

Farm Calendar



Saturday, April 24
 65th Little International Livestock Exposition, 8 a.m., Beef-Sheep Center, Penn State.
 Berks Dairy Princess Banquet, 7 p.m., Ag Center, Leesport.
 Berks County Horse Expo, Penn State Berks Campus, continues tomorrow.
 Empire Polled Hereford Assn. 4th Annual Classic Sale, 1 p.m., Cornell Livestock Pavilion, Ithaca, N.Y.
 York Sheep & Wool Producers Workshop, 2 p.m., Ebersole farm, R3 Red Lion.
 Pa. Assn. of Meat Processors annual convention, Cross Creek Resort, Titusville.

Monday, April 26
 Bradford County Sheep & Wool Growers Assn. meeting, 7:45 p.m., Extension Office, Towanda.
 Berks Ag District meeting, 7.45 p.m., Perry Twp. building, east of Shoemakersville.

Tuesday, April 27
 Delmarva Poultry Booster Banquet, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md.
 Lancaster County Council of Co-op, 9 a.m., Farm and Home Center

Thursday, April 29
 Spring Homemakers Day, 9 30

a.m.-3 p.m., Pfenninger's Hilltop, Flemington, N.J.

Friday, April 30
 Pa. Shorthorn Breeders Assn. annual meeting, Mercer 4-H Park.
 N.J. State Holstein Calf & Bred Heifer Sale, 7 p.m., Fairgrounds, Harmony, N.J.
 Eastern Lumousin Breeders Assn. annual meeting, 7 p.m., Imperial House Motel, Columbus, Ohio.
 York Farmers Forum, 7 p.m., Rutter's Restaurant, Red Lion.

Saturday, May 1
 Eastern Lumousin Breeders Show & Sale, Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus, Ohio, show at 10 a.m., sale at 7 p.m.
 Penn State Dairy Expo.
 32nd Annual Apple Blossom Festival, South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendtsville, continues tomorrow.
 Seventh Annual Pa. International Trade Conference, Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, continues to Tuesday.
 Md. Sheep & Wool Festival, Howard County Fairgrounds, continues tomorrow.
 Chester-Del Pomona 3 dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m., Wagontown, Fire Hall.

Now is the Time

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because years of work have not produced an effective vaccine against the various strains of Moraxella bovis bacteria, the most common cause of the highly contagious and infectious disease. The main causes of pinkeye seem to be over exposure to ultraviolet radiation from sunlight and eye irritation from face flies, who also carry pinkeye organisms from animal to animal.

The best we can do NOW is to provide a shaded area for livestock and practice effective fly control. The use of dustbags, face mops, insecticide sprays and the new ear tags containing pesticides can achieve a 50-75 percent reduction in face flies. Keep pastures clipped to reduce tall weeds and grasses. Finally, treat promptly at first signs of pinkeye, minimizing the spread of the disease in your herd.

To Understand Persistent Weed Problems

Just how persistent do we have to be in order to control weed problems? Well, the answer to this question comes from weed scientists who ran germination tests on weed seeds which had been buried for up to 50 years.

They report that 29 percent of Johnsongrass seed germinated after being buried for 3 1/2 years; morning glory 74 percent after 5 1/2 years; pigweed 66 percent after 40 years, and dock 52 percent after 50 years. They further reported that 51 of 107 species tested still had live seed after 20 years.

The reason these seeds remain in the soil for such a long period without sprouting is apparently related to environmental conditions. According to weed experts, some seeds need just the right combination of moisture, temperature, and nutrients before they will germinate. This explains why we may suddenly be faced with a weed problem we thought was cured several years ago.

OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

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said the right answer was 20 eggs. They said the right answer was 60 eggs.

Russell Weidman
 Wayland, N.Y.

Editor's Note - The egg statistics for an average laying hen were found in the 1979 United States Department of Agriculture's Yearbook designed for children, entitled "What's to Eat?"

