

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JULY 27—AUG. 2, 1981
Most need foul weather gear, that's clear.

Hurricane season begins Dog days begin now New moon July 30 (Thurs) Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 30 minutes Total eclipse of the sun July 30, visible only in Alaska, Russia, China, and Western Pacific Plague of grasshoppers hit Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota July 27, 1931 Men are praised for fighting, but children are punished

Ask the Old Farmer: For many years I have been wondering about two things. These are cemeteries situated on hills, and green and black railroad stations. Could you tell me the meaning of these two things seen mostly in New England? B.K., Pontiac, Mich

Cemeteries in early New England were often in churchyards and churches were often built on high ground, to be nearer Heaven. Also, people years ago preferred well-drained land for cemeteries. About the railroad stations — some were green and black, and some were red, and some were yellow. We don't know why such colors were selected.

Home Hints: Kerosene will soften boots and shoes hardened by water

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Cool with partial clearing; then warmer, few showers

Greater New York-New Jersey: Rain subsiding to sprinkles, warming to normal with fog; showers resume by weekend

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Flooding slackens, cooler temperatures; frequent showers all week

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week begins with heavy, flooding rain, cool temperatures, then clearing and warm, showers at end and hot

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Va. Vegetables
Thursday, July 16

Eastern Shore of Virginia prices fob shipping point basis. Potatoes: Demand light; market lower. Range in quality washed and sacked roundwhites US one A 50 lb. 4.50 occ lower on poor; large 5.50 occ higher 20 lbs. few 2.10 occ lower 10 lbs. 1.15 few 1.10 10 lbs. baled 1.20 few 1.15 5 lbs. baled .70 bulk per cwt US One unwashed 7.50 sales to processors bulk cwt unwashed open market roundwhites 85% US one or better quality open market sales 6.75-7.00; some lower; many moving on pre-season contract.

Delaware prices fob shipping point basis. Potatoes: Demand light; market lower washed and sacked roundwhites US One A 50 lbs. 4.50 20 lbs. few 2.10 occ low as 2.00 10 lbs. 1.10 few 1.15 10 lbs baled 1.15 few 1.10 5 lbs. baled .70 few lower.

Georgia prices fob shipping port basis. Watermelons: Demand light market about steady bulk per cwt long grays 14-16 lb. average 3.50-4.00 18-24 lb. avg. 4.00-4.50 25-32 lb. avg. 4.00-5.00 crimson sweets 18-24 lb. avg. 4.00-4.50 25-30 lbs. 4.00-5.00 jubilees 18-24 lb. avg. 3.50-4.00 25-29 lb. avg. 4.00-4.50 30-40 lb. 4.00-5.00.

Western North Carolina fob shipping point basis. Beans: Offerings moderate demand moderate market higher on poles lower on round green bushel crates or hampers poles 8.00-9.00 bushel crates or hampers round green 6.00-7.00. Cabbage: Offerings heavy demand fairly good market lower 1 3/4 bushel crates green 3.00-3.25 mostly 3.00. Squash: Offerings moderate on yellow crookneck light on zucchini demand moderate market higher on yellow crookneck steady on zucchini. Bushel crates yellow crookneck 6.00-8.00 1/2 or 5/9 bushel crates or cartons zucchini 5.00-6.00 mostly 6.00. Tomatoes: Offerings light demand very good market steady 20 lb. cartons pink large-extra large 7.00 30 lb. cartons pink mediums 6.00-7.00

South Carolina prices fob shipping point basis. Peaches Demand best fairly good other light, market about steady 3/4 bushel cartons, yellow flesh, mostly US Extra #1, hydrocooling included 2 1/4" and up 5.00-5.50 occasional high as 6.00 2-2 1/4" 4.00 2-1 7/8" and up 4.50-5.00 2 1/2" and up 5.50-6.00 occasional 7.00 2" and up few 4.00-4.50.

Joliet Cattle
Thursday, July 23

Report supplied by USDA
Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 2,350; 5 days last week 2,873; same period a year ago 3,597. Trading moderate on Monday; slow to moderate on Wednesday. Slaughter Steers ended the week mostly 50-2.00 lower compared with Wednesday of last week. Slaughter Heifers ended the week .25-1.00 lower. Cows closed the week steady to weak.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice, with a few Prime, mostly 3, load 1240# 68.75 Monday; load 1220# 68.25 Wednesday. Mixed high Choice and Prime 2-4 1200-1275 # 68.00-68.50, load 68.75 Monday; load 1200# 67.50 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1100-1200# 67.00-68.00 Monday; 1050-1100# 66.50-67.00 Monday; 66.50-66.75 Wednesday; 1000-1050# 65.00-66.00 Wednesday; 950-1000# 64.00-65.00 Wednesday Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1200# 64.50-66.50 Monday; 62.00-64.50 Wednesday; 900-1050# 61.50-64.00 Wednesday.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: choice, with a few Prime, mostly 3 load 1080# 67.25 Monday; load 1080# 66.75 Wednesday. Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 950-1050# 66.50-67.00 Monday; 2 loads 66.00 Wednesday. Choice 900-1000# 65.50-66.00 Monday; 800-900# 64.00-65.00 Monday; 63.00-65.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-950# 60.00-64.00 Monday; 59.00-63.00 Wednesday. Good 2-3 750-900# 56.00-60.00 Monday; 55.00-59.00 Wednesday.

