

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 23-29, 1983
 We could spend hours just picking flowers. Put tomato plants in the garden now. Silent film star Mary Pickford died May 29, 1979, at age 86. Full moon May 26 (Thurs). Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 55 minutes. Brooklyn Bridge opened May 24, 1883. First message sent over first telegraph line by Samuel Morse from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, May 24, 1844. *Elbow grease makes wealth increase*

Ask the Old Farmer: My driftwood lamps are at least 20 years old and pieces of wood are beginning to chip off. I do not want to paint and gild them because I like the natural look. Is there some type of finish that will keep them from deteriorating? C.F., Belleville, NJ

If there is no finish on them now, try a coat of linseed oil. Mix two parts bottled linseed oil to one part turpentine. This will soak into the wood and help to preserve it. The color of the wood will change slightly. Do it again in six months or so.

Home Hints: Keep suede shoes looking fresh by rubbing them with a piece of stale rye bread after each wearing.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS
 New England: Clearing and warm to midweek, cold and rainy until week's end.
 Greater New York-New Jersey: Week starts clear and warm; rain, cool rest of week.
 Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rainy and cool; then clear and warm midweek; thundershowers, cool into weekend.
 Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Showers, then clear and warm to midweek; cloudy, seasonable into weekend, moderate to heavy showers end.

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Valley Livestock
 Valley Stockyards
 Athens, Pa.
 Monday, May 16
 Report supplied by auction
 Total No. of Head 580.
 Holstein Hfr. Calves to 131.00;
 Veal Calves 84.50-99.50; Vealer
 Bull Calves 90.00-120.00; Slaughter
 Calves 65.00-78.00; Grassers &
 Feeders 42.00-63.00; Lambs 50.00-
 63.00; Sheep 11.00-19.00; Hogs, 200

to 250 45.50-49.00; Sows 38.00-43.50;
 Boars 37.00-44.50; Pigs 27.00-61.00;
 Heifers 44.00-53.50; Steers to 56.25;
 Steers, feeder 48.00-64.00; Bulls
 48.50-57.00; Cows, utility 45.00-
 47.50; Cows, fat 42.00-50.00; Cows,
 medium 41.00-44.00; Cows, poor or
 small 38.00-42.00; Cattle Market
 much higher; Calf Market higher;
 Horses to 445.00; Ponies to 115.00;
 Goats 12.00-51.00; Hay none; Straw
 none.

Livestock market and auction news

Central U.S. Carlot

Wednesday, May 18
 Report supplied by USDA
 Compared to Tuesday's 4:00 P.M. report: Steer and Heifer carcasses steady to 1.00 higher. Demand and trading moderate on moderate supplies.

The gross boxed beef carcasses cutout value declined .10 to an estimated 109.84 per cwt.

Sales reported on 118 loads of steer and heifer carcasses.

STEER BEEF

76½ Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

Choice 3 600-900 lbs. 105.00, 1.00 higher; 600-700 lbs. 103.50-104.00.

Choice 2 600-700 lbs. 104.50-105.50.

Choice 4 600-900 lbs. 93.00.

Good 2-3 600-900 lbs. 102.00, steady-1.00 higher.

Good 2 & Low 3 600-700 lbs. 101.50.

Choice 2-3 600-900 lbs. 98.00 Hols type steady.

FOB Amarillo Basis

Choice 3 600-900 lbs. 105.00.

Choice 2 600-900 lbs. 95.00 (west)

Good 2-3 600-900 lbs. 102.00.

HEIFER BEEF

41½ Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

Choice 3 550-700 lbs. 102.00-103.00, mostly 103.00, mostly steady.

Choice 2 600-700 lbs. 103.00-104.00.

Choice 4 500-700 lbs. 93.00, 1.00 higher.

Good 2-3 550-700 lbs. 100.00, mostly steady to 1.00 higher.

Good 2-3 500-550 lbs. 94.00.

Good 2-3 400-500 lbs. 92.00.

Good 2 & Low 3 600-700 lbs. 99.50-100.00.

FOB Amarillo Basis

Choice 3 550-700 lbs. 103.00.

Choice 4 500-700 lbs. 95.00. (west)
 Good 2-3 550-700 lbs. 100.00.

COW BEEF

7 Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

Bng Utility 2-3 400/up lbs. 81.00-83.00 (midwest)

Cnr & Cutter 1-2 350/up lbs. 83.50-84.50 (midwest)

PRIMAL BEEF CUTS

9 Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

Choice 3 Hinds (H) 120-170 lbs. 127.00-128.00.

