

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

FEB. 16-22, 1987
No relief from snowy grief.

Washington's Birthday observed Feb 16 (Mon) "Baby Face" Nelson escaped from prison, Feb 17, 1932 Boston hit record high temperature of 66°F on Feb 18, 1981 Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 45 minutes Last quarter of the moon Feb 21 (Sat) First telephone book issued to customers in New Haven, Conn., Feb 21, 1878 Reason often makes mistakes, but conscience never does



Ask the Old Farmer: I recently purchased a used five-gallon carboy (water-fountain type) that I want to use as a terrarium. Some of the outside has been abraded. Is there any way to buff out the abrasions and scratches? V.V., Fairfield, Conn.
Take the jug to a glass company in your area. They may be able to smooth the scratches. You can try doing it yourself with a felt pad and polishing rouge, which you can get from a paint or automotive parts store.

Home Hints: A second layer of glass on cold frames can cut heat loss by one third

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week snowstorm with very cold temperatures, mid through end of week sleet with mild temperatures
Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week snowstorm with cold temperatures, midweek mild, end of week heavy snowstorm
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with cold snap, intermittent rain and snow, seasonable temperatures, rain south mid through end of week

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Indiana Livestock

Homer City, Pa.
Thursday, February 12
Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 177. Sl. cows fully steady; Choice sl. steers 57.00-62.50; Good 53.25-57.50; Standard 47.00-53.50; few Utility 43.00-45.00; Choice sl. heifers 55.00-59.00; few Good 51.00-54.00; Standard 44.00-48.50; few Utility 39.00-44.00; Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 41.00-44.25; few High Yielding Commercial 45.00-47.75; Cutter & Boning Utility 38.50-42.50; Canner & Low Cutter 32.50-38.75; shells down to 28.00; few YG No. 1 bulls 1300-2400 lb. 44.50-50.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers few Med. Frame No. 1, 500-650 lb. 57.00-64.00; feeder heifers few Med. Frame No. 1, 600-700 lb. 48.00-52.00; feeder bulls few Med. No. 1, 450-700 lb. 55.00-62.00.

CALVES: 119. Few Good 80.00-89.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lb. 51.00-60.00; 60-85 lb. 40.00-53.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. bulls 90-125 lb. 65.00-90.00; beef cross bull calves 75-90 lb. 52.00-71.00.

HOGS: 114. Barrows & Gilts mostly steady; US No. 1-2, 220-250 lb. 50.50-51.25; No. 1-3, 210-255 lb. 49.50-50.75; No. 2-3, 210-265 lb. 48.00-49.60; few US No. 1-3 sows 300-600 lb. 44.00-46.00; few boars 32.00-34.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 36. No. 1-3, 45-55 lb. 38.00-42.00 per head; No. 1-3, 30-40 lb. 28.00-30.00 per head.
SHEEP: 7. Few Choice 90 lb. shorn lambs 64.00; few sl. ewes 26.00-30.50.

Chambersburg Livestock

Chambersburg, Pa.
Thursday, February 12
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CATTLE: 300. Cows .25-1.25 higher; few Good sl. steers 58.60-59.60; few Standard 44.35-46.60; heifers few Good holsteins 48.00-52.50; few Standard 45.00-46.85; cows Breaking Utility & Commercial 39.00-44.35, couple to 45.00; Cutter & Boning Utility 38.75-42.00; Canner & Low Cutter 36.50-40.00; shells down to 33.00; sl. bulls few YG No. 1, 1100-1920 lb. 47.85-53.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers few Med. No. 1, 770-900 lb. 48.50-56.50; feeder heifers Med. No. 1, 375-740 lb. 44.00-52.50.

CALVES: 350. Few Good & Choice 92.50-98.00; Standard & Good 110-130 lb. 61.00-65.00; Standard & Good 75-105 lb. 54.00-62.00; Utility 60-80 lb. 45.00-55.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. bull calves 90-135 lb. .80-1.08, few to 1.19 with some down to .58; hol. heifers 85-130 lb. 62.00-76.00.

HOGS: 10. No barrows & gilts; sows few US No. 1-3, 300-600 lb.

37.0-43.00; few boars 35.75-36.75.
FEEDER PIGS: 15. One lot No. 1-3, 40 lb. 38.00 per head.
SHEEP: 4. Sl. ewes 32.50-50.00.

