


**THE OLD
FARMER'S
ALMANAC**

OCT. 5-11, 1981
Dappled sky, leaves fly.

Forest fire danger now... Al Capone accused of tax evasion Oct. 6, 1931... First quarter of the moon Oct. 6 (Tues.)... Average length of days for the week, 11 hours, 22 minutes... Georgia Tech beat Cumberland 22-0 in football Oct. 7, 1916... New dinner jacket introduced at Tuxedo Club Ball, Tuxedo Park, N.Y., Oct. 10, 1886... *Not parties, but principles.*



Ask the Old Farmer: Years ago when I was a young lad growing up in Maine, fishermen not lobstermen used to bring home giant lobsters. But I think it was illegal. I would like to know, what is the largest official recorded weight of a lobster? D.D., Boston.

A good many lobsters are taken today by fishing vessels that use otter trawls. It is not illegal to take them, probably never was unless they were egg-bearing. We have seen a lobster that weighed 37 pounds. We have heard of one that weighed 56, but we don't know what the record is.

Home Hints: Always rinse a pan in cold water before scalding milk in it for easier cleaning later on.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Week is partly cloudy and cool.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Clearing and cold throughout with rain at end.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Start is clear, cool; then cloudy and cold, showers east.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Cool, partly cloudy, then clearing; end is mostly sunny, few showers.

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Lebanon Valley Auction

Tuesday, September 29
Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 183. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter cows \$1.50 to \$3 lower. Choice No. 2-4 975-1165 lbs. slaughter steers 64.50-68.10, few Good 59.35-64.75, few Standard 54.00-58.00, few Utility 42.85-48.75. One Standard slaughter heifer at 55.50, few Utility 39.50-40.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 42.00-44.10, few to 45.00, few Low Dressing Utility 38.50-41.85, Cutters 41.00-43.00, Canner & Low Cutter 37.00-40.75, Shells 30.00-36.75, few down to 28.75. Few Standard slaughter bullocks 52.10-55.00, few Utility & Low Standard 45.00-46.75. Few Yield Grade #1 1655-1875 lbs. slaughter bulls 54.75-57.75.

CALVES 249. Vealers grading Standard & Good \$2 to \$5 higher. Few Choice vealers 90.00-102.00, few Good 75.00-80.00, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 63.00-66.00, few 68.00, 65-90 lbs. 58.00-64.00, few Utility 40-90 lbs. 37.00-57.00. Farm calves, holsteins bulls 80-120 lbs. 75.00-92.00, few down to 66.00; holstein heifers 80-140 lbs. 80.00-132.00; few beef cross bulls & heifers 70-120 lbs. 60.00-78.00.

HOGS 226. Barrows & gilts \$1.50 to \$2 lower. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 50.25-50.75, 2 lots 51.00 and 51.35, No. 1-3 195-245 lbs. 49.00-50.25, few No. 2-3 220-245 lbs. 49.00-49.75. US No. 1-3 330-600 lbs. sows 45.00-49.00, few No. 2-3 345-450 lbs. 40.50-45.00, few Utility 205-335 lbs. 30.00-37.00. Few Boars 31.50-37.75.

FEEDER PIGS. Not enough of any one grade to establish a market.

SHEEP 18. Good & Choice 55-120 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 51.00-55.00, one at 58.00.

Morrison Cove Auction

Monday, September 28

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 255. High Choice & Prime slaughter steer 63-65.50, Choice 61.50-63.10, Good 58.50-61.50, Standard 55.50-58.50, Utility 48-55.50. Choice slaughter heifers 60.61-50, Good 58.50-60.10, Standard 55-58.50, Utility 48.00-55. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 44-46.50, Cutters 40.43-50, Canner & Low Cutters 34.50-40.50, Shells down to 32. Choice slaughter bullocks 50-62.25, Good 56.00-60, Standard 53.50-56.50, Utility 45-53.50. Yield Grade #1, slaughter bulls 54.50-56.75, #2, 49-54.50. Feeder Cattle: Choice feeder steers 54.50-60, Good 51.50-54.50, Medium 45-51.50. Good feeder heifers 50-54.50, Medium 45.00-50.

