

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

AUG. 25-31, 1986

Mantet and Astrachan — pick early apples while you can.

Nineteenth Amendment to the U S Constitution went into effect, ensuring women the right to vote, Aug 26, 1920 Last quarter of the moon Aug 27 (Wed) Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American-born saint, born in New York City, Aug 28, 1774 Average length of days for the week, 13 hours, 20 minutes Indebted farmers led by Daniel Shays and others prevented general court from convening in Springfield, Mass., Aug 29, 1786 Swedish-born actress Ingrid Bergman died in London, Aug 29, 1982 *Some men, like some melons, are hard to know*



Ask the Old Farmer: I've heard the phrase "easterly loom" used to describe the appearance of Maine islands that seem to float above the water. Is this the correct terminology? C.M., Vergennes, Vt. Yes — it's a coastwise phrase describing a mirage. An easterly loom usually makes islands and points seem above the water, vessels look upside down and distances are all fouled up.

Home Hints: To treat blisters, try boiling oak bark in water to make a strong tea which can then be applied externally to the affected areas.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week sunny, warm north, seasonable south, mid through end of week rainy and cool
Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins sunny and mild, midweek clear and hot, week ends with showers and mild temperatures
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Clear and hot through midweek, rainy and mild at end of week

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New Wilmington Livestock Auction

New Wilmington, Pa.
 Monday, Aug. 18, 1986
 Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 283. Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows .50-\$1 lower. Few Choice slaughter steers 55.75-58.00, couple 59.50 & 60.75, few Good 52.00-56.00, few Standard 48.00-50.00. Few Good slaughter heifers 46.00-51.00, few Standard 44.00-46.00, few Utility 37.75-40.00. Breaking Utility

and Commercial slaughter cows 36.50-40.00, couple 40.75 & 41.75, Yield Grade 4-5 33.25-36.75, Cutter and Boning Utility 34.00-38.50, Canner and Low Cutter 30.00-34.50, Shells down to 25.25. Few Standard slaughter bullocks 44.50-48.25, few Utility 39.25-42.00. Yield Grade No. 1 1575-2105 lbs. slaughter bulls 43.00-46.75, few Yield Grade No. 2 1195-1460 lbs. 40.00-41.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: Few Medium and Large Frame No. 1 410-635 lbs. feeder steers 58.00-

67.00, few 760-870 lbs. 48.25-51.75. Medium Frame No. 1 335-730 lbs. feeder heifers 42.00-50.00.

CALVES 311. Choice vealers 76.00-85.00, few Good 59.00-68.00, few Standard 45.00-54.00, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 44.00-51.00, 60-80 lbs. 37.00-46.00, Utility 50-110 lbs. 25.00-35.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls 90-135 lbs. 60.00-86.00, lot Holstein heifers 115 lbs. 56.00.

HOGS 435. Barrows and gilts .50-\$1 lower. US No. 1-2 225-245 lbs. barrows and gilts 64.00-64.50, lot 65.10, No. 1-3 215-260 lbs. 61.85-63.85, lot No. 1-3 170 lbs. 56.00. Sows \$1.50-\$2.50 higher. US No. 1-3 320-625 lbs. sows 49.50-56.25. Boars 40.00-46.00.

FEEDER PIGS 36. US No. 1-3 15-25 lbs. feeder pigs 20.00-28.00, 30-35 lbs. 32.00-37.00, lot 75 lbs. 60.00 all per head.

SHEEP 228. High Choice and Prime 75-95 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 68.00-76.00, 100-120 lbs. 55.00-67.00, Choice 80-100 lbs. 59.00-69.00, Good and Choice 45-95 lbs. feeder lambs 55.00-71.00. Slaughter ewes 19.00-27.00.

GOATS 13. No prices reported.

Oklahoma Cattle

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Report supplied by USDA

Cattle & Calves: Est. 1,100
 Actual Auction Sales 629.
 Tuesday's Final Auction Count 8,465.

Limited test feeder steers, feeder heifers, slaughter cows & slaughter bulls steady. Feeder demand moderate. Cow & bull demand good. Bulk feeder supply medium frame mixed no. 1-2 and no. 2 400-1000 lb. steers and heifers. Cows 8% of sales.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1 425# 74.25; 525# 66.90; 700-750# 64.90-65.50; 960# 58.30. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 425-475# 66.00-68.10; 550-650# 63.10-65.20; 800-875# 58.40-62.20. Medium and Large Frame 2 500-600# 62.75-65.10; 600-700# 58.50-61.75; 700-825# 55.25-60.00; 980-1085# 45.90-47.00. Large Frame 2 Holsteins 765-775# 43.25-45.25; 1075# 41.70.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium

Frame 1 385# 64.50; 500# 58.25; 700-775# 58.00-59.10. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 425-600# 55.70-58.75; 600-750# 56.25-58.50; 805# 53.00. Medium and Large Frame 2 265# 66.00; 450-775# 51.50-55.25; bulk 53.25-55.25; Lots thin 490-565# 57.75-58.80.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking-Utility & Commercial 3-4 35.75-36.75, pkg. young 38.50. Cutter 1-2 mostly Holsteins 34.75-37.50. Canner and low-dressing cutter few 31.25-33.75.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Y.G. 1-2 1300-1750 lb. few 45.00-47.00, very fleshy or thin 43.00-45.00, lot 1110 lb. thin 39.75.

Replacement or Feeder Cows: small and medium frame 1-2 young and middle aged 37.25-37.60.

FOR THE WEEK: Feeder Steers and Heifers under 1.00-2.00 higher; over steady. Slaughter cows 50 cents to 1.50 higher. Slaughter Bulls 1.00 higher.

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When hanging tobacco in the barn, leave plenty of air space between laths. Since you are trying to "air dry" your tobacco it is a big help to close up your barn when the outside air is damp & reopen when air is clear & dry. If using mechanical drying methods be careful not to blow air directly at the tobacco but create a method to circulate the air around the tobacco. You've come this far to get tobacco in the barn; don't "burn" it.

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