holstein heifers 100-135 lbs. 125.00-126.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 70-175 lbs. 72.50-107.00.

**HOGS 257:** Barrows & gilts fully 3.00 higher. US No. 1-2 215-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 51.20-51.90, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 49.00-51.00, one lot 195 lbs. 47.40, No. 2-3 210-265 lbs. 47.50-49.40, one lot No. 1-3 112 lbs. 42.00. Sows about steady. US No. 1-3 280-560 lbs. sows 34.00-38.75, few 40.00-43.00. Boars 26.50-31.75.

**FEEDER PIGS 137:** US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 16.00-27.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 26.00-30.00, one lot No. 1-3 75 lbs. 37.00 per head.

**SHEEP 30:** One lot good 57 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 43.50. Slaughter ewes 11.00-20.00

**Oklahoma Auction**

Thursday, June 11

Report supplied by USDA

Estimated Receipts 3000  
 Same Day Last Week 3582

Trade active; feeder steers over 500 lb. and heifers over 550 lb. Closing steady to 1.00 higher, full advance on 500-700 lb. steers; limited sales of feeder heifers under 550 lb. steady to 1.00 lower; not enough sales of feeder steers under 500 lb. to adequately test trade. Supply largely medium and few Large Frame No. 1 500-850 lb. feeder steers and 500-750 lb. heifers. Actual unloads running near 1000 head short of early estimate. Wheat harvest mainly responsible for limited receipts. Moderate buyer attendance.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Medium & few Large Frame No. 1 two part loads thin 340 lb. 77.00 & 420 lb. 72.00; few 415-430 lb. 68.25-68.75; 500-600 lb. 64.50-68.50; 600-700 lb. 63.25-66.00, lot 645 lb. 67.25; 700-800 lb. 62.00-64.00; 800-850 lb. 62.75-63.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1-2 465-600 lb. 62.75-64.75; part load thin & gaunt 655 lb. 65.20; 690-800 lb. 61.00-62.75; package 885 lb. 58.30. Large Frame No. 2 485-575 lb. 59.00-62.00; lot 620 lb. 56.00. Few holsteins 475-575 lb. 54.50-54.60.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium & few Large Frame No. 1 lot 345 lb. 61.25; 425-550 lb. 55.25-57.50; 550-600 lb. 57.00-59.50, lot thin 585 lb. 60.50; 600-700 lb. 58.00-59.50; 700-800 lb. 57.00-59.00. Small Frame No. 1 few 500-750 lb. 51.25-53.00. Medium & Large Frame 1-2 400-550 lb. 52.25-55.50; 550-775 lb. 55.75-57.00. Medium & Large Frame 2 525-700 lb. 52.25-55.25, two lots thin & gaunt 545-615 lb. 55.90-56.00.

**FOR THE WEEK:** Feeder steers over 500 lb. & heifers over 550 lb. 1.50-3.00 higher; feeder steers under 500 lb. & heifers under 550 lb. steady to 2.00 lower with full decline on heifers under 500 lb.

slaughter cows closed the week 1.00-3.00 higher; late sales included utility & commercial 2-4 42.25-45.25; cutter 1-2 40.00-43.00. Slaughter bulls steady; YG 1-2 1025-1325 lb. 48.75-52.25; package YG 1 1700 lb. 56.75. Salable receipts this week near 14,000 head compared with 16,608 head last week. Feeder cattle & calves totaled near 12,800 head (91%); cows & bulls 1200 (9%).

**Belleville Auction**

Wednesday, June 10

Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 120.** Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows grading Utility and Commercial \$2 higher. Individual Good slaughter steer at 57.00, one Standard at 54.00. Few Good slaughter heifers 55.75-56.75. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 43.85-47, couple 47.85, Few Cutters 44.00-47.75, few Canner and Low Cutters 37.35-41.60. Few Yield Grade #1 1090-1705 lbs. slaughter bulls 49.50-57.10.

**CALVES 141.** Few Choice vealers 69.00-85, few Good 65.00-70, Standard and Good 70-95 lbs. 58.00-64.50. Farm Calves: Few Beef Bulls 100.00-126.00; holstein bulls 80-130 lbs. 68.00-120, mostly 85.00-110; few Hol. heifers 80-135 lbs. 85.00-132.50.

**HOGS 182.** Barrows and gilts \$3.50-\$4.50 higher. US No. 1-2 2-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.00-51.50, lot 51.75, No. 1-3 2-250 lbs. 48.60-50.50, No. 2-3 240-270 lbs. 42.25-48.10, No. 1-3 160-190 lbs. 45.25-49.25. US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. sows 38.00-42.50, few No. 2-3 400-590 lbs. 35.75-39.00. BOARS 28.00-31

**FEEDER PIGS 551.** US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 23.00-30.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 28.00-40.50, No. 1-3 55-80 lbs. 40.00-47 per head, Utility 25-40 lbs. 20.00-26.00 per head.

**SHEEP 51.** Choice 60-100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 66.00-79, Good 50-80 lbs. 60.00-68. Few Slaughter ewes 12.00-24.00. HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS \$900-\$1490, Couple \$1900.

**Lancaster Feeder Cattle**

Friday, June 5

Report supplied by USDA

Today 201  
 Last Friday 149  
 Last Year 269

**TREND:** Insufficient volume for a full market test, few sales firm to 2.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Medium Frame 1: Couple lots 780-860 lbs. 63.00-63.50, one lot 905 lbs. 61.00. Large Frame 1: One lot 885 lbs. 64.10. Large Frame 2: (Holsteins): One lot 785 lbs. 56.00.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium Frame 1: Couple lots 350-410 lbs. 61.50-64.00.

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