

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

FEB. 18-24, 1985

Twilight on snow has an amethyst glow

Start parsley indoors now Edna St Vincent Millay born in Rockland Me Feb 22 1892 Average length of days for the week 10 hours 51 minutes New moon Feb 19 (Tues) Washington Monument dedicated Feb 21 1885 Pluto discovered Feb 18 1930 He that knows least commonly presumes most



Ask the Old Farmer: Our concrete birdbath has cracked. Is there something we can use to seal it? W.I. Swanton Ohio

Mix up a little regular cement with water to make a paste. Wet the birdbath and let sit for five minutes or so. Then pack the cement into the crack with your finger wearing rubber gloves. Cover the area with an old towel and keep it damp for a few days.

Home Hints: Wipe dust from leaves of houseplants, especially during winter when maximum light is needed.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week partly cloudy, cold; midweek mild with rain; snow in mountains.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Partly cloudy and cold at week's beginning; midweek moderate to heavy rain; milder end of week; very cold flurries.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week starts cloudy and cold; midweek rain; mild temperatures; end of week rain and snow; turning cold.

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New Wilmington Livestock

New Wilmington, Pa.
Monday, February 11
Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 205: Compared with last Monday's market, Slaughter cows 1.50-2.00 higher. One choice Slaughter Steer 61.50, One Good 57.50, Few Standard 50.00-56.50, Good Slaughter Heifers 52.00-57.75, Standard 45.00-50.25, Breaking Utility & Commercial Slaughter Cows 43.00-47.00, one 47.75, Cutter & Boning Utility 39.50-44.00, Canner & Low Cutter 32.00-40.00, Shells down to 25.00. Yield Grade No. 1 1260-1795 lbs. slaughter bulls, 48.75-53.50, One Yield Grade No. 2 1350 lbs. @ 46.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers Medium Frame No. 1 380-570 lbs. 52.00-59.50, Heifers Medium Frame No. 1 340-560 lbs. 45.00-49.75. Bulls few Medium & Large No. 1 650-810

lbs. 44.00-52.50.

CALVES 275: Few Good & Choice Vealers 83.00-88.00, Few Standard 50.00-60.00, Standard & Good 90-103 lbs. 57.00-61.00, 65-85 lbs. 47.50-60.00, Utility 45-85 lbs. 20.00-40.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 95-135 lbs. 60.00-76.00, 1 Lot Holstein Heifers 103 lbs. @ 64.00.

HOGS 564: Barrows & Gilts mostly 1.00 higher. US No. 1-2 215-250 lbs. barrows and gilts 50.00-51.50, No. 1-3 210-255 lbs. 49.00-50.50, No. 2-3 225-285 lbs. 46.50-48.00, No. 1-3 150-190 lbs. 40.00-45.20, Sows: About Steady. US No. 1-3 340-680 lbs. Sows 45.00-50.00. Boars 28.00-36.00.

FEEDER PIGS 21: US No. 1-3 30-40 lbs. feeder pigs 17.00-22.00 per head.

SHEEP 28: Woolled Slaughter Lambs Few Choice & Prime 75-95 lbs. 71.00-81.00, one @ 86.00. Few Slaughter Ewes 26.00-32.00.

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Weekly

Thursday, Feb. 14

Report Supplied by USDA

Lower Dressed Beef quotations triggered a similar response in live cattle prices with Fed Steers and Heifers ending the week 25-75 cents lower. Further inroads into the live price structure were forestalled by a buyer demand that easily equaled the modest salable supply. Overall finish continued ordinary and mud an ongoing problem. Cows 1.00-2.00 lower. Bulls fully 1.00 higher.

Estimated 5 day receipts 6750; Actuals last week 7042 and a year ago 9197. Steers comprised 38 pct of the week's receipts, Heifers 46 pct, Cows 13 pct, Feeders 2 pct.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 63.50-64.50, package 65.00; few part loads 1000-1050 lbs. 63.00-63.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1150 lbs. 62.50-63.50. Good 60.00-62.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 950-1100 lbs. 62.00-63.25. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1050 lbs. 61.00-62.00. Good 58.00-61.00.

Average of LS 214 detailed quotations for 900-1100 lb. Choice Steers 63.25; 1100-1300 lbs. 64.10. Average cost Steers 62.73, average weight 1192 lbs.; as compared 63.79 and 1178 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 61.59, average weight 1038 lbs.; as compared 62.50 and

1039 lbs. a week ago.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-3 40.50-44.50. Cutter and Boning Utility 1-2 40.00-43.00, High Dressing to 44.50. Canner and Low Cutter 35.00-40.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: 1-2 1300-2400 lb. 49.00-55.00, Low Dressing to 42.00.

WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY: Feeder Steers under 600# 2.00-3.00 higher; over 600# 1.00 higher. Feeder Heifers under 500# 3.00-4.00 higher; over 500# 2.00-2.50 higher. Feeder numbers back to normal following last weeks very light run due to weather. Cow and Bull percentage below normal. Slaughter Cows steady to 50 cents higher with very limited test on the close barely steady. Breaking-Utility 2-3 43.00-45.30. Boning-Utility 1-2 40.00-45.75 several 41.00-45.25. Cutter 1-2 38.50-43.00. Canner and Low-Dressing Cutter 36.00-39.25. Bulls 2.00 higher. Y.G. 1 1500-2300# 52.00-57.00. Few 50.00-52.00; 1200-1500# 50.00-54.20, package 1495 lb. 57.10, few thin in late trading 48.00-50.00. Salable receipts this week estimated at 13,200 head; last weeks actual count 1651; last years number 13,406. Feeder Steers and Heifers comprised 93% of receipts; Cows and Bulls 7%.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Monday, February 11
Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 238: Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter cows .75-1.75 higher. Choice 1025-1285 lbs. slaughter steers 64.66-75.00, Good 55.00-62.00, Holsteins 53.75-56.50, few Choice holsteins 56.50-59.75. Few Good slaughter heifers 54.75-58.25, few Standard 46.75-52.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 41.50-46.50, couple 48.75, Cutter & Boning Utility 38.75-43.75, Canner & Low Cutter 34.50-38.50, Shells down to 32.00. Couple Good slaughter bullocks 52.00 & 53.75. Few Yield Grade No. 1 920-1940 slaughter bulls 47.75-52.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Few Large Frame #1 370-600 lbs. heifers 45.50-53.00.

CALVES 192: Couple Choice vealers 80.00 & 85.00, few Good 65.00-70.00, few Standard & Good 110-120 lbs. 58.00-62.00, 70-105 lbs. 51.00-58.00, few Utility 60-85 lbs. 45.00-50.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 60.00-90.00.

HOGS 93: Barrows and gilts 1.00-1.50 higher. US No. 1-3 210-250 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.50-52.85, few lots No. 1-3 160-200 lbs. 44.75-47.10. US No. 1-3 350-675 lbs. sows 45.00-49.25, few Medium 250-270 lbs. 30.00-34.50. Few Boars 33.75-39.00.

FEEDER PIGS 97: US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 25.00-30.00 per head, few lots 40-50 lbs. 33.50-44.00 per head.

SHEEP: No Sales Offer.

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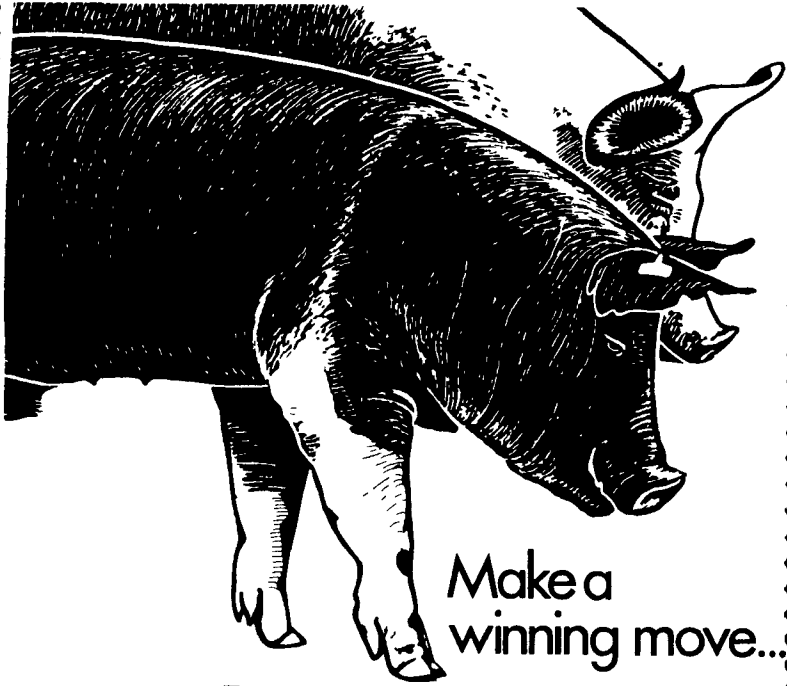
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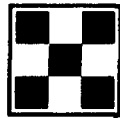
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