

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JUNE 3-9, 1985

Rainy nights, more bug bites.

Start seeds for fall crops now Average length of days for the week, 15 hours, 10 minutes  
 Vacuum cleaner patented June 8, 1869 First meeting of New Jersey general assembly, June 4, 1668 Debut of 'Topper' on NBC radio, June 7, 1945  
 American Indians gained citizenship June 3, 1924 Cole Porter born June 9, 1893  
*Better do it than wish it done*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Two years ago I planted small fir trees, about five feet high. Now I don't want them to grow any taller. At what time of the year should I cut the tops off? J.K., South west Harbor, Maine  
*I have a hedge made with fir. I wait until the middle of summer after the growth for that year is well along then trim them. If you trim the top to the height you want, the tree will fill in the sides when sides are the size you want trim them back too.*  
**Home Hints:** Apply a paste of baking soda and water to insect stings.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Week begins sunny and warm, mid through end of week cool with rain  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Clear and hot at week's beginning, midweek rain cool temperatures, end of week clearing and warm  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Clear and hot start to week, mid through end of week rain, mild temperatures  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Sunny and hot at week's beginning, mid through end of week showers, continuing hot

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## Keister's Livestock

Middleburg, Pa.  
 Tuesday, May 28

Report supplied by auction

**CATTLE 305:** Compared with last Tuesday's market, Slaughter Steers & Cows about steady. High Choice & Prime Slaughter Steers 56.50-58.50, Choice 1040-1460 54.00-57.10, Choice Holstein 51.00-52.35, Good 50.00-53.75, Holstein 48.00-50.50, Few Standard 43.60-47.50. Choice Slaughter Heifers 51.60-56.00 Individual at 58.50, Few Good 49.10-51.25. Breaking Utility & Commercial Slaughter Cows 43.25-45.50, Couple to 47.60, Cutter & Boning Utility 40.50-44.25, Canner & Low Cutter 37.10-40-10, Shells down to 36.00. Couple Choice Slaughter Bullocks 53.00 & 55.85, Few Good 49.75-53.75. Few Yield Grade No. 1 975-1800 lbs. Slaughter Bulls, 45.00-52.00.  
**FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers Large & Medium Frame 1 400-650 lbs.

55.00-63.00.

**CALVES 150:** Few Choice Vealers 75.00-84.00, Few Good 63.00-70.00, Standard & Good 70-105 lbs. 50.00-58.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Holstein Bulls 90-120 lbs. 60.00-81.00, Few Holstein Heifers 90-120 lbs. 52.00-62.00.

**HOGS 590:** Barrows & gilts \$1.00-1.50 higher. US No. 1-2 210-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 45.50-46.75 (60 head to 47.85), No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 44.50-45.50, No. 2-3 200-270 lbs. 40.00-44.50. Sows-US No. 1-3 310-600 lbs. sows 34.50-39.00, Few to 41.00, No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 30.00-34.00. Boars 30.50-32.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 242:** US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 30.00-40.00 per head, No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. 40.00-49.50 per head.

**SHEEP 21:** Choice 85-110 lbs. Spring Slaughter Lambs 77.00-83.00, Individual at 130.00 at 88.00, Few Good 65-85 lbs. 70.00-76.00. Few Slaughter ewes 22.00-26.00.

# Livestock market and auction news

## Westminster Livestock Auction

Westminster, Pa.  
 Tuesday, May 21

Report supplied by auction

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Active \$1.50 higher. High Yield 44.00-46.00; Utility 41.00-44.00; Canners 38.00-41.00; Shelly 37.00 down. Bulls- 1 Good 1550 lb. at 51.00. Fed Steers- \$2.00 higher on good run. High Choice 1050-1200 lb. 57.00-57.75; Good Low Choice 50.00-55.00; Good Holsteins 1000-1600 lb. 45.00-49.75. Fed Heifers- \$2.00 higher. Choice 900 lb. 54.50-55.25; Medium to Good 45.00-50.00. Veal Calves- Heavy weights scarce. Choice Individual 335 lb. at 79.00; 145 lb. at 92.00; Standard to Good 120-140 lb. 60.00-68.00; Killers 80-110 lb. 50.00-60.00; Weak/Rough 45.00 down. Farm Calves- \$5.00 higher. Holstein Bulls 100-125 lb. 70.00-80.00; 90-100 lb. 65.00-75.00. Butcher Hogs- \$1.00 higher. US #1 & 3 215-240 lb. 1 lot at 42.85; 240-260 lb. 42.00-42.25.

**STOCK CATTLE:** 90 head. Steers- Steady prices. 300-500 lb. Good to Choice 68.00-74.00; Medium 60.00-68.00; 500-700 lb. Good to Choice 66.00-71.00; 700-850 lb. few 60.00-62.00. Heifers- 300-700

lb.-Choice 50.00-55.00; 2 hd. 61.00-62.00; Good 45.00-50.00. Bulls- 300-500 lb. Choice 62.00-67.00; Good 58.00-62.00. Lambs- 44 Hd. \$5.00 lower. 90-110 lb. 70.00; Good 65.00-67.00; Few Choice 120-135 lb. 61.00-62.00; 50-80 lb. 63.00-66.00; 30-45 lb. 65.00-79.00. Sheep- 35 Head. Good 20.00-26.00; Several 30.00-34.00; Some over Finished 13.00-17.50. Goats- 42 Head. Mature 30.00-46.00, 1 Large to 70.00; Kids 19.00-32.00. Pigs & Shoats- 124 Hd. \$3.00-5.00 higher. 25-30 lb. 27.00-39.50; 30-50 lb. 34.00-48.50; 1 lot 72 lb. at 61.00. By the Lb. 1 lot 107 lb. at 54.00. Sows- 500-650 lb. 36.00-39.75; 300-500 lb. 33.00-37.25. Boars- 1 at 430 lb. at 30.75.

Hay 6 Loads

New Alfalfa 2.05 a bale, Alfalfa Orchard Grass 1.40 a bale, Timothy 70.00 a ton, Mixed Hay

70.00 a ton, Barley Straw 56.00 a ton, 1.60 a bale.

Next week, May 28th, will be a special advertised Feeder Cattle Sale.

## New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables  
 Wednesday, May 29

Report supplied by auction  
 Reported receipts of 53 cows, 33 heifers, and 6 bulls. Market steady. Load of PA fresh cows, 560.00-925.00; springers 825.00-900.00. Load of PA fresh cows, 650.00-1075.00. Load of NY fresh cows, 785.00-1275.00. Load of PA fresh cows, 500.00-860.00. Locally consigned cows 490.00-1200.00. Springing heifers 510.00-975.00. Bulls 390.00-550.00.



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## FRIDAY, JUNE 7 ON THE FARM MONTHLY BRED GILT SALE

Sale to Start Promptly Every 4 Weeks at 7:30 P.M.

7:30  
 4 Evening Sales  
 June 7 July 5 Aug. 2 Aug. 30  
 7:30 D.S.T.

Located 18 miles south of Lancaster, Pa., 6 miles south of Quarryville, take Rt. 272 to Little Britain, turn north, follow Little Britain Road to Jackson Road, right. 2nd farm, OR take Rt. 222, out of Quarryville to Cedar Hill Road to Little Britain Road to Jackson Road, left Watch for sale arrows.

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 Now selling our new hybrid gilts representing mostly York & Hampshire & Landrace cross. Bred for easier & less trouble over farrowing and better weight gains.

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**NEXT SALE DATE JULY 5**