

Livestock market and auction news

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 17-23, 1982
Cold enough to congeal a seal.

Circus time now. Nixon paid first U.S. presidential visit to Moscow May 22, 1972. New moon May 22 (Sat). Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 46 minutes. Statue of Liberty arrived in New York May 17, 1885. Connecticut set auto speed limit of 15 MPH May 21, 1901. Long-tongued people are generally short-handed.

Ask the Old Farmer: What is the meaning of the expression "start from scratch" and how did it originate? L.B., Buffalo

It is said to have originated when a starter made a scratch in the ground to indicate the starting line in a foot race. It probably dates from some centuries ago.

Home Hints: Making a batch of biscuits to serve with a fried chicken? Add a couple of tablespoons of minced parsley and a couple of teaspoons of minced onion to a 2-cups-flour recipe for the biscuits.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Cold, with frost inland, all week, for weekend, clear and warm south, showers north.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Very beginning of week brings light rain, cool temperatures, rest of week is cloudy, cool; then clear, hot.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with rain, cold wave, then clearing, turning hot.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Rainy and cold through midweek, a few showers, then clearing and warming, end of week.

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Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.
Wednesday, May 5
Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers Steady prices. Choice none offered; Good 59.00-65.00; Medium 58.00 Down. Heifers Good run of dry feds. Choice 62.00-66.00; Good 55.00-61.00; Medium 54.00 Down. Cows Very active, \$1.00 higher. Individual 48.75. High Yield 44.00-45.75; Average 40.00-43.00; Big Middle 36.50-39.00; Fatty Herf. 35.00-38.00; Shelly 39.00 Down. Fat Bulls \$2.00 higher. Good 52.00-55.75; Medium 48.00-51.00. Veal Calves \$2.00 to \$4.00 higher. Choice 95.00-99.00; Good 89.00-94.00; Medium 80.00-88.00; Farm Hfrs. to 75.00; Farm Bulls to 92.00; Light & Weak 53.00 Down. Lambs Few offered. Medium 43.00-50.00. Sows 400-650 lbs. 54.00-57.75; 300-390 lbs. 46.50-52.00.

STOCKER: Steers 300-550 lbs. Mostly steady prices. Choice 69.00-73.50; Good 62.00-68.00; Medium 56.00-61.00; Culls 55.00 Down. Steers 600-850 lbs. Choice 61.00-66.50; Good 55.00-60.00; Medium 54.00 Down. Heifers (All Weights) Choice 52.00-56.00; Good 46.00-51.00; Medium 45.00 Down. Bulls Choice 51.00-55.00; Good 46.00-50.00; Medium 45.00 Down. Dairy Cows to 750.00. Open Heifers 280.00-300.00. Pigs, Hd. Strong demand, higher prices. 20-30 lbs. 30.00-42.00; 40-60 lbs. 43.00-60.00. Shoats by Lb.

Slaughter Hogs Very active, \$2.50 higher. 210-230 lbs. 57.25-58.00; 240-260 lbs. 57.00-57.75; 190-205 lbs. 54.00-55.60; 265-300 lbs. 49.50-56.00.

Oklahoma Cattle

Thursday, May 13
Report supplied by USDA

Estimated Receipts 1400
Same Day Last Week 1059

Thursday's actual sale ring total 840. Not enough sales feeder cattle and calves to establish a market except few 600-850 lbs. Feeder steers steady to weak. Majority receipts Medium Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 600-850 lbs. feeder steers.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium, few Large Frame 1 600-650 lbs. few 63.80-64.80; 700-900 lbs. 64.20-65.70. Small Frame 1, couple pkgs. 620-740 lbs. 63.60-63.70. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2, few 400-500 lbs. 67.80-68.50; 600-725 lbs. 63.40-64.10. Large Frame 2 No. 2 holsteins, couple pkgs. 800-970 lbs. 54.30-54.90.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1, few 615-770 lbs. 58.50-60.40. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 345-475 lbs. 57.40-58.25; 500-670 lbs. 55.00-58.25.

