

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC



SEPT. 21-27, 1981

Farewell to another summer.

Pickle your cucumbers now ... Fall begins Sept. 22 at 10:05 PM E.S.T... New moon Sept. 27 (Sun.) ... Average length of days for the week, 12 hours, 2 minutes ... Oklahoma land rush began Sept. 22, 1891 ... Day almost equals night this week ... Navy stopped flogging this week in 1850 ... Rich relatives are the kin we love to touch



Ask the Old Farmer: My mother used to refer to one of my uncles as "Mad as a March hare." I never knew whether she meant he was angry or a little off now and then. Can you tell me what it means? J.H., Harrisburg, Pa.

It's an old English saying. March is the mating season for hares, and they behave like something

Home Hints: Old socks are good to wrap shoes in

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS New England: Showers, heavy inland, cold; possible tropical

storm following, heavy rain; some clearing at en Greater New York-New Jersey: Week starts with heavy rain, cool; tropical storm possible at midweek; rain, cool temperatures.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain, heavy east, then possible tropical storm offshore; temperatures cold; clearing near end.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Rain on coast, showers central; warm, cooling at midweek, possible coastal storm; becoming sunny and pleasant.

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Omaha Cattle

Thursday, September 17 Report supplied by USDA

Through midweek, Steers and Heifers near steady on limited test Wednesday, showing recovery from earlier downturn. Cows steady but Canner and Cutter under pressure late. Bulls steady. Four day receipts 12,000

Last Week's Holiday Period 8,095 12,765 Year Ago

Steers and Heifers opened the week fully steady but trended slightly lower late Monday through Tuesday in reflection of a lower dressed trade. Steers made up 38 pct. of the estimated five day total; Heifers 31 pct with some increase in numbers weighing over 950 lbs. Feeders, including the Friday auction, 18 pct; Cows 10 pct.

STEERS: At midweek, load Choice and Prime 3 1235 lbs. 68.50. Choice 2-4 1025-1200 lbs. 65.50-67.00, mostly 66.00-67.00, few sales mainly 3 around 1200 lbs. 67.00-67.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1150 lbs. 64.50-66.00. Good 63.00-65.00, Good Holsteins 1050-1300 lbs. 67.50-59.50, Mixed Good and Choice 1250-1400 lbs. 59.50-61.00, few Choice 61.00-61.50.

Annual T-Bone special sale Thursday consisting of shipments from Audubon, Iowa area; two loads Choice and Prime highdressing 3-4 1300 lbs. 69.25-69.50. load mainly 3 near 1250 lbs. 68.50. Choice, some Prime 2-4 1050-1200 lbs. 66.50-68.25, load Choice 3 1400 lbs. 68.00, some Choice 2-3 1050 lbs. 65.50-66.50.

HEIFERS: Load Choice 3 1000lbs. 64.50. Choice, few Prime 2-4 900-1025 lbs. 62.00-63.75, some 64.00. Choice 2-3 875-925 lbs. 61.00-63.00. Mixed Good and Choice 850-1000 lbs. 60.00-62.50. Good 58.00-61.00.

T-Bone Special Thursday; load Choice 3, 1060 lbs. 64.75. Choice, some Prime 2-4 950-1025 lbs. 63.00-

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. Steers 65.52; 1100-1300 lb.s 66.95.

Cattle To Consign Call:

Average cost Steers for three days 65.60, average weight 1122 lbs. as compared 66.14 and 1132 lbs. A week ago. Average cost Heifers for three days 62.99, average weight 979 lbs. as compared 63.15 and 988 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 high-dressing 44.00-45.00, few 45.50-46.00. Other High-Cutter, Utility and Commercial 42.50-44.00. Cutter and Low-Utility 1-2 41.00-42.50, Canner and Low-Cutter 40.00-41.00, few lightweight 37.00-40.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 50.00-54.00, few 1 1400-2000 lbs. 55.00, individual 57.00.

FEEDERS: Few loads and lots Medium Frame 1 fleshy Steers during week 900-1000 lbs. 63.00-64.15. Heifers 790-875 lbs. 60.50-61.50.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland, Pa. Wednesday, September 16 Report supplied by auction

Reported receipts of 97 cows, 37 heifers, and 10 bulls. Market steady.

Load of Pa. fresh cows, 670.00-1270.00; Load of Wisc. fresh cows, 1575.00-1625.00; Load of Pa. fresh cows, 1020.00-1500.00, springers 785.00-1130.00; Load of Pa. fresh cows, 870.00-1650.00; Load of Md. springers 720.00-1500.00.

Locally consigned cows 650.00-1550.00; Springing heifers 850.00-1150.00; Open heifers 350.00-700.00; Bulls 370.00-725.00.