Good feeder bulls 45.52-50, Medium 40.00-45.00.

CALVES 355. Prime vealers 95.00-100, Choice 85.00-95, Good 75.00-85, Standard and Good 110-130 lbs. 65.00-75, 90-100 lbs. 58-62.50, 70-90 lbs. 54.00-58. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90-130 lbs. 80.00-108; Hol. Heifers 90-130 lbs. 85.00-152.50.

HOGS 316. US No. 1-2 barrows and gilts 51.00-51.50, No. 1-3 50.00-51, No. 2-3 48.50-50, No. 1-3 47.50-49. US No. 1-3 sows 47.50-49, No. 2-3 44.50-47.50. Boars 36-44.25.

FEEDER PIGS 78. US No. 1-3 25-40 lbs. feeder pigs 17.50-30.00 per head, No. 1-3 40-70 lbs. 32.50-40.50 per head.

SHEEP 37. Choice 90-120 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 54.00-60, Good 85-100 lbs. 50-54.50, Utility 40-60 lbs. 40.00-45. Slaughter ewes 12.00-20.50.

GOATS 9. 17.00-31.00 per head.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.

Wednesday, September 23

Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers No Choice Offered. Good 55.00-57.00; Medium 54.00 Down. Heifers Good run of dry feds. Choice 59.00-62.75; Good 53.00-58.00; Medium 52.00 Down. Cows Good run, mostly steady prices. High Yield 45.00-47.25; Average 41.00-44.00; Big Middle 37.00-49.00; Fatty Herf. 35.00-39.00; Shelly 38.00 Down. Fat Bulls Steady to \$1.00 higher. Good 51.00-56.00; Medium 45.00-50.00. Veal Calves Steady. Choice 82.00-86.00; Good 75.00-81.00; Medium 62.00-74.00; Farm Hfns. to 102.00; Farm Bulls to 79.50; Light & Weak 53.00 Down. Lambs Few Offered. Choice 51.00-56.50; Good 46.00-50.00; Medium 45.00 Down.

STOCKER: Steers 300-550 lbs. \$2.00 lower. Choice 60.00-63.00; Good 54.00-59.00; Medium 48.00-53.00; Culls 47.00 Down. Steers 600-850 lbs. Choice 56.00-60.00; Good 50.00-55.00; Medium 49.00 Down. Heifers (All Weights) Choice 52.00-57.50; Good 44.00-51.00; Medium 43.00 Down. Bulls Choice 52.00-56.50; Good 46.00-51.00; Medium 45.00 Down. Dairy Cows to 700.00. Pigs, Hd. \$2.00 lower. 20-30 lbs. 12.00-22.00; 40-60 lbs. 23.00-36.00. Shoats by Lb. to 58.00. Slaughter Hogs steady. 200-230 lbs. 49.75-50.75; 240-260 lbs. 49.75-50.25; 270-325 lbs. 45.00-49.00. Sows 300-550 lbs. 44.00-49.00; Thin Sows 38.00-43.00.



Eighty-Four Auction

Monday, September 28

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 410. Few Choice slaughter steers at 64.00, Good 55.00-59.00, Standard 39.50-54.00. Choice slaughter heifers 60.00-64.00, Good 50.00-52.00, Standard 38.50-45.00. Cutter slaughter cows 38.50-42.00, Canner & Low Cutter 36.50-39.00, Shells down to 25.50. Yield Grade #1 slaughter bulls 45.00-55.00; yield grade #2 35.00-58.00. Good feeder steers 48.50-59.00; Good feeder heifers 38.00-52.50.

CALVES 370. Choice vealers 70.00-99.00, Good 50.00-70.00, Standard & Good 30.00-65.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 65.00-94.00; holstein heifers 70.00-102.50; beef cross bulls & heifers 55.00-69.00.