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week, feeder steers closed 50c to 1.00 higher; heifers 1.00-2.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher with Utility and Commercial 2-3 42.50-44.75; Cutters 1-3 38.00-41.75; Canners and Low-

Cutters 33.00-38.25. Slaughter bulls closed 1.00-2.00 lower with YG 1-2 1150-1650 lbs. 46.50-54.00. Salable receipts this week near 20,200 head compared with 20,377 last week and 11,898 last year. Majority receipts or 93 percent of supply consisted of feeder cattle and calves; cows and bulls made up 7 percent of available supply.

Valley Livestock

Valley Stockyards
Athens, Pa.
Monday, May 10
Report supplied by auction

Reported receipts of 196 calves, 103 cows, 26 bulls, 20 heifers, 10 steers, 68 hogs, 5 lambs, 30 sheep. Cattle market much higher; Calf market real good.

Holstein Hfr. Calves to 105.00; Veal Calves to 90.00; Bobs. 90-110 lbs. 85.00-106.00; Bobs, 80 and down lbs. 65.00-80.00; Grassers & Feeders 40.00-65.00; Lambs 50.00-58.00; Sheep 15.00-30.00; Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 50.00-58.50; Sows 46.00-56.50; Boars 35.00-41.00; Pigs 28.00-61.00; Heifers 44.50-52.00; Steers (Medium 46.00-50.00; Steers, feeder 45.00-56.00; Bulls 47.00-53.50; Cows, utility 43.00-47.25, Top 49.00; Cows, fat 39.00-46.00; Cows, medium 36.00-38.50; Cows, poor or small 32.00-36.00; Horses 350.00-585.00; Ponies 15.00-75.00; Goats 10.00-60.00.

St. Louis Sheep

Thursday, May 13
Wednesday's sheep auction. Receipts about 180 head. Spring slaughter lambs 2.00 higher. Limited tests on old crop slaughter lambs. Slaughter ewes steady to 1.00 higher than last week.

SPRING SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 93-113 lbs. 73.00-75.00. Package 102 lbs. 75.50;

package Choice 92 lbs. 70.00. Few spring feeder lambs, Choice and Fancy 63-75 lbs. 60.00-65.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Few Utility and Good Shorn 16.00-19.00. Culls 8.00-11.00.

BREEDING STOCK: Package of 2-3 year old breeding ewes 149 lbs. 29.50. Package of shorn aged ewes 160 lbs. 22.00. Few yearling bucks 16.00-19.00.

Sulfur helps put

waste to use

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Use of composted sewage sludge for production of such non-food crops as ornamental plants is gaining attention in agricultural research circles.

Nutrient rich, it is readily available and looks like milled pine bark.

Now horticulturists at the University of Maryland's Agricultural Experiment Station say it may be necessary to add a little sulfur to the sludge, especially for plants that grow best in acid soils, such as azaleas.

Their recipe calls for 3 kg of wet sulfur and 3 kg of granular sulfur per cubic meter of sludge.

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MONDAY, MAY 17

Show: 4:00 P.M. Sale: 7:00 P.M.

To be held at the
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Shown and judged in PENS OF SIX: in following classes: 30 to 44 lb.
45 to 54 lb.
55 to 65 lb.

Trophy and \$50.00 to Champion, Trophy and \$40.00 to Reserve Champion entries, \$30.00 to each first place; \$20.00 to each second place; \$10.00 to each third place; also ribbons to first five winners in each weight group.

Show and Sale open to all pig producers. All pigs must be farrowed on farm of exhibitor. No more than two pens of winners from each weight class for one exhibitor.

Entry fee of \$2.00 per day to Lancaster County Swine Producers will be deducted along with regular commission charges for selling and tagging. All exhibitors will participate in .10 cent check-off program to N.P.P.C.

Sale open to all buyers 4-H and F.F.A. members may select individuals for their projects.

Pigs received from 12:00 noon to 4:00 P.M.
Judged at 4:00 P.M.
Sale at 7:00 P.M.

This event sponsored jointly by the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association and the Lancaster Livestock Exchange.

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Every Thursday At 3:30 P.M.

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