COWS: Cutter and Utility 1-3 40.00-42.00, few 43.00.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland, Pa.
Wednesday, July 22
Report supplied by auction
Reported receipts of 113 cows, 102 heifers, and 2 bulls. Market steady.
Load of N.Y. purebred & grade fresh cows, 1050.00-1725.00, springers 1285.00-1770.00, Load of Susquehanna Co. fresh cows, 1025.00-1490.00; Load of Pa fresh cows, 1075.00-1485.00; Load of Pa fresh cows, 790.00-1200.00; Load of R.I. springers, 800.00-1290.00; Load of Ct springers, 1320.00-1360.00
Locally consigned cows 400.00-1425.00; Springing heifers grade 850.00-1300.00; Purebred 1150.00-1650.00; Open heifers 275.00-635.00; Bulls 235.00-400.00

New Wilmington Auction

Monday, July 20
Report supplied by PDA
CATTLE 251: Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter cows steady to weak. Few Choice slaughter steers 63.75-65.75, Good 55.00-60.00, Standard 50.00-55.00, few Utility 43.00-49.25 One Choice slaughter heifer at 60.00, Standard 45.00-52.00. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 45.50-48.75, Commercial 4-5, 43.00-45.75, Cutters 43.00-47.00, Canner and Low Cutters 35.00-43.00, Shells down to 32.75. Yield Grade #1, 1055-2090 lbs slaughter bulls 53.00-59.50, few #2, 1020-1335 lbs. 48.00-52.00. Medium and Large Frame #1, 360-740 lbs. feeder bulls 48.00-55.00.

CALVES 256: Vealers grading Good and Choice 2.00-3.00 higher, Standard 5.00 lower. Choice vealers 84.00-94.00, one 98.00, Good 70.00-86.00, Standard 50.00-65.00, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 44.00-57.00, 65-85 lbs. 33.00-45.00, Utility 50-100 lbs. 25.00-30.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 95-135 lbs. 78.00-87.00; Hol. heifers 75-130 lbs. 90.00-134.00.

HOGS 453: Barrows and gilts strong to .50 higher. US No. 1-2 210-250 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.80-52.40, lot 53.00, No. 1-3 200-255 lbs. 50.20-51.80, few No. 2-3 200-255 lbs. 50.00-50.50, few No. 1-3 175-195 lbs. 43.00-45.50. Sows steady to strong. US No. 1-3 290-585 lbs. sows 43.00-50.00, few No. 2-3 390-560 lbs. 38.00-41.50, Utility 220-330 lbs. feeder Boars 32.25-42.00.

FEEDER PIGS 64: US No. 1-3 20-30 lbs. feeder pigs 20.00-27.00 per head, NO. 1-3 few 45-50 lbs. at 31.00 per head.

SHEEP 246: Choice 60-85 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 67.00-76.00, 90-110 lbs. 50.00-67.00, Good 65-90 lbs. 50.00-65.00, 30-60 lbs. 34.00-50.00; Choice 75-80 lbs. shorn lambs 54.00-56.00. Slaughter ewes 12.00-26.00.

East Coast Carlot

Wednesday, July 22
Report supplied by USDA
Compared to Tuesday's close: limited sales prime special fed veal generally steady. Good and Choice boning veal mostly steady; inshipped steady to firm in limited test. Boneless beef lightly tested early, however firm undertone indicated.

VEAL CARCASS Prime (Special Fed) HIDE-ON 200 Head
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BONING TYPE HIDE-ON Good & Choice
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Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.
Tuesday, July 21
Report supplied by Auction
CATTLE 428: Choice slaughter steers 65.00-68.60, Good 62.00-67.85, Standard 58.00-62.00, Utility 45.00-58.00. Choice slaughter heifers 60.00-62.75, Good 55.00-60.00, Standard 48.00-55.00, Utility 42.00-48.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 45.00-48.75, Cutters 42.00-47.75, Canner & Low Cutter 38.00-42.00, Shells down to 33.00. Choice slaughter bullocks 62.00-66.10, Good 55.00-62.00. Yield Grade #1 slaughter bulls 55.00-62.75; yield grade #2 42.00-55.00. Medium 400-600 lbs. feeder steers 45.00-65.00.

