

Now Is The Time

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They will reach their peak numbers about mid-August. These are the small, yellowish green beetles found on most kinds of blossoms and also on cornsilk.

The damage to the roots of corn plants, caused by the small white larvae, is over for the season.

The adult beetles move about quite a bit in search of pollen but they eventually return to corn fields to deposit their eggs. The eggs are laid in the soil near the base of the corn plants. Most are deposited before September 1.

Farmers can get a reading on the number of beetles in their fields sometime between August 10 and August 20. This will provide a guideline for the following year. Unless there is an average of two or more beetles per stalk during the period in August, the potential for root damage in the same field next year will be slight.

TO FLUSH EWE FLOCKS

Sheep producers in this part of the country should be planning for the 1982 lamb crop. The starting place is to have healthy ewes and a good ram. The practice of "flushing" the ewe flock several weeks prior to the breeding season is recommended in order to get more twin lambs.

This refers to the feeding of extra grain, or the ewes having access to lush grass-type pasture in order to bring them into a gaining condition. Ewes that are not thrifty at breeding time will be more likely to throw only a single lamb. The control of internal parasites should be given attention

prior to the breeding season.

TO THINK ABOUT HIGH QUALITY SILAGE

The quality of your corn silage is determined largely by what you do at filling time says Glenn Shirk, our Dairy Agent. The quality you put up is the quality you'll have to live with for a long time as you feed it out, that affects cows' production and your profits.

Moisture at time of harvest is very important. The desired range for good fermentation is 60-65% for tall silos and 65-70% for stacks, trenches and short silos. Beyond these ranges, you'll have more seepage, excess heating, reduced digestibility and palatability and more spoilage. At this desired moisture, the lower leaves may be dry and the kernels are in the early dent stage - not hard. When the kernels become hard and moisture drops to 55% digestibility may be reduced 10% or more. That's costly!

In an attempt to crack hard kernels, you cut the silage too fine and destroy some of its "storage benefits"; the fine silage passes through the rumen too rapidly for cows to get full benefit from it. Cows ruminate less on fine silages; thus, less saliva is produced, and fat tests drop. You've lost again!

So length of cut and sharp, properly-set knives are essential, too. An ideal knife setting would be 1/2 inch when moisture is in the high 60's, 3/8 inch in the low 60's, and 1/4 inch below 60%. Lastly, till rapidly, use a distributor, pack well, and seal.

Seasonal market news office opens

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Prices of the Long Island potato crop are being reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's seasonal market news office in Riverhead, Long Island. The office issues a written report called the "Long Island Potato Crop." Information can also be obtained by calling the office.

Prices of cabbage and cauliflower will also be available at harvest time, which will be sometime in mid-September.

This market news office, operated under the jurisdiction of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, will be located at 127 East Main St., Riverhead, Long Island, NY 11901. The telephone number is 516/727-3941. The officer in charge is Richard DeMenna.

Market News—a service that reports on wholesale prices of various farm commodities—is operated by USDA in conjunction with state agricultural officials.

Livestock market and auction news

Belleville Auction

Belleville, Pa.

Wednesday, July 29

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 123. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows \$1.75 to \$2.50 lower. Few Standard slaughter steers 52.25-53.60, Utility 44.85-48.25. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 41.50-45, one at 45.60, Cutters 39.00-42.50, Canner and Low Cutters 35.00-39, Shells down to 34.00. Few Yield Grade #1, 1200-1800 lbs. slaughter bulls 43.75-51.85.

CALVES 147. Standard and Good 70-100 lbs. vealers 45.00-50.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 85-125 lbs. 60.00-78, few to 85.00; Hol. Heifers 70-160 lbs. 65.00-152.00.

HOGS 200. Barrows and gilts mostly 50 cents-\$1.25 lower. US No. 1-2 2-230 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.75-53.25, No. 1-3 2-245 lbs. 50.00-51.85, lot No. 2-3 260 lbs. at 48.00. US No. 1-3 3-570 lbs. sows 38.50-43.50. Boars 28.00-34.25.

FEEDER PIGS 297. US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 19.00-29.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 25.00-35, No. 1-3 60-70 lbs. 35.50-40 per head.

SHEEP 32. Choice 80-100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 54.00-62, Good 60-100 lbs. 45.00-65.

HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS MOSTLY REGISTERED \$975-\$2600 PER HEAD, COUPLE TO \$3300.

Peoria Cattle

Thursday, August 6

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to last week: Slaughter Steers and Heifers unevenly steady. Cows 1.00-3.00 higher than last weeks dull close Bulls 1.00-2.00 higher. Trade moderate Monday. Wednesday's trade slow on a reduced mid-week supply. Quality at midweek also somewhat less attractive with large share of receipts mixed Good and Choice consignments Receipts this week 2500. Compared to 2548 last week and 4014 last year.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice, including Prime 2-4 1000-1175 lbs 65.00-66.50 few part loads and load 1125-1200 lbs. 67.00-67.25. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1050 lbs. 63.50-65.50. Good 60.00-63.50.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 875-1025 lbs. 63.50-65.00, bulk 63.50-64.50, package Choice 2-3 930 lbs. at 66.00 Monday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-950 lbs. 61.50-63.50. Good 58.00-62.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-3 closing 42.00-46.00. Cutter 40.00-44.00, Canner and Low Cutter 35.00-40.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1000-1850 lbs. 51.00-56.00, few individuals YG 2 down to 45.00.

Belleville Auction

Belleville, Pa.

