THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC



APRIL 2-8, 1984 Showers bring flowers with nectar for bees to devour.

Prune ragged branches and dead wood from shrubs now quarter of the moon April 8 (Sun) Average length of days for the week, 12 hours 54 minutes First performance of human cannonball circus act April 2, 1877 Hank Aaron hit 715th home run, breaking Babe Ruth's lifetime record, April 8 1974 Argentine invasion force seized Falkland Islands, April 2, 1982 Chiang Kai shek died April 5, 1975 Lightning started \$15 million fire in San Luis Obispo, Calif, that lasted five days and burned 900 acres April 7, 1926 Everything is good in its season



Ask the Old Farmer: How can we prevent skunks from coming near our living room and bedroom win-dows in the evening and stinking up the air that comes in the windows at night, often about an hour or two
after dark? We have no cats or dogs
in our neighborhood to stir them up
G W F, Canandaigua, N Y

Skunks spray only to defend themselves, so something or somebody is bothering them Skunks are looking for food so keep garbage pails covered They dig holes in a lawn for grubs so maybe spray the lawn with grub killer Do away with their source of food and they will hunt elsewhere Home Hints Windows can be cleaned better on a cloudy day than a clear one

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Rain all week with temperatures fluctuating from cold to cool to mild

Greater New York-New Jersey: Full week of rain with possible snow at beginning of week

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain with possible snow to start week continuing through week becoming heavy at week s end

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Peoria Cattle Thursday, March 29 Report supplied by USDA

Compared to last week: Slaughter steers and heifers .50 to 1.00 higher. Cows steady. Bulls firm to 1.00 higher. Trade opened active in response to previous week's late upturn in carcass beef. At midweek trade only moderate with buyers cautious and selective. Majority of receipts good and choice steers and heifers with 17% cows and bulls. Weekly receipts 1550 compared to 1199 last week and 1561 last year.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 68.50-70.50, few part loads 1150-1250 lbs. 71.00. Good and choice 2-3 900-1200 lbs. 66.50-69.00. Good mostly 63.00-66.50. Holsteins: Standard and good 1-3 1150-1250 lbs. 58.00-58.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 950-1200 lbs. 67.00-67.50, around 2 loads 68.00-69.00. Good and Choice 2-3 850-1050 lbs. 65.00-67.00. Good 61.00-65.00.

COWS: Breaking utility and commercial 2-4 40.00-43.00, high cutter and boning utility 1-3 43.00-36.50. Canner and low cutter 1-2 36.00-43.00

BULLS: YG 1-2 1100-1900 lbs. 50.00-54.00, couple YG 1 1825-2075 lbs. 55.00-56.00.

Penns Valley Livestock

Centre Hall, Pa. Tuesday, March 27 Report supplied by auction

Beef Cows: Utility and Commercial 42.50-47.75; Cutters 39.75-42.25; Canners 36.00-38.50; Shells

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Livestock market and auction news

Heifers: Good 59.50-62.75; Standard 53.25-58.75; Commercial 44.75-51.50.

53.00-58.00, Steers. Good Standard 45.75-52.50.

Bulls: Good 51 50-53 75; Standard 45.75-50.00.

Feeder Cattle: 300-500 lbs. large frame 40.00-48.00; 300-500 lbs. small frame 43.00-47.00; 500-700 lbs. large frame 39.00-46.00; 500-700 lbs. small frame 41.00-44.00.

Veal Calves: Good 65.00-78.00; Standard 52.00-64.00; Utility 45.00-

Farm Calves: Bulls 62.00-74.00; Heifers 58.00-65.00.

Hogs: 44.75-46.25. Sows: 39.25-41.25. Boars: 21.50-24.75.

Shoats: 25-30 lbs. per head 18.00-

23.00, 30-35 lbs per head 21.00-34.00; 35-50 lbs per head 31.00-49.50.

Lambs: 55.00-59.00. Goats: 22.00-31.00.

G&M Livestock Monday, March 26 Duncansville, Pa.

Report supplied by auction DAIRY COWS (25 traded): 400.00-960.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Steers-Choice 64.00-68.00; Good 60.00-64.00; Standard 50.00-60.00; Utility 48.00-52.00. Heifers- Choice 60.00-64.00; Good 54.00-60.00; Standard 50.00-54.00; Utility 42.00-50.00. Cows- Choice 46.00-47.00, couple to 50.00; Good 42.00-46.00; Standard 38.00-42.00; Utility 36.00-37.00;

Cutters 34.00-36.00; Canners down to 30.00. Bulls 1200-2196 lbs. 50.00-57.00; 900-1100 lbs. 48.00-54.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers-Choice 300-600 lbs. 60.00-67.00; Medium and Good 300-700 lbs. 50.00-60.00. Heifers- Choice 300-600

lbs. 50.00-60.00.

CALVES: Vealers- Prime and High Choice 85.00-99.00; Good and Choice 70.00-85.00; Standard 50.00-70.00; Utility down to 35.00. Farm Calves- Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 75.00-106.00; Heifers 90-120 lbs. 60.00-82.50.

HOGS: Barrows and Gilts 210-240 lbs. 47.00-49.75; 170-300 lbs. 45.00-47.75. Sows 300-500 lbs. 40.00-46.50; Boars 27.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 25-35 lbs. 25.00-35.00 per head; 35-50 lbs. 35.00-

SHEEP: Slaughter lambs none. Ewe 20.00.



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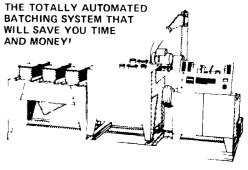
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