Omaha Weekly

Thurs., Feb. 12

Report Supplied by USDA

Weekly 51- Cattle- Slaughter steers and heifers ended this weeks trading session 2.00 lower as dressed beef and boxed beef prices turned sharply lower. Declines of as much as 4.00 were registered early. Carcass in the week in carcass beef channels and boxed beef prices registered declines near 3.50 through Wednesday of this week. Buyers were bearish in view of declines in wholesale beef prices, but most were still needing cattle to meet current slaughter requirements.

Estimated 5 day receipts this week 5,900 compared to actuals of 6,333 last week and 5,454 last year. Slaughter steers accounted for 43 percent of receipts, Heifers 46 percent, cows 8 percent and feeder cattle 1 percent.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Closing sales choice 2-4 1050-1350 lbs. 60.50-62.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 1050-1200 lbs. 59.50-60.50. Mixed good and choice and choice 2-3

1250-1450 lb. holsteins 52.50-54.00.
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Closing sales choice 2-4 975-1150 lbs. 59.50-61.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 900-1050 lbs. 58.00-59.50.

Average of LS 214 detailed price quotations for choice 900-1100 lb. slaughter steers 60.58, 1100-1300 lbs. 61.21. Average cost of all slaughter steers this week 60.16 average weight 1200 lbs. compared to 61.56 and 1206 lbs. last week, average cost of all slaughter heifers this week 60.13, average weight 1066 lbs. compared to 60.59 and 1080 lbs. last week.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Few breaking utility and commercial 2-3 40.50-44.25. High cutter and boning utility 1-3 39.50-44.50. Low to average cutter 38.00-40.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1600-2100 lbs. 49.50-54.00, high dressing individual to 56.00, low dressing 47.00-49.00.

National Sheep Summary

Wednesday, February 10, 1987

SLAUGHTER LAMBS STEADY AT MIDWEST MARKET CENTERS IN THE MIDWEST SLAUGHTER EWES STEADY FEEDER LAMBS STEADY TO 5.00 HIGHER IN EASTERN LAMB PRODUCERS COOP ELECTRONIC AUCTION 578 HEAD SOLD IN VA IN DIRECT TRADING

SLAUGHTER LAMBS STEADY TO 1.00 LOWER IN THE MIDWEST ON TUESDAY
SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE AND PRIME 90-120 LBS. MIDWEST SHORN 74.00-79.10 WOOLED 72.00-77.60 VIRGINIA 77.50-78.00 SPRINGFIELD, MO WOOLED 68.00-73.00 TELE AUCTION EASTERN LAMB PRODUCERS WOOLED 78.00
DIRECT TRADE (LAMBS FOB WITH 3.4% SHRINK) MIDWEST 1025 SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE AND PRIME 110-125 LBS SHORN 74.00-76.00, WOOLED 75.00-75.50
SLAUGHTER EWES MIDWEST UTILITY AND GOOD 18.00-32.00, CULL 15.00-26.00 SPRINGFIELD, MO UTILITY AND GOOD 21.00-28.00
FEEDER LAMBS CHOICE AND FANCY 50-100 LBS. MIDWEST 78.25-87.00, SMALL LOT 56 LBS 105.00 SPRINGFIELD, MO 40-70 LBS 80.00-90.00, 70-80 LBS 73.00-81.00, 80-90 LBS 71.00-74.00, 90-100 LBS 65.00-75.00
STOCK EWES SPRINGFIELD, MO MEDIUM AND GOOD MIXED AGES 25.00-41.00
SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR THE WEEK TO DATE TOTALLED 62,000 COMPARED WITH 63,000 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK AND 67,000 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

National Stockyards St. Louis Cattle, Hogs

Wednesday, February 11, 1987

HOGS 3,500 TRADING SLOW BARROWS AND GILTS FULLY 50-75 LOWER US 1.3 200-260 LBS 49.50-49.75 US 2.3 250-270 LBS 49.00-49.50 270-290 LBS 47.00-48.00 75 HEAD US 3-340 LBS 41.50
SOWS VERY UNEVEN WEIGHTS UNDER 450 LBS UNEVENLY 50-1.50 LOWER, 450-500 LBS STEADY TO 50 HIGHER OVER 500 LBS STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER THE ADVANCE ON WEIGHTS OVER 600 LBS ABOUT 6% US 1.2 300-450 LBS 40.00-41.00 450-500 LBS 41.50-42.00 US 1.3 500-600 LBS 42.50-43.50 OVER 600 LBS 45.50
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