

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JULY 18-24, 1983

Berries are ripe — no time to gripe.
Keep the compost pile working by watering it during dry spells "Legionnaire's Disease" killed 29 who attended American Legion convention in Philadelphia, July 21-24, 1976. Full moon July 24 (Sun.) . Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 49 minutes
Women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., July 19, 1948 . U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, July 20, 1969
Fear not the day you have not seen



Ask the Old Farmer: Why are some fire trucks known as "hook and ladder" trucks? FS, Alexandria, La
Such trucks used to carry a huge hook on a pole to haul wooden buildings apart — the better to contain the fire
Home Hints: To remove wrinkles from clothes left in a dryer toss in a damp cloth and run the dryer for a couple minutes more

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: To start rainy and cool, clearing then showers mid-week, sunny and warm week's end
Greater New York-New Jersey: Week is sunny, few showers, cool
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Sunny, then showers warming throughout week, clear and hot end
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week starts rainy and cool, partly sunny, scattered showers, turning hot rest of week

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Omaha Cattle

Thursday, July 14

Report supplied by USDA

Weekly 51 Cattle - compared to last week's close, Slaughter Steers and Heifers ranged 1.00-2.00 lower through Wednesday of this week. Cows 1.50-2.00 lower. Bulls steady.

Fed cattle prices skidded to the lowest level since February 1983, precipitated by a 3.00-5.00 decline in the carcass beef trade. Fairly liberal early week receipts also kept pressure on the market; although slight price recovery noted on Wednesday's modest supply. Demand from most buying interests proved Good at the decline, except on Steers and Heifers under 1075 lbs. and 925 lbs. respectively, these still subject to discounts.

Four day Receipts 11821; Week Ago 9304; Last Year 8741. Steers comprised 51 pct of the week's receipts, Heifers 73 pct., Cows 8

pct., Feeders 3 pct.

STEERS: Scattered loads and lots Choice 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 62.00-63.50, load confinement fed near 1200 lbs. 64.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1150 lbs. 61.50-62.50. Few Good 59.00-61.00.

HEIFERS: Scattered loads and lots choice 2-4 925-1075 lbs. 60.50-61.50, Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1025 lbs. 57.50-60.50. Few Good 54.00-58.00.

Average of LS 214 Detailed quotations for 900-1100 lb. Choice Steers 62.25; 1100-1300 lbs. 63.15. Average cost Steers 62.73, average weight 1143 lbs.; as compared 63.40 and 1145 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 977 lbs., average weight 59.91; as compared 992 lbs. and 61.27 a week ago.

COWS: High Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 39.00-42.50. Canner and Cutter 35.00-38.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 48.00-53.00.

Livestock market and auction news

Peoria Cattle

Thursday, July 14

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Slaughter Steers traded 1.00 to mostly 1.50 lower for the week and Heifers were 1.50 lower. Cows and Bulls steady. Trading rather slow Monday, but moderate on Wednesday. Bulk of Steer supply Good to mostly Choice 1050-1150 lbs. and Heifers Good and Choice 900-950 lbs. Cows about 6% of receipts. Best outlets continue to be for Choice 2-3 Steers over 1100 lbs. and on Choice over 950 lbs. Heifers. Receipts about 2100 this week, 1544 a week ago and 2611 a year ago.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 61.00-63.00, mostly 61.50-63.00, few 63.50-63.75 on Monday; 2-3 950-1075 lbs. 61.00-62.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1150 lbs. 58.00-61.00, Good 950-1150 lbs. 55.00-60.00. Good, few



dressing Utility 1-2 43.00-43.50. Cutter 1-2 37.00-40.00. Canner and low Cutter 35.00-36.00.
BULLS: YG 1-2 1100-1700 lbs. 47.50-55.00, mostly 49.00-42.00.

Choice 2-3 1150-1300 lbs. Holsteins 53.00-54.50, Standard and Good 2 1050-1200 lbs. 49.00-51.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 925-1050 lbs. 59.00-61.50, mostly 59.00-60.00 Wednesday, but the lack of high dressing Choice 3 Heifers did not make a full market test possible. Choice 2-4 850-925 lbs. 57.50-59.50. Some Choice and Prime 4-5 1000-1125 lbs. 53.00-56.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1075 lbs. 56.00-59.50. Good 54.00-57.00.

COWS: Utility and Few Commercial 1-3 39.00-42.00, few high



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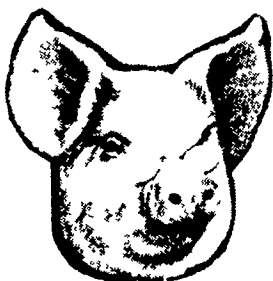


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