

**THE OLD
FARMER'S
ALMANAC**

AUG. 10-16, 1981
Walk barefoot in the loose black loam.

Look for Perseid meteor shower (50 meteors per hour) the night of Aug 11 Viking II spacecraft arrives near Saturn Aug 12 to begin taking pictures Full moon Aug 15 (Sat) Average length of days for the week, 13 hours, 57 minutes Dog days end He that riseth late must trot all day

Ask the Old Farmer: We have a camp in the mountains and we are bothered by bats We have taken the usual precautions of caulking all noticeable cracks Can you suggest an effective method of ridding our camp of bats? C N, Brattleboro, VT

Open things up so the critters can fill the place, and when they are stowed away in the daytime, touch off a few sulfur candles
Home Hints If paper is stuck on the top of a wood table, pour furniture oil on the paper and soak overnight The next morning, rub gently with a soft cloth, and the paper will come right off

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Sunny, hot at start, showers, heavy south at mid-week, temperatures turning cooler
Greater New York-New Jersey: Thundershowers and warm, becoming stormy by end
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Scattered showers, then thundershowers by end, hot
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week begins with showers east, rain, then sunny and hot, showers west

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Virginia Vegetables

Friday, July 31
Report supplied by VDA
Virginia prices to shipping point basis. **Watermelons:** Demand light market slightly lower bulk per cwt Long Grays 14-16 lb. average to few sales to quote, 18-24 lb. average 3.00-3.50 occasional higher, 25-30 lb. average 3.00-4.00 mostly 3.00-3.50 occasional higher, Crimson Sweets 18-24 lb. average 3.00-3.50 occasional higher, 25-30 lb. average 3.00-4.00 mostly 3.00-3.50 occasional higher.

Western North Carolina to shipping point basis. **Beans:** Offerings light on round green moderate on poles demand moderate market steady on round green lower on poles bushel crates or hampers poles 8.00-9.00 poor quality lower bushel crates or hampers round green 9.00. **Cabbage:** Offerings moderate demand moderate market about steady 1 3/4 bushel crates green 3.00-3.50 mostly 3.00. **Cucumbers:** Offerings moderate demand very light market about steady 1 1/9 bushel crates waxed trellis 6.00-7.00. **Squash:** Offerings moderate on yellow crookneck light on zucchini demand good market steady on yellow crookneck about steady on zucchini bushel crates yellow crookneck 9.00-10.00 1/2 or 5/9 bushel crates or cartons zucchini 6.00. **Tomatoes:** Offerings moderate demand market lower on large-extra large, steady on medium 20 lb. cartons pink large-extra large 5.00-5.50 mostly 5.00 30 lb. cartons pink medium 5.50-6.00.

North Carolina prices to shipping point basis. **Peaches:** Picking delayed by rain. Too few sales to quote. Appalachian District (MD-PA-VA-WV). Prices to shipping point basis. **Peaches:** Supplies light, demand moderate, market about steady. 3/4 bushel cartons, yellow flesh, hydrocooling included 2 1/4" and up few 7.50, 2" and up 5.75-6.50.

Delaware prices to shipping point basis. **Potatoes:** Demand fairly light; market lower. Washed

and sacked roundwhites US One A 50 lbs. 3.75-4.00 some 3.87 1/2; Chets 5.50-5.75 some higher and lower, 20 lbs. some 1.75-1.85, 10 lbs. .90-95 cents, 10 lbs. baled .95-1.00, 5 lbs. .55-60 cents mostly .57 1/2 cents.

Central Georgia prices to shipping point basis. **Peaches:** Supplies insufficient to quote

Georgia prices to shipping point basis. **Sweetpotatoes:** Demand light market about steady 50 lb. cartons Puerto Rico type washed and waxes U.S. #1 12.00 few higher Jumbo 7.00-8.00 few 10.00, U.S. #2 6.00-7.00 few 8.00.

Leesport Auction

Wednesday, July 29
Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 284. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers steady to \$1.50 lower. Slaughter cows weak to \$2 lower. Choice 1000-1250 lbs. slaughter steers 63.00-66.10, Good & Choice holsteins 1250-1400 lbs. 55.00-58.50, Good 57.10-62.10, Standard 52.00-56.60, Utility & Low Standard 48.80-52.00. Few Choice slaughter heifers 55.00-60.60, one at 64.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 42.85-44.00, few to 45.60, Cutters 41.60-43.10, Canner & Low Cutter 38.00-40.10, Shells down to 27.50. Good & Choice slaughter bullocks 55.50-60.00, few to 67.00, Standard 52.00-54.10. Yield Grade #1 1150-2075 lbs. slaughter bulls 54.00-57.25, few to 61.75; yield grade #2 900-1175 lbs. 50.50-54.25. Few Large & Medium Frame #1 280-300 lbs. feeder steers 68.00-77.00, few Medium Frame #1 465-735 lbs. 59.50, few Large Frame #2 670-915 lbs. 52.85-53.50; few Medium Frame #1 580-625 lbs. feeder heifers 49.00-59.50.

CALVES 182. Few Choice vealers 83.00-90.00, Good 68.50-77.00, Standard & Good 90-115 lbs. 50.00-60.00, 70-85 lbs. 42.00-50.00, few Utility 50-100 lbs. 30.00-49.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 60.00-92.50; holstein heifers 90-125 lbs. 85.00-107.50, few 80-90 lbs. 58.00-75.00.

HOGS 266. Barrows & gilts 25 cents to 75 cents higher. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 51.75-53.00, No. 1-3 195-255 lbs. 51.00-51.75, few No. 2-3 255-285 lbs. 45.00-48.00, No. 1-3 175-195 lbs. 49.00-

50.00. US No. 1-3 300-615 lbs. sows 45.00-48.75, mostly 46.00-47.50, few Utility 285-410 lbs. 39.00-40.75. Boars 34.00-36.00.

