

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 2-8, 1987

Sunny skies and stormy dispositions for Town Meeting.

Ash Wednesday March 4 US Constitution went into effect, March 4, 1789  
 Five American noters killed in skirmish with British troops in the "Boston Massacre," March 5, 1770 Average length of days for the week, 11 hours, 25 minutes  
 Mexican troops under Santa Anna stormed the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, March 6, 1836 First quarter of the moon March 7 (Sat) Bashfulness is often like silver plating on a spoon when it wears off it shows the brass



**Ask the Old Farmer:** I have recently been cleaning an old clock that has cast-iron weights and wooden works I observed that the cords that attach the weights to the winding mechanism will have to be replaced soon What type of cord should I use and where can I get it? J.W., Castroville, Calif  
 You should use brass cord made for the purpose and you should be able to get it from a clock repair man in your area Be sure to use the same length as the old ones

**Home Hints.** Graft fruit trees around this time of year just before the buds swell

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Week begins sunny with seasonable temperatures, midweek rainy, snow north; end of week flurries with cold temperatures  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Beginning of week rainy with seasonably cold temperatures, sunny and very cold mid through end of week  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Beginning of week showers, heavy south, midweek heavy rain with cold temperatures, snow south, end of week sunny

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## Oklahoma Cattle

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Report supplied by USDA

**Weekly Cattle Summary:** Stocker steers & heifers under 550 lb. fully 3.00-4.00 higher with thin calves often 4.00-6.00 higher. Heavier weights both classes destined for feedlots .50-1.50 higher. Stocker demand very good and improved as sales progressed. Feeder demand very good Monday but tapered off to moderate by Tuesday.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** 2.00-3.00 higher. Slaughter bulls 1.00-2.00 higher. Cow & bull trade very active under good demand.

Wet weather continues to hamper gathering of cattle as fields soggy. Receipts this week 15,400 head; last week 10,809; last year 17,930. Cows & bulls comprised 5% of receipts with balance feeder cattle. Following quotes are bulk sales for the week:

**FEEDER STEERS:** Medium & Large Frame 1 265-400 lb. 84.50-92.25; 400-500 lb. 78.00-85.60; 500-550 lb. 73.10-79.20; 550-600 lb. 72.00-77.50; 600-700 lb. 71.30-75.00; 700-750 lb. 70.30-74.30; 750-800 lb. 68.50-72.40; 800-900 lb. 66.80-69.50; 900-1050# 64.90-66.40.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium & Large Frame 1 300-400 lb. 71.00-76.00; 300-400 thin 76.00-82.50; 400-500 lb. 68.60-76.00; 500-600 lb. 67.00-71.00; 600-700 lb. 65.70-68.60; 700-800 lb. 64.50-68.40; 800-875 lb. 63.60-

65.00.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking & boning utility 1-3 41.75-46.50; cutter 1-2 40.00-46.00; canner & low dressing cutter 33.75-41.25.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield grade 1 1000-1500 lb. 46.25-54.00; 1500-2000 lb. 50.00-54.50, very high dressing individual 57.00.

## Valley Livestock

Athens, Pa.

Monday, Feb. 23, 1987

Report supplied by auction

Holstein Hfr. Calves to 80.00.  
 Veal Calves 81.00-94.00.  
 Vealer Bull Calves to 119.00.  
 Slaughter Calves 54.00-63.00.  
 Grassers & Feeders 38.00-49.50.  
 Spring 95.00-120.00; Lambs 52.50-73.00.

Sheep 15.00-26.00.  
 Hogs, 200 to 250 40.00-48.50.  
 Sows 37.00-40.00.  
 Boars 30.00-34.00.  
 Pigs each 30.00-39.50.  
 Heifers 34.50-41.00.  
 Steers Hol. 39.50-48.50.  
 Steers, feeder 53.50-59.00.  
 Bulls 43.25-49.75.  
 Cows, utility 41.00-45.25.  
 Cows, fat 39.75-43.25.  
 Cows, medium 37.00-40.50.  
 Cows, poor or small 20.00-34.00.  
 Cattle Market stronger.  
 Calf Market higher.  
 Goats 38.00-45.00.

Feeder Sale 1st Monday of Each Month.

Dairy Sale 3rd Thursday of Each Month.