Wednesday, August 5

Report supplied by Auction

CATTLE 147: Standard holstein slaughter steers 50.75-55.10, one 57.50, Utility 44.00-47.75. Good slaughter heifers 53.10-55.10, one at 61.10. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 46.10-48.50, one at 49.00, Cutters 43.50-47.00, Canner & Low Cutter 40.60-43.75, Shells down to 36.50. Few Yield grade #1 1060-1760 lbs. slaughter bulls 51.00-54.85.

CALVES 176: Standard & Good 70-150 lbs. vealers 52.00-62.50. Farm calves, holstein bulls 85-120 lbs. 68.00-87.00; holstein heifers 85.00-125.00.

HOGS 172 Barrows & gilts mostly 1.00-1.50 higher. US No 1-2 200-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 52.60-54.00, No. 1-3 190-240 lbs. 51.00-51.60, few No 2-3 at 45.25. US No. 1-3 330-5575 lbs. sows 36.50-43.75. Boars 31.00-34.25.

FEEDER PIGS 210: US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 16.00-28.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 28.00-39.00 per head.

SHEEP 27: Good 80-95 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 46.00-49.50. Few slaughter ewes 14.00-17.50.

GOATS 12: 17.00-47.00 per head Holstein Dairy Cows 720.00-1290.00 per head.

G&M Livestock

Monday, August 3

Duncansville, Pa.

Report supplied by auction

Compared to last week, market report steers-weak, cows-weak, hogs-weak.

STEERS: Good to Choice 64.00-66.00; Standard to Good 58.00-64.00; Utility 48.00-56.00.

HEIFERS: Good to Choice 58.00-62.00; Standard 50.00-58.00.

FEEDER STEERS: Good to Choice 300-500 lbs. 50.00-67.00.

BULLS: 1200-1750 lbs. 53.00-60.00; 900-1200 lbs. 48.00-53.00.

COWS: High Choice to Prime 48.00-50.50; Good 44.00-48.00, Utility 40.00-44.00; Cutters 38.00-40.00; Cannons 35.00-38.00.

CALVES: High Choice 90.00-99.00; Good to Choice 70.00-90.00, Standard to Good 50.00-70.00; Utility 40.00-50.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 75.00-98.00; Hol. Heifers 100.00-162.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 15-25 lbs. 10.00-24.00; 25-50 lbs. 24.00-34.00.

HOGS: 200-240 lbs. 51.00-52.60, 170-300 lbs. 49.00-51.00.

SOWS: 40.00-48.50.

BOARS: 33.00-39.00.

SHEEP: 18.00-28.00.

Farm Calendar

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Elk Co Fair, Kersey, until Saturday

Beachley-Hardy Seed Marketing Symposium, Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Workshop on Goats Milk, Eastern Regional Research Center, Philadelphia, until Wednesday. For more information contact: Andrew Walker, 301/344-3530

Wednesday, August 12

37th Annual Delaware Farm and Home Field Day, Georgetown Ag. Substation, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Warren Co. New Jersey Fair, Harmony, N.J., through Saturday.

Somerset Co. New Jersey Fair, until Saturday.

Thursday, August 13

York County Holstein Assc. County Show, York Fair Grounds, York.

Middletown Grange Fair, Wrightstown, until Saturday

Juniata County Conservation and Energy Field Day, Peoples Farm, 1 mi. south of McAlisterville on Route 235

Butler County Holstein Show,

Butler, 1 p.m.

Lebanon Fair Open Holstein Show, 9 a.m.

Warren County Holstein Show, 9 a.m.

Friday, August 14

Montgomery Co. Holstein Club Picnic, Alderfer Farm, 7 p.m.

Bucks Co. Holstein Show, Wrightstown, 11 a.m.

Clinton Co. Holstein Show, 10:30 a.m.

York Co. 4-H Fair, continues until Sunday, Holstein show, 10 a.m.

Saturday, August 15

Arabian Horse Sale, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg.

Northeast Regional American Chuanina Assoc. 6th Annual Field Day, Lebanon

Fairgrounds.

Ayrshire Field Day and Picnic, Conebella Farm of Charles Gable, R.D. 2, Elverson.

South Central Pa. Holstein Show, Carlisle, 10 a.m.

Joint Beef Cattleman's Field Day, Rolling Ridge Farms, Butler

Co., along Route 38 (14 mi South of Route 80 at Elmerton

exit or 14 mi. north of Butler).

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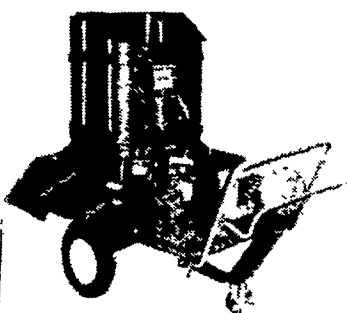
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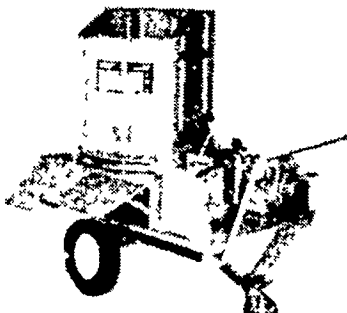
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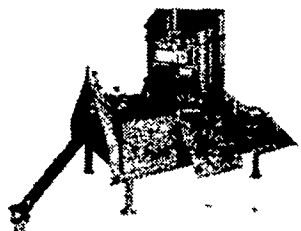
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