BONELESS PROCESSING/ BEEF TRIMMINGS

81 Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

90% Chem Lean Fresh 114.00-115.00.

50% Chem Lean Fresh 53.50.

FOB Amarillo Basis

90% Chem Lean Fresh 116.50-117.00.

90% Chem Lean Frozen 117.50.

85% Chem Lean Fresh 109.00.

85% Chem Lean Frozen 110.00.

Compared to Tuesday's 4:00 p.m. report: Fresh pork cut trade moderately active; fresh pork loins unevenly steady for this week's shipment. Picnics 1.00-2.00 lower, Boston Butts 1.50 lower, Skinned Hams steady to 2.00 lower, Sdls Bellies steady to 1.00 lower. Pork trimmings and Bnls Picnics steady to 1.00 lower. Supply heavy, demand light to moderate best interest for next week's shipment. Sales reported on 131 loads and 12 loads of trimmings.

FRESH PORK CUTS

LOINS: (Regular) - 14/down lbs. 96.50; 14-17 lbs. 91.00-95.50, mostly 93.00-94.00, unevenly steady; 14-17 lbs. 102.00-103.00. (Retail Trim next week ship) 14-17 lbs. 95.50-

97.50; 14-17 lbs. 92.50 (frozen); 17-22 lbs. 90.50-93.50, unevenly steady; 17-22 lbs. 108.00 trimmed; 22/up lbs. 89.50.

PICNICS: 4-8 lbs. 47.00-51.50, mostly 47.00, 1.00-2.00 lower; 8/up lbs. 47.00, 1.00 lower.

BOSTON BUTTS: 4-8 lbs. 75.00-76.00, 1.50 lower.

SPARERIBS: 3.5/down lbs. 136.00; 3.5-5.5 lbs. 117.25; 3.3-5.5 lbs. 123.00-123.50 (frozen).

SKINNED HAMS: 14-17 lbs. 66.00-67.00, steady-1.00 lower; 17-20 lbs. 63.00, 1.00 lower; 20-26 lbs. 62.00, 2.00 lower; 26/up lbs. 59.00, steady.

BELLIES: (Sdls, Skin On): 18-20 lbs. 54.00-55.00, steady-1.00 lower; 20-25 lbs. 48.50, steady.

BONELESS PROCESSING/ PORK TRIMMINGS (Chemical Lean)

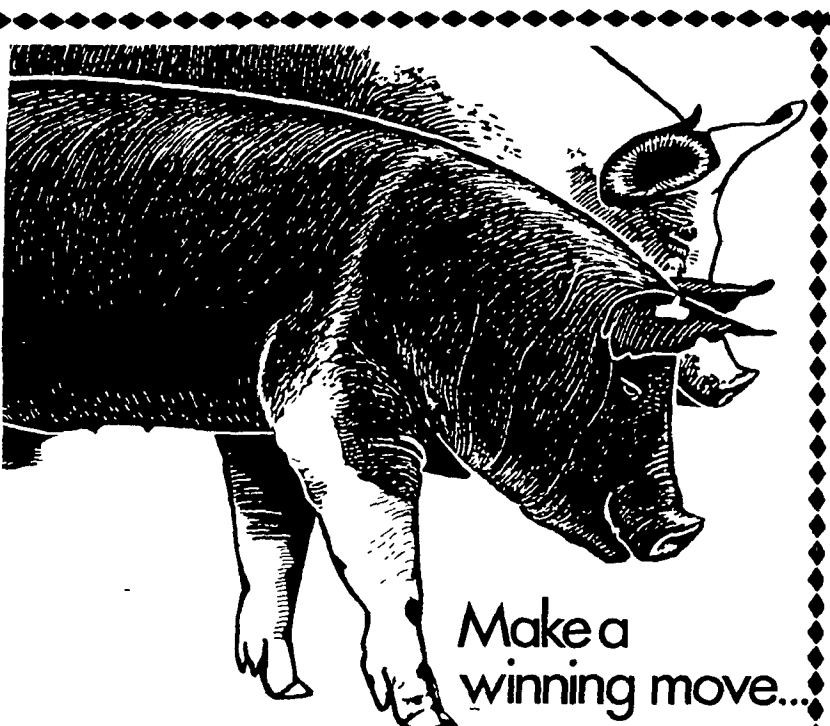
42% Trimmings Fresh 38.00, steady.

72% Trimmings Fresh 75.00-76.00, steady-1.00 lower.

72% Bnls Pics Fresh 77.00, steady.

72% Bnls Pics Frozen 80.00, steady.

Skinned Jowls Frozen 35.00-35.50.



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