## Eighty-Four Livestock

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, Feb. 23

Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE** 246. Few Choice sl. steers 58-59.50, few Good 55-57.50, few Standard 48.00-53.00. Standard sl. heifers 44.00-49, Utility 39.00-44.00. Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 41.50-44.50, few 45-47.25, Cutter and Boning Utility 38-42.50, Canner and Low Cutter 31.50-38.50, Shells down to 28.00. Yield Grade No. 1 1200-1900 lbs. sl. bulls 46-55.25, No. 2 900-1400 lbs. 40-46.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame 300-600 lbs. steers 58.00-70, few lots 75.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1 300-600 lbs. heifers 55.00-68, few lots 71.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 320-650 lbs. bulls 55.00-69.00.

**CALVES** 284. Few Choice vealers 90.00-108.00, few Good 70.00-88, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 45.00-60, 60-85 lbs. 40.00-46, few Utility 55-85 lbs. 30.00-38.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 65.00-110.00.

**HOGS** 49. Lot US No. 1-2 210 lbs. barrows and gilts 49.50, 1-3 215-240

lbs. 47-47.50, lot 2-3 287 lbs. 46.00. Few US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. sows 41.00-44.00. Few Boars 32.00-37.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 3. Few US No. 1-3 30 lbs. feeder pigs 30.00 — per head.

**SHEEP** 65. Couple lots High Choice & Prime 85-88 lbs. new crop lambs 91.00-91.50, 85-96 lbs. wool lambs 86.00-87, Choice 75-85 lbs. 77.50-80.50. Slaughter sheep 24.00-28.00.

**GOATS** 5. Medium & Large 30.00-40.00.

## East Coast Carlot

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1987

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's close: Choice and prime special fed veal 4.00 to 6.00 higher. Good and choice boning veal steady to 1.00 higher; inshipped steady. Choice and prime lamb firm with last week in light test.

**Veal Carcass-Hide On**

Choice & Prime

(Special Fed)

130 Head

220-280 lbs. 156.00-158.00, 4.00-6.00 higher.

**Good and Choice**

Boning Type-Hide On

Northeastern Suppliers

780 Head

65-75 lbs. 92.00-93.00, steady-1.00 Higher; 55-64 lbs. 90.00-91.00; 45-54 lbs. 88.00-89.00; 35-44 lbs. 86.00-87.00; 34 lbs. dwn. 84.00-85.00.

**Inshipped**

1100 Head

71-80 lbs. 93.00, steady.  
 61-70 lbs. 91.00.  
 51-60 lbs. 89.00.  
 41-50 lbs. 87.00.  
 30-40 lbs. 85.00.

**Carcass Lamb,**

Choice & Prime

1100 Head

Compared to last week 55 lbs. down 167.00, firm; 55-65 lbs. 160.00, firm; 65-75 lbs. 155.00, firm.

## New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables

New Holland, PA

Monday, Feb. 23, 1987

Report supplied by auction

No market held due to snowstorm.

## CATTLE - HOGS - FEEDERS - CORN

- \* Futures & Options
- Call For Information On Hedging & Trading
- \* Same location for 18 years.

## ROSENTHAL & CO.

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 Allentown, PA 18104

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CONTACT

## VINTAGE SALES STABLES, INC.

Box 100, Paradise, PA 17562

717-442-4181 or L. Robert Frame, Sr. President  
 717-768-8204 - office  
 717-442-4294 - home Glenn S. Frame Manager

## ATTENTION

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717-746-1309

## ATTENTION TOBACCO FARMERS WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

We asked you for your support and you came through! Last Tuesday's Sale was the best of the year with the majority of the tobacco on the floor sold and many piles having offers near the high for the day. We will continue to offer auctions for those farmers who want to sell their tobacco now. Last week was the type of sale which satisfied many farmers since the bidding was strong among all the buyers. It is important to attend the sale if you have tobacco here so you can compare your price with the market price for similar tobacco. Remember: Auction makes the difference in marketing your tobacco and Garden Spot makes the difference in auctions!

### Receiving Tobacco Six Days A Week:

Monday - Friday 7:30 to 5:00  
 Saturday - 8 a.m. to 12 noon

### Sales Every Tuesday - 9 A.M.

Prompt payment for your crop - Checks available day of sale  
 Trucking arrangements can be made - Tobacco Seed For Sale

Warehouse located in Earland Industrial Park between New Holland & Blue Ball along Rt. 23 behind JB Zimmerman Hardware.

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Keystone Tobacco Marketing Group

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Garden Spot Tobacco Auction

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