


Livestock market and auction news

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 14-20, 1983

Snow up north, not a time to sally forth.

Turn mattresses now. Spring begins March 20 (Sun) at 11:39 p.m. EST. New moon March 14 (Mon). Average length of days for the week, 12 hours and nights are about equal this week, with days getting longer. Robert Goddard launched first liquid-fueled rocket March 16, 1926. Men and pyramids are not made to stand on their heads.



Ask the Old Farmer: I have glassware that has a scum caused by too much dishwasher detergent I have tried everything I can think of to remove it, but nothing seems to work. G.J., Lima, Ohio.

Try adding two tablespoons of vinegar to eight ounces of water in an old spray bottle. Spray and wipe the glassware. If the scum is caused by the dishwasher, try this: put two cups of vinegar in a ceramic bowl and set it in the lower dish rack of the empty dishwasher. Leave the upper trays in. Run the washer through a complete operation without any detergent.

Home Hints: To get bubblegum out of clothing, put garment in the freezer overnight, then hit it with a hammer.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Week is cold, with snow north; weekend brings snow-storm, rain on coast.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Cloudy at very start, then sunny, with cold wave; rain mixed with snow, cold, for weekend.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins cloudy and cold; midweek, partial clearing, more cold; rain east, snow west at week's end.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: First of week, cloudy then clearing; remainder of week brings rain east, snow west.

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Penns Valley Livestock
Centre Hall, Pa.
Tuesday, March 8
Report supplied by auction

Beef Cows: Utility and Commercial 41.50-45.35; Cutters 37.35-40.70; Canners 32.50-36.60; Shells 23.00.

Heifers: Good 49.10-52.60; Standard 43.40-48.25.

Steers: Good 54.10-56.40; Standard 48.50-52.50.

Bulls: Good 50.25-51.85; Standard 46.95-48.75.

Feeder Cattle: 300-500 lbs. large

frame 51.00-60.00; 300-500 lbs. small frame 49.50-53.00; 500-700 lbs. large frame 47.25-52.00; 500-700 lbs. small frame 42.00-48.10.

Veal Calves: Choice 84.25-91.00; Good 69.25-82.00; Standard 55.10-68.50; Utility 44.00-53.25.

Farm Calves: Bulls 66.00-92.00; Heifers 74.00-85.00.

Hogs: 49.75-50.75.

Sows: 47.00-54.50.

Boars: 37.00-39.00.

Shoats: 25-30 lbs. per head 18.00-24.00; 30-35 lbs. per head 31.00-36.00; 35-50 lbs. per head 38.00-47.00.

St. Louis Cattle
Thursday, March 10
Report supplied by USDA

Receipts This Week 4,200
Week Ago 5,400
Year Ago 6,000

Compared to the previous week, Slaughter Steers and Heifers 1.50-2.00, instances 2.50 higher. Cows fully 3.00, instances 4.00 higher on boning Utility. Bulls 2.00 higher. Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Choice and Prime Slaughter Steers with a well above average supply of Holstein Steers; around 35% Heifers and 10% Cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 62.00-62.50 early, not tested late. Choice 2-4 900-1250 lbs. 60.50-64.00, closing 62.00-64.00, mostly 62.00-63.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 59.00-62.00. Good 2-3 900-1500 lbs. 57.50-61.00. Standard to Good 2-3 1000-1350 lb. Holsteins 48.00-55.00. Couple lots Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 around 1300 lbs. 55.25 and 55.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1085 lbs. 60.50-63.00, closing 62.00-63.00. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 59.00-62.00, closing 61.00-62.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 57.00-61.00. Good 2-3 750-975 lbs. 55.00-59.00.

COWS: (Closing Week Sales) Utility and Commercial 2-4 40.00-43.00. Boning Utility 1-2 43.00-45.00, several 43.00-44.00. High yielding Utility 45.00-46.00, few 47.00. Cutter 1-2 39.00-42.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 35.00-39.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1050-2200 lbs. 46.00-54.00, closing 48.00-54.00.

Wednesday's weekly sheep auction. Receipts about 325 head. Compared last Wednesday, Slaughter lambs 3.00-4.00 higher. Not enough other classes to test

price trends. Supply mainly Woolled and Shorn Slaughter Lambs.

SHORN SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 97-125 lbs. freshly shorn to No. 2 pelts 61.00-65.00, mostly 62.00-64.00 to Choice 98 lbs. 58.00.

WOOLED SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 95-125 lbs. 59.00-61.00. Few Lots Choice 80-105 lbs. 55.00-58.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Few individual head Good 15.00-16.50. Few bucks 10.00-11.00.

FEEDER LAMBS: Few small lots Good 60-85 lbs. 55.00-58.00.

FEEDERS: (including around 1,500 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder Steers and Heifers somewhat uneven, both classes generally steady. Overall quality not as attractive as last week. Supply mainly Medium Frame 1 400-700 lb. Steers and Heifers. Attendance fairly large.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium frame 1: lot 347 lbs. 79.75; 400-500 lbs. 71.50-76.00; 500-600 lbs. 68.50-73.50, mostly 70.00-72.00; 600-700 lbs. 65.00-68.50; few 725-825 lbs. 61.00-64.25; lot fleshy 860 lbs. 59.00. Medium Frame 1-2 and some small frame 1: 400-650 lbs. 62.25-68.50, mostly 64.50-67.00. Large Frame 2 Holsteins: scattered lots 650-950 lbs. 51.00-53.75.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1: 375-700 lbs. 58.00-60.75; lot thin 630 lbs. 62.50. Medium Frame 1-2 and small frame 1 300-625 lbs. 55.50-57.75.

COWS AND CALF PAIRS: Few small and medium frame 1-2 mostly middle-aged 750-900 lb. cows with calves at side 497.50-532.50 per pair.

Dewart Auction
Dewart, Pa.
Monday, March 7
Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 240. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter cows mostly strong to 75 cents higher. Few Low to Average Choice 2-4, slaughter steers 950-1470 lbs. 60.50-62.75, Good 55.25-59, Standard 48.50-54.50, few Utility 40.00-46.85. Few Choice slaughter heifers 57.00-62, few Good 53.00-57.00. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 39.25-44, Cutters 38.50-40.50, Canner & Low Cutters 35.50-38.50, Shells down to 32. Yield Grade #1, 1150-1600 lbs. slaughter bulls 51.50-54.35, few 800-1000 lbs. 40.00-46.00. Few Large Frame #2, 400-800 lbs. feeder steers 52.00-57.50.

CALVES 221. Individual Prime vealers at 109.50, Choice 83.00-103, Good 70.00-80, Standard and Good 70-100 lbs. 52.00-58, few Utility 50-80 lbs. 40.00-54.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-120 lbs. 58.00-74; Holstein Heifers 80-130 lbs. 60.00-90.00.

HOGS 231. Barrows and gilts 25 cents higher. US No. 1-2 210-250 lbs. barrows and gilts 53.10-53.60, few 54.60, No. 1-3 2-245 lbs. 52.50-53.10. US No. 1-3 290-600 lbs. sows 46.00-51.25. Few Boars 42.75-50.00.

FEEDER PIGS 142. US No. 1-3 25-45 lbs. feeder pigs 42.00-53.50 per head, lot No. 1-3 120 lbs. at 57.50 Cwt.

SHEEP 33. Choice 80-112 lbs. shorn lambs 60.00-72.00, Good 60-90 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 50.00-59.00; few Utility 45-70 lbs. woolled 30.00-36.00.

GOATS: 12. 29.50-47.00 per head.



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