HOGS 49. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 48.00-52.00. US No. 1-3 sows 47.50-52.50. Boars 33.75-36.75.

FEEDER PIGS 13. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 13.00-33.00 per head.

SHEEP 89. Choice spring slaughter lambs 55.00-59.50, Good 40.00-48.50, feeders 30.00-45.00. Slaughter sheep 10.00-17.50.

GOATS 2.

Joliet Cattle

Thursday, October 1

Report supplied by USDA

CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 3,400; 5 days last week 3,444; same period a year ago 3,248. Trading slow on Monday; moderately active on Wednesday. Slaughter steers & heifers closed the week mostly steady, instances 50 lower compared with Wednesday of last

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week. Cows closed the week 2.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice, few Prime, 2-4 1200-1350 lb. 67.00, load 67.25, Low 67.50, load 67.75 Monday; 5 loads 68.25 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1150-1325 lb. 65.50-66.50 Monday; 66.00-67.50 Wednesday; 1100-1150 lb. 64.50-65.50 Monday; 66.00-67.00 Wednesday, 1000-1100 lb. 63.00-64.50 Monday; 65.00-66.00 Wednesday, mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lb. 61.00-63.00 Monday; 63.00-64.50 Wednesday. Package mostly Choice 2-3 1500 lb. Holsteins 60.50 Wednesday.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime, 2-4 925-1150 lb. load & package 64.00 Monday, 64.00, 2 packages 64.50 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lb. 62.00-63.00 Monday, 62.75-64.00 Wednesday, 800-900 lb. 60.00-62.00 Monday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lb. 56.00-60.50 Monday.

COWS: Cutter and Utility 1-3 38.00-41.00, few 42.00 Monday.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland, Pa.

Wednesday, September 30

Report supplied by auction

Reported receipts of 122 cows, 70 heifers, and 0 bulls. Market lower.

Load of Luzerne Co. fresh cows, 750.00-1350.00, springers 950.00-1130.00; Load of Wisc. fresh cows, 890.00-1550.00; Load of NY fresh cows, 1260.00-1650.00; Load of Pa. fresh cows, 780.00-1080.00.

Locally springing cows 450.00-1675.00; Springing heifers 850.00-1185.00; Open heifers 300.00-650.00.

Middleburg Auction

Tuesday, September 29

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 203. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter cows \$2 to \$2.50 lower. Few Low to Average Choice 1020-1250 lbs. slaughter steers 65.00-67.75, Good 59.00-62.85, couple 64.25, Standard 52.50-59.25, few Utility 46.00-51.85. Few Choice slaughter heifers 59.50-65.60. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 40.00-44.25, Cutters 38.00-40.00, Canner & Low Cutter 32.75-38.00, Shells down to 28.75. One Good slaughter bullock at 57.25. Yield Grade #1 870-1450 lbs. slaughter bulls 45.00-53.00, one 1775 lbs. at 58.25. Few Large Frame #1 485-585 lbs. feeder bulls 56.00-70.00.

CALVES 142. Choice vealers 80.00-91.00, few Good 65.00-75.00, Standard & Good 70-95 lbs. 53.00-61.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 60.00-98.00; few holstein heifers 100-260 lbs. 86.00-120.00.

HOGS 548. (Monday, September 28, 1981). Barrows and gilts mostly \$2.50 lower. US No. 1-2 210-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 50.50-51.85, few 52.50, No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 49.75-50.50, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 49.00-49.75. US No. 1-3 350-550 lbs. sows 45.00-48.00, No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 39.00-45.00. Boars 41.00-42.00.

TUESDAY HEADAGE 32.

FEEDER PIGS 254. US No. 1-3 10-15 lbs. feeder pigs 11.50-15.00 per head, No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 19.00-32.00, No. 1-3 35-55 lbs. 30.00-40.50 per head.

SHEEP 15. Few Choice 85-110 lbs. shorn lambs 52.00-60.00, few Good 50-65 lbs. 37.00-42.00.



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