

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

April 8-14, 1985

Though winds are still, the air is chill.

Plant trees and shrubs now. Average length of days for the week, 13 hours, 11 minutes. Last quarter of the moon, April 11 (Thurs). President Franklin D. Roosevelt died April 12, 1945. John Rolfe married Pocahontas, April 14, 1614. You can live well whether you're rich or poor, but it's cheaper if you're poor.



Ask the Old Farmer: I noticed that cows feeding in the pasture are all facing the same way. Is there a reason for this? J.W.H., Springfield, Ill.

Yup: Cows swing like weathervanes, to head the wind. Otherwise the wind roughs up their fur and they don't like it. They'll point any which way on windless days.

Home Hints: Leave mud spatters until they have dried then remove by brushing.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning through midweek mild, end of week cold, with rain south, snow in mountains.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Sunny and mild with possible sprinkles at week's beginning, midweek sunny and warm, end of week cold with moderate to heavy rain, snow in north.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins partly cloudy and warm, by midweek clear and warm, end of week brings snow, sleet, and rain.

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Central U.S. Carlot

Beef Report

Wednesday, April 3

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's 4:00 P.M. report, no sales reported on Choice 3 Steer Carcasses, no comparison on Good. Heifers mostly steady. Demand and trading light. Supplies light to moderate.

The Gross Boxed Beef Carcass cutout value advanced \$.55 to an estimated \$97.71 per cwt., 165 loads boxed cuts reported.

Sales reported on 48 loads of Steer and Heifer Carcasses.

Steer Beef

21 Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

Choice 2 600-700 lbs. 92.00-92.50.
 Good 2 & Low 3 600-700 lbs. 89.50-92.00, mostly 91.50-92.00.

Heifer Beef

27 Loads

FOB Omaha Basis

Choice 3 550-700 lbs. 90.00, steady; 500-550 lbs. 89.00; 400-500 lbs. 87.00.

Choice 2 600-700 lbs. 91.00-91.50.

Choice 4 500-700 lbs. 79.00.
 Good 2 & Low 3 600-700 lbs. 88.00-90.00, mostly 89.50-90.00.
 Good 2-3 400-550 lbs. 84.00.

Cow Beef

44 Loads

Midwest: Prices 1.00-3.00 lower. Demand light on light supplies.

Eastern Texas and Oklahoma: Prices 1.00-2.00 lower than last week. Demand light in face of slow movement and lower prices on Boneless Beef prices.

Sales In The Midwest Production Area

FOB Omaha Basis

Brk Utility 2-3 450&up lbs. 70.00-70.50.

Bng Utility 1-3 400&up lbs. 73.00.
 Cutter 1-2 400&up lbs. 79.00.

Sales In Eastern Texas and Oklahoma Production Areas

Brk Utility 2-3 450&up lbs. FOB Plant 70.00.

Bng Utility 1-3 400&up lbs. FOB Plant 75.50-76.00, mostly 75.50; Delivered Plant 76.50-77.00.

Cutter 1-2 350&up lbs. FOB Plant 79.00-79.50, mostly 79.00; Delivered Plant 80.00-80.50.

Beef

Beef Trimmings
 108 Loads
 FOB Omaha Basis
 90% Chem Lean Fresh 103.00.
 75% Chem Lean Fresh 80.00-81.00.
 92% Chem Lean Fresh Bull 109.50.
 50% Chem Lean Fresh 48.25-50.00, mostly 48.50.
Eastern Texas and Oklahoma FOB Plant
 90% Chem Lean Fresh 103.50-105.00.
 90% Chem Lean Frozen 105.00.
 85% Chem Lean Fresh 99.00.
 50% Chem Lean Fresh 48.50.

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Pork Report

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Compared to Tuesday's 4:00 report, Fresh Pork Loins 14-18 lbs. steady, 17-22 lbs. steady to \$1.50 higher. Skinned Hams steady to \$3.00 lower. Sdls Bellies \$1.00-1.50 lower. Trade and offerings moderate. Demand light to moderate with some interest on loins for mid-April developing.

US No. 1 & 2 175 lb. Pork Carcass cutout value declined \$.44-47 P/Cwt.

Sales reported on 84 loads of Fresh Pork Cuts, and 10 loads of Trimmings and Boneless Processing Pork.

Fresh Pork Cuts

LOINS (Regular): 14-18 lbs. 75.00-80.00, steady; 14-18 lbs. 86.00-87.00 ship no comparison; April 9-17; 17-22 lbs. 75.00-77.00, steady-1.50 higher.
PICNICS: 4-8 lbs. 39.00 late yesterday no comparison.
SPARERIBS (Frozen): 3.5/dn lbs. 116.00-118.00, no comparison.
HAMS SKINNED: 14-17 lbs. 65.00, steady; 17-20 lbs. 58.50-59.00, 1.00-1.50 lower; 20-26 lbs. 55.00, load 56.00, steady-2.00 lower; 26-30 lbs. 52.00, 3.00 lower; 26/up lbs. 49.00.

BELLIES (Sdls - Skin On): 12-14 lbs. 58.00-59.00, 1.00-1.50 lower; 14-16 lbs. 58.00-59.00, 1.00-1.50 lower; 16-18 lbs. 57.00, 1.00 lower; 18-20 lbs. 51.00, 1.00 lower.

Pork Trimmings

Boneless Processing Pork (Chemical Lean)
 72% Lean Trimmings, Fresh 60.00, weak.
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 72% Lean Trimmings, Frozen 60.50, no comparison.
 72% Boneless Picnics, Fresh 61.00-62.00, 1.00-2.00 lower.
 Jowls, Frozen 31.00, no comparison.

East Coast Carlot

Wednesday, April 3

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's close: Special Fed Veal steady to 4.00 higher. Good and Choice Boning Veal unevenly steady; inshipped steady to firm in limited test. Choice and Prime Lamb 55 lbs. down steady with last week. Boneless Beef weak with last week in very light test.

Veal Carcass

Choice & Prime (Special Fed)

Hide On 620 Head

220-280 lbs. 155.00-160.00, steady-4.00 higher.

Good and Choice

Boning Type

Hide On 1200 Head

NORTHEASTERN SUPPLIERS: 65-75 lbs. 85.00-88.00, unevenly steady; 55-64 lbs. 83.00-86.00; 45-54 lbs. 81.00-84.00; 35-44 lbs. 79.00-82.00; 34 lbs. down 77.00-80.00.

INSHIPPED: 150 head. 71-80 lbs. 86.00-88.00, steady-firm; 61-70 lbs. 84.00-86.00; 51-60 lbs. 82.00-84.00; 41-50 lbs. 80.00-82.00; 30-40 lbs. 78.00-80.00.

Lamb Beef

Choice & Prime 3-4

1 Load

55 lbs. down 150.00, steady with last week.

Boneless Beef

(US & Canadian Origin)

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