CALVES 202: Choice vealers 80.00-93.00, Good 65.00-80.00, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 60.00-65.00, 70-90 lbs. 50.00-60.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-115 lbs. 62.00-101.00; holstein heifers 80-150 lbs. 80.00-160.00.

HOGS 601: US No. 1-2 210-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 53.00-54.60, No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 52.25-53.00, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 49.00-52.25. US No. 1-3 315-600 lbs. sows 45.00-49.00, No. 2-3 260-560 lbs. 37.00-45.00. Boars 200-630 lbs. 37.00-42.00.

FEEDER PIGS 420: US No. 1-3 10-20 lbs. feeder pigs 12.00-20.00 per head, No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. 20.00-38.00, No. 1-3 40-55 lbs. 36.00-43.00.

SHEEP 2: Not enough of any one grade to establish a market
GOATS 11:

Peoria Cattle

Wednesday, July 22
Report supplied by USDA
51 weekly Cattle Summary: Compared to last week Slaughter Steers were 1.00, instances 1.50 lower. Heifers .50-1.00 lower. Cows closed steady to firm, bulls steady to 1.00 higher. A sluggish downward carcass beef trade, lower tending futures and moderate to heavy supply of Steers and Heifers under 1050 and 950 lbs. all contributed to live prices closing at lower levels than the previous week. Receipts this week about 2500 as compared to 2996 a week ago and 3294 a year ago

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1000-1225 lbs. 65.00-67.50, Closing mostly 65.00-66.00. Couple packages and load 1100-1125 lbs Monday at 68.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1100 lbs. 62.50-65.00 Good 60.00-63.00 with few lots two way steers 56.50-60.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS
Choice 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 64.00-66.00, bulk 64.00-65.00 on close. Few lots and part Loads Choice 3-4 1000-1100 lbs. including Heiferettes 60.00-62.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-950 lbs. 61.50-64.00. Good 57.00-61.50

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-3 40.00-45.00, few 47.00. Cutter 38.00-43.00. Canner and Low Cutter 35.00-39.00.

Special Feeder Cattle Sale

Marshall, Va.
Thursday, July 16
There were 579 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: Medium frame 1 400-500 lbs. 67.00-69.00, 400-500 lbs. 63.50-69.50, 600-700 lbs. 63.00-71.00, 700-800 lbs. 63.50-68.00, 800-900 lbs. 62.50-65.50. Large Frame 1 500-600 lbs. 65.50-71.00, 600-700 lbs. 65.50-74.50, 700-800 lbs. 64.50-68.00, 800-900 lbs. 64.00-66.00, 900-1000 lbs. 62.00-63.50. Small Frame 1 400-500 lbs. 62.00-69.00, 500-600 lbs. 62.00-67.00, 600-700 lbs. 66.75, 700-800 lbs. 64.00, 800-900 lbs. 62.00-62.50. Medium & Large 2 500-600 lbs. 62.00-63.50, 600-700 lbs. 62.50-65.00, 700-800 lbs. 59.50-64.50.

HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1 500-600 lbs. 53.00-55.00, 600-700 lbs. 50.00-55.00, 600-700 lbs. 52.50-54.50. Large Frame 1 500-600 lbs. 53.00-56.00, 600-700 lbs. 57.00-57.50, 700-800 lbs. 54.50-58.25. Small Frame 1 400-500 lbs. 44.00-45.00, 500-600 lbs. 50.00, 600-700 lbs. 44.00.

Valley Livestock

Athens, Pa.
Monday, July 20
Report supplied by auction
Reported receipts of 382 calves, 115 cows, 24 bulls, 20 heifers, 15 steers, 97 hogs, 16 lambs, 3 sheep Cattle market reported strong to higher, calf market reported light calves cheaper.
Holstein Heifer, Calves to 120.00; Veal Calves, to 83.50; Bobs, 90 to 110 65.00-100.00; Bobs, 80 and down 40.00-55.00; Grassers & Feeders 45.00-63.00; Lambs 52.00-60.00; Sheep 12.00-17.00; Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 46.00-53.00; Sows 47.00-52.00; Boars 34.00-38.00; Pigs 12.00-34.00; Heifers 43.00-49.00; Steers medium 44.00-50.00; Steers, feeder 45.00-60.00; Bulls 48.00-54.25; Cows, utility 45.50-47.00; Cows, fat 44.00-46.50; Cows, medium 42.00-44.00; Cows, poor or small 32.00-40.00; Horses to 565.00; Ponies to 140.00; Goats 12.00-47.00.

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