

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

April 28-May 4, 1986

Who would not praise these sunny days?

New Hampshire celebrates Fast Day April 28 (Mon) Average length of days for the week, 14 hours 4 minutes Last quarter of the moon April 30 (Wed) First (successful) parachute jump occurred April 28, 1919 Gideon Sandback of Hoboken, N.J., patented the zipper, April 29, 1913 The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences founded May 4, 1927 Women's Hospital of New York City, the first U.S. hospital founded by women for women, opened May 4, 1855 Sarah Hale author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb," died April 30, 1879 "Painting the pump doesn't clear the well"



Ask the Old Farmer: I have always wondered why farmers have always painted their barns red. Does it have anything to do with tradition? L.C.S., Detroit, Mich.  
 Nope. 'Twas cheaper and stood the weather better.  
 Home Hints: Baking soda and water will remove coffee stains from plastic dishes.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Beginning of week sunny with warm temperatures, mid through end of week rainy, then clear  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Clear with mild temperatures through midweek, end of week sprinkles, clearing and warm  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Week begins with warm temperatures, midweek showers, continued warm, end of week cloudy

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## Eighty-Four Livestock

Eighty-Four, Pa.  
 Monday, Apr. 21

Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE** 275. Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows \$2.50-\$3 higher. Choice slaughter steers 51.25-55, few Good 48.50-51, Standard 43.00-47, Utility 37.25-42.25. One Choice slaughter heifer at 54.00, Standard 38.50-43.50, Utility 35-38.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 34.50-38, Cutter & Boning Utility 32.00-35, Canner & Low Cutter 26.50-32, Shells down to 20. Yield Grade No. 1 1300-2200 lbs. slaughter bulls 40-45.25, #2 900-1400 lbs. 37.25-40.50, Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame #1 350-560 lbs. steers 54-65.50. Medium Frame #1 350-650 lbs. 45.00-51, few Large #1 500 lbs. at 52.00. Medium Frame #1 4-650 lbs. bulls 52.00-60.00.

**CALVES** 170. Few Choice vealers 75.00-85, Good 65.00-75, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 40.00-

50, 60-85 lbs. 36.00-42, Utility 50-85 lbs. 22.00-35. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs. 64.00-90, few to 100.00.

**HOGS** 124. Barrows and gilts 50 cents to 75 cents lower. US No. 1-2 220-255 lbs. 38.25-39, No. 1-3 225-250 lbs. 37.50-38.25, No. 2-4 240-305 lbs. 34.50-35.50. US No. 1-3 280-630 lbs. sows 36-38.50, No. 2-3 4-600 lbs. 35.00-37. Few Boars 24.00-26.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 12. US No. 1-3 29 lbs. feeder pigs at 23.50 per head.

**SHEEP** 436. BULK SOLD TO EASTER GREEK TRADE. High Choice & Prime 25-40 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 120.00-130, 40-55 lbs. 112.00-128, 55-75 lbs. 105.00-112; Choice 30-50 lbs. 107.00-118, 65-95 lbs. 92.00-97; Good 25-40 lbs. 70.00-75; High Choice & Prime 70-80 lbs. wool lambs 90.00-95, 95-105 lbs. 80.00-84. **GOATS** 73: 14.00-30.00 per head, Kids 14.00-25 per head.

## Penns Valley Livestock

Centre Hall, Pa.  
 Tuesday, Apr. 22

Report supplied by Auction  
**Beef Cows:** Utility and Commercial 37.50-41.75; Cutters 35.50-37.10; Canners 32.50-34.85; Shells 30.00.

**Heifers:** Standard 38.00-47.50; Commercial 32.50-37.85.

**Steers:** Good 46.75-50.40; Standard 41.50-46.00.

**Bulls:** Standard 40.70-45.25.

**Feeder Cattle:** 300-500 lbs. large frame 47.50-53.50; 300-500 lbs. small frame 48.00-50.50; 500-700 lbs. large frame 47.50-52.50; 500-700 lbs. small frame 46.00-49.00.

**Veal Calves:** Choice 79.00-86.00; Good 58.00-78.00; Standard 48.00-57.00; Utility 43.00-47.00.

**Farm Calves:** Bulls 81.00-109.00.

**Hogs:** 39.50-40.75.

**Boars:** 25.75-26.50.

**Shoats:** 25-30 lbs. per head 20.00-28.00; 30-35 lbs. per head 29.00-36.00; 35-50 lbs. per head 37.00-45.00.

**Lambs:** 72.50-122.50.

**Sheep:** 14.00-20.00.

**Goats:** Per Head 10.00-37.00.

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