Thanks for agreeing

The March 20th Column of "Brockett's Ag Advice" was of great interest to me. In it he suggested farmers should "quit fighting to prevent imports," and, instead, fight to impose on those imports the same standards of cleanliness, constant inspection, purity and handling as United States producers must meet.

Since 1975 National Farmers Union has had policy stating "All imported meats and dairy products should be required to meet the same or equivalent sanitation and

quality standards applied to farms, storage, transportation, and processing as those which are enforced upon producers and processors in the United States."

It was very encouraging to know John Brockett agrees with Farmers Union members on this legislation that they have been working towards for many years.

Naomi Spahr
 Pa. Farmers Union
 Neffsville, Pa.

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

Omaha, Neb.

Thursday, April 22

Report supplied by USDA

CATTLE: Through midweek Slaughter Steers and Heifers mostly 50C higher with the advance coming on Wednesday's short receipts. Demand proved generally good throughout session, coincident with a higher carcass trade and a good boxed beef movement. Best demand continues to fall on choice Steers and Heifers weighing upwards of 1100 lbs. and 950 lbs. respectively; while some pressure still present on lighter weight offerings. Cows 1.50-2.00 lower. Bulls weak. Steers made up 45 pct of week's receipts; Heifers 33 PCT; cows 9 PCT. Feeders 10 PCT. Four day receipts 10530, last week 11158, year ago 14066.

STEERS: At the close load Choice 2-3 1314 lbs. 72.00 (This the highest price legally since June 1981). Several loads and packages Choice, few Prime 2-4 1150-1300 lbs 71.25-71.50. Choice 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 69.50-71.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1050-1200 lbs. 68.50-69.50. Good 65.50-68.50. Choice and Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1250-1400 lbs. holsteins, through the week 63.50-65.00.

HEIFERS: Load Choice few Prime mostly 3 1034 lbs. 69.00. Choice 2-4 950-1050 lbs. 67.00-68.25. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1000 lbs 65.50-67.00 Good 62.00-65.50.

Average of LS-214 detailed Quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. Steers 69.15; 1100-1300 lbs. 70.35. Average cost Steers 68.99, Average weight 1149 lbs. compared 68.70 and 1150 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 66.51, average weight 993 lbs as compared 66.27 and 1001 lbs. a week ago

COWS: High Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 39.50-41.00. Canner and Cutter 36.00-39.50.

BULLS: Through the week 1-2 1100-2000 lbs. 47.00-52.00, individual 1's to 54.00.

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, April 22

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts this week: 5,900
 Week Ago: 6,100
 Year Ago: 6,400

Compared to last week's bulk sales, slaughter steers and heifers generally steady. Cows mostly 1.00 lower. Bulls mostly 2.00 lower. Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Choice and Prime slaughter steers, around 35% heifers and 10% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 68.00-69.00, closing 68.50-69.00. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 67.00-68.50, closing 67.25-68.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 65.60-67.50. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 63.50-66.00, mostly Good 2-3 1050-1500 lbs. Holsteins 55.00-61.25. Package Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1455 lbs. 61.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 66.00-66.50, few closing sales 66.50. Choice 875-1050 lbs. 65.00-66.50; 800-900 lbs. 62.00-64.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 61.00-64.00. Good 2-3 750-950 lbs. 59.00-61.00.

COWS: Closing week sales: Utility and Commercial 2-4 37.00-40.00. Boning Utility 1-2 40.00-42.00. Few high-yielding holsteins 43.00. Cutter 1-2 35.00-39.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 30.00-35.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1950 lbs. 45.00-52.00, closing 45.00-50.00. Several Yield Grade 1 1200-1550 lbs. 53.00-54.25, early not tested late.

FEEDERS: (Including around 2,400 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers and heifers steady to 1.00 lower. Supply mainly Medium Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 400-900 lbs. steers and 400-700 lbs. heifers. Buyer attendance fairly large.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1: 350-500 lbs. 67.25-71.00; lot 285 lbs. 73.00; 500-600 lbs. 64.00-67.50; load thin 502 lbs. 72.50; 600-700 lbs. 63.00-70.00; 700-885 lbs. 61.00-65.00. Medium Frame 1-2 and some Small Frame 1: 350-700 lbs. 60.25-63.75. Large Frame 2 Holsteins: Couple lots 480-525 lbs. 54.50-56.00; lot 850 lbs. 52.50.

