

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

FEB. 23-MARCH 1, 1987

Lambing falls between flurries and squalls.

Hall of Fame shortstop Honus Wagner born in Carnegie, Pa., Feb. 24, 1874
 Federal income tax legislation adopted, Feb. 25, 1913 Average length of days for the week, 11 hours, 5 minutes New moon Feb. 27 (Fri) Republican Party founded, Feb. 28, 1854 Yellowstone National Park established, March 1, 1872
 The sting of a reproach is the truth of it



Ask the Old Farmer: Have you heard of 'eyestones,' tiny living organisms that are said to be able to remove foreign substances from the eye? They have to be kept in sugar, but are said to live for years J.M., Peterborough, Ontario
 An eyestone is the shell of a tiny marine snail of the family Turbinidae. They are not alive when used, but rather their shape makes them move with the natural movements of the human eye. They work their way out from under the eyelid, bringing out dust or other substances with them.

Home Hints: Stirring paint is easier if you first drill a few small holes in the end of the stirrer

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Week begins with severe cold, midweek rainy with mild temperatures, snow in mountains, end of week seasonable
Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week seasonable temperatures, midweek cloudy and cold, end of week clear and mild
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Seasonable temperatures at beginning of week, midweek intermittent rain with mild temperatures, end of week clear and warm

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Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

Tuesday, February 17, 1987

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 258...PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter Steers \$1 to \$1.50 higher; Cows \$1 to \$2 higher. High Choice & Prime sl. steers 63.70-65, Choice 57.50-63.50, few yield grade #2 62.00-64, Good 54.50-57.75, Standard 48.50-55.00. Choice sl. heifers 56.00-61, Good 52.50-56, few Standard 45.00-48.00. Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 41.00-45, one 47.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 37.50-42.50, Canner & Low Cutter 34.50-38, Shells down to 27.00. Yield Grade No. 1 1100-1700 lbs. sl. bulls 47.00-53.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame No. 1 380-620 lbs. heifers

51.00-57.50. Few Medium Frame No. 1 360-460 lbs. bulls 58.00-64.00. CALVES 91...Couple Choice vealers 86.00&93, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 45.00-58, 60-85 lbs. 41.00-48, few Utility 55-80 lbs. 18.00-30.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs. 61.00-81.00.

HOGS 205...Barrows and gilts steady to weak. US No. 1-2 220-250 lbs. 49.50-50.60, 1-3 225-260 lbs. 48.00-49.60, few 2-3 215-260 lbs. 47.10-48, 2-4 280-305 lbs. 44.50-45.25, few 1-3 165-170 lbs. 46.00-48.00. US No. 1-3 390-630 lbs. sows 44.00-48, 2-3 350-570 lbs. 40.00-44.00. Couple Boars 31.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...No market test.

SHEEP 1...One Choice 75 lbs. wool sl. lamb 77.00.

GOATS 0...No market test.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland

Saturday, Feb. 14, 1987

Large: 44-52; Medium: 38-45.
 HOGS: Top Barrows & Gilts 49.00-50.60; Heavy Butcher 46.00-50.00; Light Butcher 40.50-49.00; Butcher Sows 42.00-46.00; Feeder Shoats 18.00-48.00.
 VEAL: Good 70.00-84.00; Standard 60.00-65.00; Utility 40.00-55.00; Bull 85.00-112.00.

SHEEP & LAMBS: Good 75.00-85.00; Utility 55.00-62.00; Slaughter Ewes 18.00-30.00.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Steers: Good 54.00-56.50; Standard 52.00-53.00; Utility 42.00-48.00.

HEIFERS: Good 53.00-55.00; Standard 48.00-52.00; Utility 35.00-42.00.

COWS: Commercial 37.00-44.00; Utility 33.00-35.00; Canner & Cutter

30.00-32.00.
 BULLS: Commercial & Good 44.00-49.25; Cutter & Utility 40.50-42.00.
 STOCK-FEEDER CATTLE: Yearling Steers: Good 60.00-65.00; Medium 50.00-55.00.
 STEER CALVES: Good 64.00-71.50; Medium 52.00-60.00.
 HEIFER CALVES: Good 54.00-60.00; Medium 45.00-50.00.

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