FEEDER PIGS 188. US No. 1-3 25-40 lbs. feeder pigs 70.00-85.00 cwt., one lot 98.00, few No. 1-3 55-65 lbs. 60.00-70.00, few No. 1-3 120-165 lbs. 49.00-59.00 cwt.

SHEEP 69. Choice 65-120 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 50.00-60.00, few Good & Choice 50-80 lbs. 45.00-49.00. Slaughter sheep 15.00-28.00.

GOATS 26. Adult goats 31.00-63.00 per head, kids 16.00-25.00 per head.

Belknap Auction

Wednesday, July 29
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CATT 115. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows \$2-\$3 lower. Couple Choice slaughter steers 62.75 & 65.25, Good 53.00-57, Standard 46.75-53.50. Few Standard slaughter heifers 43.75-47.00. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 43.75-46.25, Cutters 40.00-43.50, Canner and Low Cutters 32.00-40, Shells down to 25. One Standard slaughter bullock at 48.00, few Utility 35.00-41.25. Yield Grade #1, 1220-1820 lbs. slaughter bulls 49.20-53, one at 55.00. Few Medium & Large Frame #1, 530-650 lbs. feeder heifers 44.25-47.00.

CALVES 111. Vealers grading Standard steady. Few Choice vealers 77.50-88, few Good 65.00-74, Standard 42.00-55, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 50.00-60, 65-85 lbs. 40.00-50, few Utility 45-80 lbs. 35.00-41. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 85-130 lbs. 57.50-94; few Hol. Heifers 70-125 lbs. 80.00-126; Beef cross bulls and heifers 60-110 lbs. 64.00-100.00.

HOGS 215. Barrows and gilts \$1-\$1.50 higher. US No. 1-2 210-245 lbs. barrows and gilts 53.00-54, No. 1-3 2-250 lbs. 50.00-52, No. 2-3 210-255 lbs. 48.00-50.00, few No. 1-3 165-180 lbs. 42.00-44.50. Sows steady to strong. US No. 1-3 280-625 lbs. sows 42.50-47.75, Utility 185-325 lbs. 30.00-39.00. Boars 30.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 31. US No. 1-3 15-20 lbs. feeder pigs 13.00-20 per head, lot No. 1-3 45 lbs. at 35.00 per head.

SHEEP 18. Lot Choice 100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs at 65.00, Good and Choice 80-85 lbs. 50.00-53.25.

Dewart Auction

Monday, August 3
Dewart, Pa.

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CATTLE 193. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter cows steady to \$2 higher. Few Choice 1020-1090 lbs. slaughter steers 65.00-66.75, Good 55.00-64, Standard 50.00-55, few Utility 42.00-48. Choice #3-5, 955-1080 lbs. slaughter heifers 59.50-62.75, one 65.10, few Good 57.85-58.85, few Standard 52.50-54.50. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 46.35-49, few 51.75, few down to 45.00, Cutters 43.75-45.50, few 46.50, Canner and Low Cutters 40.00-43.75, Shells down to 30.50. Individual Standard slaughter bullock at 55.50., Few Yield Grade #1, 1488-1682 lbs. slaughter bulls 53.00-60.00. Large Frame #2, 360-665 lbs. feeder steers 40.00-45.50.

Few Large Frame #1&2, 415-870 lbs. feeder bulls 48.00-61.00.

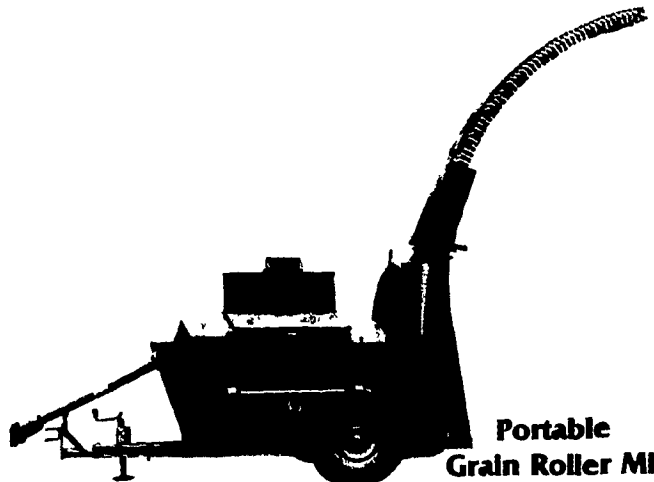
CALVES 209. Few Choice vealers 78.00-99, few Good 67.00-80, Standard and Good 65-120 lbs. 50.00-61, few 67.00, Utility 65-90 lbs. 45.00-54. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 80-125 lbs. 70.00-97; Hol. Heifers 85-140 lbs. 101.00-140, few down to 90.

HOGS 190. Barrows and gilts strong to \$1 higher. US No. 1-2 2-225 lbs. barrows and gilts 53.80-54.80, No. 1-3 195-210 lbs. 52.90-53.80, No. 2-3 195-255 lbs. 48.00-52, few No. 1-3 185-190 lbs. 42.00-47.00. Few US No. 2-3 285-560 lbs. sows 43.75-46.25. Few Boars 38.25-39.50.

FEEDER PIGS 123. US No. 1-3 15-35 lbs. feeder pigs 13.50-20.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 21.00-35.50, No. 1-3 50-65 lbs. 31.00-41.50 per head.

SHEEP 18. Choice 70-105 lbs. spring slaughter lambs \$2.00-56.50, few Good 65-115 lbs. 52.00-56.00.

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