BULLS: Few lots Medium Frame 1 375-500 lbs. 62.50-65.60. Medium Frame 1-2: 325-725 lbs. 55.00-60.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1: 300-500 lbs. 54.75-58.00; lot thin 428 lbs. 59.75; 500-675 lbs. 54.50-58.25. Medium Frame 1-2: 325-625 lbs. 49.75-54.00.

New Holland Horse

Monday, April 19

New Holland Sales Stables

Report supplied by auction

Reported receipts of 223 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market: stronger.

Work horses 900.00-1350.00, singles 1675.00-2850; Better horses 550.00-1000.00; few Registered horses 975.00-1100.00; Driving horses 350.00-775.00; Riding horses 375.00-500.00; Lightweight killers 375.00-500.00; Heavyweight killers 550.00-800.00; Mare Ponies 45.00-100.00; Pony Colts 15.00-50.00; Geldings 45.00-100.00; Larger ponies 125.00-175.00.

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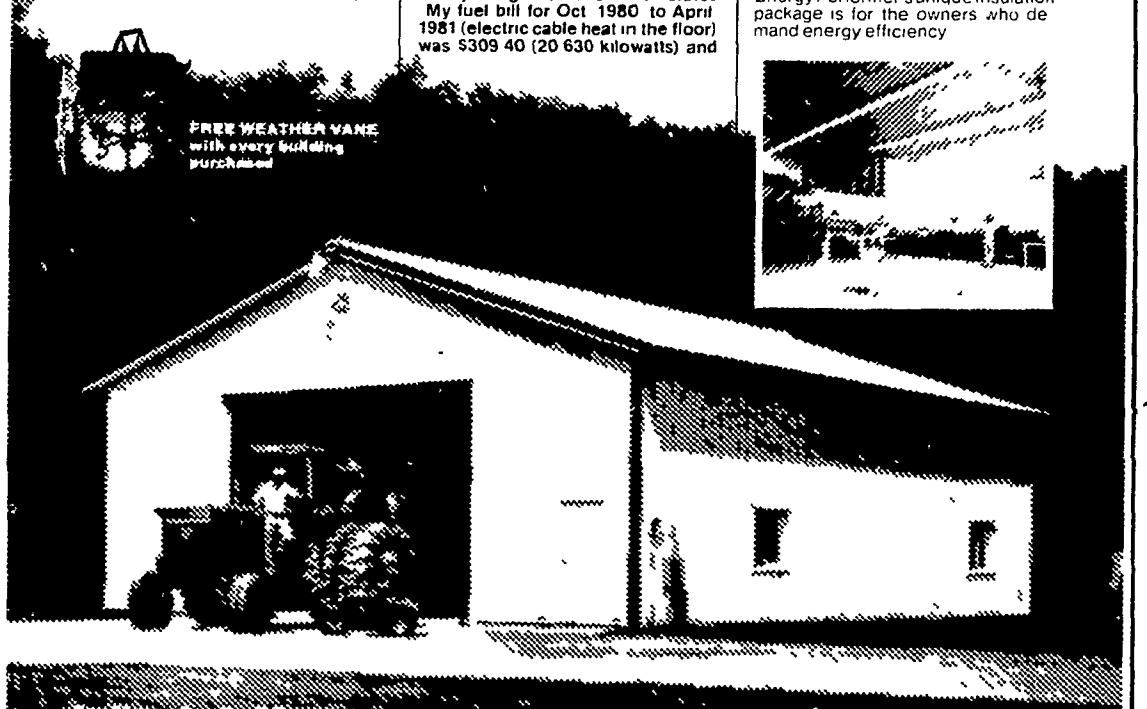
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