

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 19-25, 1986

Flowers bloom as showers loom.

Don't put off spring cleaning. Average length of days for the week 14 hours, 49 minutes. Full moon May 23 (Fri). Brooklyn Bridge opened, May 24, 1883. South Carolina became eighth state, May 23, 1788. Actor James Stewart born May 20, 1908. First regular transatlantic passenger service began with Pan Am's Yankee Clipper May 20, 1939. *Instinct is the nose of the mind.*



Ask the Old Farmer: When I pick dandelion greens in the spring or gooseberries later on, I have noticed that those growing around large rocks are bigger and more delicious. Do these rocks somehow provide minerals or vitamins to the plants? G. E. Brattleboro, Vt. *Whatever the scientific reason, this is something that was well known to old New England farmers. They always planted melons around a rock. They claimed the melons ripened sooner, were larger and sweeter. This is usually the case with any wild fruit growing beside a rock.*

Home Hints: Unseeded oil will remove tar from a car.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week clear with mild temperatures, midweek rain, quite warm, end of week rain.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week cloudy with showers, midweek clear with warm temperatures, end of week rain.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week rainy, midweek sunny and hot, end of week rain.

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Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md. Wednesday, May 14

Report supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed steers, \$1 higher. Choice 52.00-53.50, Good 48.00-51.00, Medium 47.00 down. Heifers, Choice 49.00-51.50, Good 44.00-48.00, Medium 43.00 down. Cows, \$1.50 higher, 1 lot 43.25. High Yield 37.50-39.00, Average 34.00-37.00, Big Middle 30.00-33.00, Fatty Herf. 29.00-32.00, Shelly 30.00 down. Fat Bulls, steady. Good 43.00-45.25, Medium 40.00-42.00. Veal Calves,

no Choice, steady prices. Good 70.00-76.00, Medium 60.00-69.00, Farm Hfrs. 55.00-65.00, Farm Bulls 90.00-117.00, Light Calves 43.00-52.00. Weak calves, 42.00 down. Lambs, strong demand. Choice 76.00-80.00, Good 70.00-75.00, Medium 69.00 down.

STOCKER: Mostly steady. Steers - 300-550 lbs. - Choice 64.00-67.00, Good 57.00-63.00, Medium 51.00-56.00, Culls 50.00 down. Steers - 600-850 lbs. - Choice 60.00-65.00, Good 54.00-59.00, Medium 53.00 down. Heifers - (all weights) - Choice 50.00-54.00, Good 45.00-49.00, Medium 40.00-44.00. Springing

Heifers to \$785. Pigs, Hd., strong demand, \$1-\$2 higher. 20-35 lbs. 27.00-40.00, 40-80 lbs. 41.00-53.50. Shoats By Lb., 40.00-43.00. Slaughter Hogs, \$2 higher. 220-250 lbs. 45.00-47.25. Sows: 350-575 lbs., 36.00-39.00. Bulls, Choice 56.00-60.00, Good 50.00-55.00, Medium 45.00-49.00.

Extra special Feeder Sale next Wednesday, May 21. Because of so many requests, we will have another Feeder Sale.

Farmers Livestock Auction

Duncansville, Pa. May 12, 1986

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CATTLE 233. Choice 52.00-54.75, Choice 50.25-51.75, High Good & Low Ch. 45.00-48.50, Good 42.00-44.75, Good & Choice holsteins 45.25-47.50, Standard 42.00-44.75, Utility 38.75-41.75. Choice sl. heifers 52.00-53.50, Good 49.00-51.50, Standard 44.75-48.00, Utility 39.00-43.50. Breaking Ut. & Commercial sl. cows 38.25-40.50, Cutter & Boning Ut. 36.00-38.10, Canner & Low Cutter 32.75-35.75. Shells down to 28.00. Choice sl. bullocks 48.00-50.75, Good 45.25-47.75, Standard 42.50-45.00, Utility 39.00-41.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers Good 48.00-53.00, Standard 38.00-46.00, Heifers Good 46.00-51.00, Standard 36.00-45.00, Bulls Good 48.00-51.50, Standard 41.00-46.00.

CALVES 301. Choice 78.00-91.00, Good 68.00-75.00, Standard 56.00-67.00, Standard & Good 90-130 lb. 52.00-57.50, Utility 60-80 lbs. 48.00-51.50.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 91.00-118.00, Holstein

heifers 90-130 lbs. 55.00-65.00. **HOGS 117.** US No. 1-2 220-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 47.00-48.50, No. 1-3 200-260 lbs. 45.00-46.75. US No. 1-3 350-600 lbs. sows 39.25-41.50, No. 2-3 350-600 lbs. 37.25-39.00. Boars 28.00-30.25, Light weights 31.00-34.75. **FEEDER PIGS 12.** US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 18.00-26.00 per head, No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. 38.00-42.00. **SHEEP 14.** High Ch. & Pr. 90-110 lbs. 68.00-81.00. **SLAUGHTER EWES** None. **GOATS** None.

7 Loads Hay Alfalfa 91.00, Clover 54.00, Orchard & Timothy 56.00-64.00.

Frederick Livestock Auction

Monday, May 12, 1986

Butcher Cows steady to 50 cents higher. Good 37.50-39.00; Standard & Utility 33.00-37.00; Cannors 28.00-32.00; Shelly 30.00-down.

BULLS: Medium 41.00-44.00; Heifers: Good 40.00-42.50; Medium 39.00-down.

BUTCHER HOGS: 4.00 higher. Tops 47.75. 220-240 lbs. 46.00-47.75; 250-260 lbs. 44.00-46.00.

SOWS: 300-600 lbs. 34.00-38.25. **VEAL CALVES:** Light calves 3.00 higher. Good 60.00-70.00; Standard 56.00-59.00; Stocky & Thin 50.00-55.00; Light Calves

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Communication with the south indicates that they are currently worried about the dry weather. Their plant beds are very late if not already dried up. We expect this to better our market as production has been already greatly reduced.
They indicate they would like us to farm a lot more pounds of 609 tobacco and market more of those pounds through auction. We agree and we are currently working on expansion of auction facilities. Watch this paper for continuing market updates.
ERIC R. PROBST
AUCTION ORGANIZER

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 ON THE FARM MONTHLY BRED GILT SALE
Sale to Start Promptly Every 4 Weeks at 7:30 P.M.

Please Note 4 Evening Sales 7:30 June 6, July 4, Aug. 1 & Aug. 29

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