

**THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC**

April 15-21, 1985

A glimpse of sun before week is done.

Income tax returns due April 15 (Mon) Frederick Froebel originator of kindergarten born April 21 1782 Benjamin Franklin died April 17, 1790 Coca-Cola opened plant in Peking China, April 15 1981 Noah Webster's dictionary published April 21 1828 *Faith is to man what gravity is to planets and stars.*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** I am curious about the origin of the name turnips for the old large pocket watches men used to carry

FB Huntington W Va *First of all they didn't call a watch a 'turnip' they called it a turnup. One of the meanings of 'turnup' is a stroke of good luck. There was a time when a man who owned a watch was regarded as lucky.*

**Home Hints:** Use baking soda to remove toilet bowl stains.

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST**

**New England:** Week begins cold mid through end of week sunny and mild few showers possible

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Cold and rainy at week's beginning, midweek clear and warm end of week cloudy and cool

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Through midweek clearing very warm end of week cold with rain

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**Keister's Livestock**

Middleburg, Pa. Tuesday, April 9

Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 307:** Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter steers mostly steady to strong. Slaughter cows steady to weak. Choice 1180-1580 lbs. 59.10-63.00, Good 53.25-58.25, Holstein 49.50-53.75, Few Choice holsteins 53.75-56.00, Standard 46.50-48.50. Few Prime Choice slaughter heifers 59.75-59.85, Few Choice slaughter heifers 54.00-59.35. Breaking Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 39.50-42.85, couple 46.10, Cutter & Boning Utility 38.00-41.50, Canner & Low Cutter 34.50-37.50. Individual Choice slaughter bullock at 55.50, Individual Good at 53.00. Yield Grade No. 1 975-1860 lbs. slaughter bulls, 44.35-49.85.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Medium Frame #1 450-750 steers & bulls 52.00-63.75.

**CALVES 129:** Couple Prime vealers 90.00 & 91.00, Few Choice

76.00-86.00, Few Good 65.00-70.00, Standard & Good 70-105 lbs. 50.00-55.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 55.00-85.00, Few Holstein heifers 90-110 lbs. 65.00-68.00.

**HOGS 406:** Barrows & gilts 25 cents to 50 cents higher. US No. 1-2 215-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 43.00-44.25, Few Lots to 45.00, No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 42.25-43.00, No. 2-3 200-270 lbs. 36.00-42.25. Sows: US No. 1-3 450-650 lbs. sows 36.00-40.50, No. 2-3 320-500 lbs. 34.00-37.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 203:** US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 26.50-37.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-55 lbs. 34.00-43.00 per head.

**SHEEP 38:** Choice 30-50 lbs. Spring Slaughter Lambs 100.00-116.00. Few Slaughter ewes 16.00-24.00.

higher. Trade, demand and offerings moderate.

US No. 1 & 2 175 lb. Pork Carcass cutout value advanced \$.09-.10 per cwt.

Sales reported on 57 loads of Fresh Pork Cuts, and 3 loads of Trimmings and Boneless Processing Pork.

**Fresh Pork Cuts**

**LOINS (Regular):** 14-18 lbs. 83.00-86.00, steady; 17-22 lbs. 80.50-82.00, steady to weak; 22&up lbs. 77.50.

**BOSTON BUTTS:** 4-8 lbs. 63.00, weak.

**SPARERIBS (Frozen):** 3.5&dn lbs. 118.00 frozen, generally steady; 3.5&dn lbs. 115.00, fresh; in combos no comparison.

**HAMS SKINNED:** 17-20 lbs. 60.00-61.50, steady to 1.50 higher; 20-26 lbs. 59.00, 1.00 higher; 32&up lbs. 55.00, no comparison.

**BELLIES (Sdls - Skin On):** 12-14 lbs. 60.00, firm; 14-16 lbs. 60.00-60.25, \$.50-.75 higher; 16-18 lbs. 58.50, steady to .75 higher.

**Pork Trimmings**

**Boneless Processing Pork (Chemical Lean)**

72% Lean Trimmings Fresh 63.50, firm.

72% Lean Trimmings Frozen 62.50, firm.

**Central U.S. Carlot**

Pork Report

Wednesday, April 10

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's 4:00 report, Fresh Pork Loins 14-18 lbs. steady, 17-22 lbs. steady to weak light test. Skd Hams steady to 1.50 higher. Sdls Bellies firm to .75

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