

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

AUG. 29-SEPT. 4, 1983
Rain and sun — still time for fun.

Cranberry harvesting begins . . . Germany invaded Poland Sept. 1, 1939 . . . Last quarter of the moon Aug. 31 (Wed.) . . . Average length of days for the week, 13 hours, 10 minutes . . . Capt Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began their expedition Aug. 31, 1803 . . . Treaty of Paris ended Revolutionary War Sept. 3, 1783 . . . *New brooms sweep clean but old ones know the corners*



Ask the Old Farmer: Have you ever heard of "apple tree" sailors and do you know what they were and why they were so called? J.B.S., Norfolk, Conn

Yes Deep-water sailors sneered at the coasters because they did business in shoal water. They did not navigate in the proper sense and were said to smell their way from port to port along the coast. In thick or stormy weather they were said to hold a course by keeping within the smell of the apple trees ashore. It might be added that there was a certain amount of truth in this. The "land smell" can be detected for miles at sea and many a canny coaster took advantage of the fact.

Home Hints: To reheat baked potatoes, dunk them in hot water before cooking in a moderate oven

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Week starts rainy and cool, sunny and mild into week-end; then showers, warm temperatures

Greater New York-New Jersey: Rainy and cool all week

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins cool with showers; rain north, cool remainder of week

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Clear, hot showers west most of the week; rainy and warm toward end

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Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Monday, Aug. 22

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 217: Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter cows .50-1.00 lower. Choice No. 2-4 950-1300 lbs. slaughter steers 59.85-64.25, Good 55.25-59.25, couple 61.00, Standard 48.00-53.50. Few Standard slaughter heifers 51.00-52.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 38.75-43.60, couple 44.85, Cutters 36.50-39.00, Canner & Low Cutter 32.50-36.50, Shells down to 30.00. Few Good slaughter bullocks 52.50-55.00. Yield Grade #1 1150-1900 lbs. slaughter bulls 46.10-51.50.

CALVES 293: Few Choice vealers 66.00-79.00, Good 58.00-

68.00, Standard & Good 70-105 lbs. 45.00-51.00, Utility 60-85 lbs. 40.00-45.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 60.00-88.00, mostly 70.00-80.00.

HOGS 230: Barrows & gilts mostly .50-1.00 higher. US No. 1-2 205-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 52.50-53.70, No. 1-3 205-235 lbs. 48.90-52.40, few lots No. 2-3 310-340 lbs. 35.25-37.00, few lots No. 1-3 165-195 lbs. 46.75-48.00. US No. 1-3 350-500 lbs. sows 36.50-39.25, few Utility 200-325 lbs. 29.25-33.00. Few Boars 29.00-32.00.

FEEDER PIGS 218: US No. 1-3 10-20 lbs. feeder pigs 10.00-13.00 per head, No. 1-3 25-50 lbs. 16.00-22.50, lot No. 1-3 60 lbs. 26.00, lot No. 1-3 85 lbs. 34.50 per head.

SHEEP 6: Few Slaughter ewes 12.00-20.00.

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Livestock market and auction news

Carlisle Auction

Carlisle, Pa.

Tuesday, August 23

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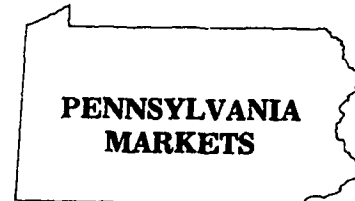
CATTLE: Steers were 1.50 higher with strong Demand; Heifers were too few for Full market test; Cows were 1.50 but very active and Fat Bulls were 3.00 higher. Steers: Choice 2-4 59.50-60.25 Good 52.00-58.00 Standard 51.00 Down. Heifers: Standard 43.00-45.00 Utility 41.50 Down. Cows: Utility & Commercial 39.50-43.10 Cutter 37.25-40.00 Canner & Low Cutter 33.00-37.00. Shells 32.00 Down. Fat Bulls: Good 1435-1580 lbs. 50.50-52.85 Standard 1310-1740 lbs. 46.80-49.75 Utility 1385-1425 lbs. 46.25-47.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers were steady to 2.00 higher; Heifers were 5.00 lower and Bulls were 1.00 to 2.00 lower. Steers: Good 350-550 lbs. 51.00-57.00 Medium 380-390 lbs. 49.00-51.00 Medium 585-700 lbs. 44.00-48.00. Heifers: Good 410-460 lbs. 49.00-54.00 Medium 625-665 lbs. 46.50-48.50 Medium 705-775 lbs. 42.50-43.00. Bulls: Good 475-520 lbs. 51.00-52.00 Medium 475-600 lbs. 45.00-46.00.

