

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 17-23, 1986

A mild week at both ends but cold in the middle.

Dethatch and fertilize old lawns now Average length of days for the week, 12 hours, 8 minutes First quarter of the moon March 18 (Tues) Handel's *Messiah* first performed in London, March 23, 1743 U.S. population estimated to be 159 million, March 20, 1953 Actor Peter Lorre died at age 59, March 23, 1964 Massasoit and Pilgrims agreed on league of friendship, Plymouth, Mass., March 22, 1621 *Time flies over us, but leaves its shadow behind*



Ask the Old Farmer: I'm a fire truck buff and know quite a bit about the history of firefighting, but I've never known why some trucks are called 'hook and ladder' trucks. D.H., Cambridge, Mass. Such trucks used to carry a huge hook on a pole to haul wooden buildings apart in order to contain the fire.

Home Hints: Clip the corner off an envelope to use as a one time funnel

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Week begins with mild temperatures, midweek sunny, then turning cold and snowy, week ends clear and mild
Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week rain, changing to snow inland, mid through end of week sunny and mild, with showers possible
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rain and mild temperatures at beginning of week, clear and warm midweek, end of week rainy and warm

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Oklahoma Cattle

Wednesday, March 12
 Report Supplied by USDA

Oklahoma National Stockyards
 Unchanged except for addition of weekly trends
Cattle and Calves: Est. 5,000
Today's Auction Total 2,805
Same Day Last Week 4,781
Tuesday's Final Auction Count 15,809

Feeder steers and heifers steady to 1.00 lower. Demand good for thin grass cattle demand light from feedlot accounts. Limited numbers slaughter cows and bulls steady. Bulk supply medium frame 1 thru 2 450-850# steers and 400-675# heifers. Cows and bulls near 2% of estimated receipts. Large share of cows bought for return to the country.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium frame 1 400-500 lb. 68.50-74.75; 500-600 lb. 64.25-69.50, fleshy 63.00-65.25; 600-700# 58.00-61.25; 700-800# 56.50-57.90, lot 710# 60.00; 800-900# 55.00-57.30; lot 925# 55.50. Medium

and large frame mixed 1-2 350-400# thin 73.50-75.00; 450-500# 64.00-67.25; 500-600# 58.00-65.25, lots thin 500-550# 65.25-68.50; 600-700# 55.50-58.00; 700-800# 54.25-57.60; 800-925# 53.00-54.70. Medium and large frame 2 400-500# thin 66.00-66.60; 475# Barhman-Cross with humps 52.00; 500-700# 53.00-56.00; few 745-750# 52.60-53.40; lot 1020# 51.00.

Large frame 2 holsteins 435# 56.00; 650-700# 45.90-46.60; 800-850# 43.60-44.80; lot 1025# 42.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium few large frame 1 375-500# few 55.75-58.10; 500-600# 54.10-56.70; few 625-650# 52.55-55.80; lot 720# exotics 52.90; lot 745# very fleshy 52.25.

Medium and large frame mixed 1-2 365# thin 62.00; 350-500# 55.50-57.00; lot 695# 53.00.

Medium and large frame 2 360# 55.70; 400-500# 50.00-54.70; 500-700# 45.50-52.00; 775-900# including heiferettes 40.30-45.80.

Medium and large frame 2-3 420# 48.50; 575-700# 45.50-45.70.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Boning

utility 1-2 thru commercial 2-35.50-37.25.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: YG 1 1125-1400 lb. 44.00-45.25 few 1700-2000 lb. 47.00-50.00.

REPLACEMENT OR FEEDER COWS: Small and medium frame 1 aged in cutter flesh 36.40-38.75.

For The Week: Feeder steers under 600# and heifers under 500# steady to 1.00 lower, heavier weights both classes 1.00-3.00 lower mostly 2.00-3.00 off. Slaughter cows steady to 50 cents higher. Slaughter bulls steady to 1.00 lower.

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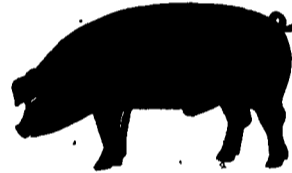
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