Livestock market and auction news

Joliet Cattle Thursday, September 17 Report supplied by USDA

CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 2,800; 5 days last week 2,668, same period a year ago 3,666. Trading moderate for the week. Slaughter Steers ended the week .50 to 1.00 higher than Wednesday of last week, with the most increase on weights over 1150 lb. Slaughter Heifers ended the week mostly steady. Cows ended the week 1.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed High Choice and Prime 2-4 1175-1250 lb. 68.00-68.25, 2 loads 69.00, 1 load 69.75 Wednesday. Choice, few Prime 2-4 1150-1275 lbs. 67.50-68.00 Monday; 68.00-68.50 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1100-1175 lb. 65.50-67.00, mostly 66.00-67.00 Monday; 67.00-68.00 Wednesday; 1000-1100 lb. 64.50-65.50 Monday; 65.00-67.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1100 lb. 63.00-64.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 900-1050 lb. 65.00-65.75. Choice 2-4 925-1075 lb. 63.00-65.00; 850-900 lb. 62.00-63.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lb. 57.00-63.00.

COWS: Cutter & Utility, few commercial, 1-3 40.00-44.00.

Oklahoma Cattle Thursday, September 17

Report supplied by USDA Thursday Feeder Cattle Auction and Weekly Summary. Estimated Receipts Same Day Last Week

4,344 Moderately active at best, outlets narrowing on the close; feeder cattle and calves fully 1.00 lower, some sales as much as 2.00 lower on feeder heifers. Majority receipts Medium and few Large

Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 400-850 lbs. feeder -steers and 400-650 lbs. feeder heifers. Only moderate attendance of buyers.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and few Large Frame 1 360-500 lbs. 68.00-73.25, pkg. 416 lbs. 76.10 early; 500-600 lbs. 66.00-68.60, small lot 511 lbs. 70.75; early; 600-800 lbs. 65.00-67.00; 800-920 lbs. 63.40-66.10, part load 878 lbs. 66.75. Small Frame 1 480 lbs. 66.80; few 615-817 lbs. 62.25-63.80. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2, tew 383-465 lbs. 66.50-68.25; 500-800 lbs. 62.00-66.00. Medium and Large Frame 2, small lot 434 lbs. 65.50; 500-815 lbs. 58.75-64.00. Large Frame 2 Holsteins 639-689 lbs. 55.90-56.00; 776-882 lbs. 54,10-55.30

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1 387-390 lbs. 59.80-61.10; 400-500 lbs. 56.50-58.25; 500-600 lbs. 56.00-59.00; pkg. 531 lbs. fleshy 55.30; 600-700 lbs. 56.50-60.60; few 705-741 lbs. 59.90-60.50. Small Frame 1, few 495-511 lbs. 54.75-55.10. Medium and Large Frame 1-2 460-740 lbs. 53.70-56.25. Medium Frame 2, few 358-377 lbs. 54.50-

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week, feeder steers fully 1.00 lower, feeder heifers 2.00 off with demand light on the close. Beef cows 50 cents to 1.00 higher; canner and cutter steady. Late sales Utility and Commercial 2-3 41.25-44.50, pkg. high dressing 45.75; Cutter 1-2 40.00-41.75; Canner and Low Cutter 37.00-38.00. Slaughter bulls steady to 1.00 higher. YG 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 52.25-58.50, individual YG 1, 2000 lbs. 59.00. Salable receipts totaled near 21,000 head compared to 15,459 last week and 25,510 the same week a 49.00-50.00. year ago. Majority or fully 90 percent of the salable supply consisted of feeder cattle and

calves; cows and bulls numbered near 2,100 head and comprised 10 percent of total receipts.

Four States Livestock Hagerstown, Md.

Wednesday, September 9 Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers Mostly steady. Choice 58.00-59.00; Good 53.00-57.00; Medium 52.00 Down. Heifers Choice 53.00-55.00; Good 49.00-52.00; Medium 48.00 Down. Cows Steady to \$1.00 higher. High Yield 44.50-46.00; Average 41.50-44.00; Big Middle 38.00-41.00; Fatty Hert. 35.00-39.00; Shelly 38.00 Down. Fat Bulls Steady prices. Good 51.00-52.75; Medium 47.00-50.50. Veal Caives Mostly steady. Choice 85.00-87.00; Good 78.00-84.00; Medium 63.00-77.00; Farm Hirs. to 132.50; Farm Bulls to 72.00; Light & Weak 54.00 Down. Sows Very active. 300-575 lbs. 47.00-52.25; Thin Sows 42.00-46.00.

-STOCKER: Steers 300-550 lbs. Mostly steady prices. No Choice. Good 54.00-59.50; Medium 48.00-53.00; Culls 47.00 Down. Steers 600-850 lbs. Choice 53.00-57.00; Good 47.00-52.00; Medium 46.00 Down. Bulls Choice 56.00-61.00; Good 50.00-55.00; Medium 49.00 Down. Heifers-All Weights Choice 53.00-57.00; Good 48.00-52.00; Medium 47.00 Down. Dairy Cows to 700.00. Springing Heifers to 1125.00. Pigs, Hd. Good run. Steady to higher prices. 20-30 lbs. 16.00-25.00; 30-60 lbs. 26.00-38.00. Shoats by Lb. to 52:00. Slaughter Hogs 50 cents higher, 210-230 lbs. 49.75-50.75; 240-260 lbs. 50.00-50.50; 190-205 lbs.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 P.M.

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