CALVES: Vealers were 9.00 lower and Back to the Farm Calves were 11.00 lower. Vealers: Choice 70.00-78.00 Good 60.00-70.00 Standard 50.00-65.00 Standard and Light 49.00 Down. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 72.50-76.00 Hol. Heifers 70.00-75.50.

HOGS: .75 cents lower; US No. 1-2 51.00-53.85 US No. 1-3 50.00-51.50. Sows: 3.00 higher US No. 1-3, 36.50-43.00 No. 2-3, 31.00-37.00 (mostly 37.00-39.00). Boars: 3.00 higher 30.00-34.00.

FEEDER PIGS: US No. 1-3, 20-



33 lbs. 14.00-17.00 hd. No. 1-3, 40-47 lbs. 20.00-27.00 hd. No. 1-3, 60-62 lbs. 27.00-32.00 Hd.

SHEEP: Lambs: Good & Low Choice 49.50-55.00 Utility 42.50-44.50. Ewes: 25.00-31.00. Goats: Individual 64.00 Rest 14.00-39.00.

Peoria Cattle

Thursday, August 25

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to last week Slaughter Steers and Heifers steady to 1.00 lower, Cows steady to weak. Bulls weak to 1.50 lower. Trade moderate during the week. Demand continues to narrow on Good and Mixed Good and Choice consignments as the corresponding carcasses move under pressure in wholesale channels. Receipts this week about 2650 as compared to 2454 a week ago and 2788 a year ago.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 60.50-61.50, Load 1250 lbs. 62.00, load 1125 lbs. 62.50. 1000-1100 lbs. 59.00-60.50. Several lots mostly YG 3-4's 1050-1250 lbs. 59.00-60.00, package YG 4-5 1500 lbs. 56.00. Good and Choice 2-3 950-1150 lbs. 57.00-60.50, bulk 58.00-60.00 Good 54.00-58.50. Holsteins: Good and Choice 2-3 1250-1350 lbs. 52.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 900-1025 lbs. 58.00-59.00, package 1000 lbs. 59.25, load 950 lbs. 59.50. 850-925 lbs. 57.00-58.00.

Good and Choice 2-3 850-1050 lbs. 56.00-58.00. Good 53.00-57.00.

COWS: Utility 1-3 36.00-40.00, part load 40.75 Cutter 34.00-36.00 canner and low cutter 32.00-35.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1060-1800 lbs. 44.00-50.50, individual 52.00.

G&M Livestock

Monday, August 22

Duncansville, Pa.

Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Steers-Choice 60.00-63.10; Good 54.00-60.00; Standard 46.00-54.00; Utility 46.00-48.00. Heifers-Choice 56.00-60.00; Good 52.00-56.26; Standard 48.00-52.00; Utility 44.00-48.00. Cows-Choice 42.00-44.00, few 46.00-50.00; Good 38.00-42.00; Standard 36.00-38.00; Utility 34.00-36.00; Cutters 32.00-34.00; Cannors down to 28.00. Bulls-1100-2046 lbs. 50.00-58.50, 900-1100 lbs. 42.00-54.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers-Choice 300-600 lbs. 46.00-56.00. Heifers-Choice 300-600 lbs. 44.00-54.00.

CALVES: Vealers-Prime and High Choice 85.00-95.00; Good and Choice 70.00-85.00; Standard 50.00-70.00; Utility down to 35.00. Farm Calves- Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 80.00-96.00. Heifers- 90-120 lbs. 60.00-97.50.

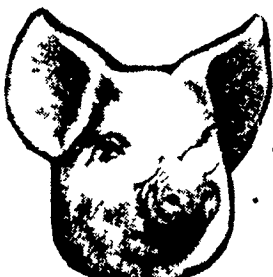
HOGS: Barrows and gilts 200-240 lbs. 49.00-53.10; 170-300 lbs. 47.00-49.00. Sows-300-650 lbs. 32.00-42.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 25-35 lbs. 15.00-25.00 per head; 35-50 lbs. 22.00-34.00.

SHEEP: Slaughter lambs 80-100 lbs. 42.00-54.00. Ewes 10.00-24.00.

GOATS: 12.00-39.00.

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