

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 23-29, 1987

The weather breaks before your patience.

Last US Army homing pigeons sold off, March 23, 1957 Escape artist Harry Houdini born at Appleton Wis., March 24 1874 Average length of days for the week, 12 hours, 25 minutes Gen Zachary Taylor crossed the Nueces River in Texas, initiating war with Mexico, March 28, 1846 New moon March 29 (Sun)  
 To err is human to repent divine, to persist devilish



**Ask the Old Farmer:** I've heard and had occasion to use the expression 'deep six' in reference to jettisoning something. The only explanation I could come up with was that a fathom is equal to six feet and in the days of wooden ships and iron men six feet was considered deep water. Can you shed more light on the subject? FO, Carlisle, Pa.  
 The original hand-sounding line was divided and marked from two fathoms to twenty-five. Water beyond that depth was measured and reported 'by the deeps' with the figure added. 'By the deep six' would therefore be thirty-one fathoms.

Home Hints. A piece of charcoal left in your toolbox helps prevent tools from becoming rusty.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week seasonable temperatures with rain snow in mountains midweek cold and snowy end of week clear and mild  
 Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week cloudy with light rain midweek snowstorm cold end of week rainy and mild  
 Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week snowy and cold midweek sunny and mild end of week rainy

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## Belleville Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa.

Wednesday, March 18, 1987

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 115...PDA...Compared with last Wednesday's market: Slaughter cows \$1.50 to \$1.75 higher. Few Good holstein steers 51.00-51.85. Few Standard sl. heifers 46.50-51.25. Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 41.85-46.25, Cutter and Boning Utility 40.00-44, few Canner and Low Cutter 35-39.25, Shells down to 33.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1550-1875 lbs. sl. bulls 48.35-50.00, few No. 2 1025-1580 lbs. 43.50-46.25.

CALVES 100...Standard and Good 70-100 lbs. vealers 50.00-57, few Utility 60-80 lbs. 38.00-48.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-130 lbs. 62.00-92, mostly 80.00-90.00.

HOGS 106...Barrows and gilts .50 to \$1 higher. US No. 1-2 210-230 lbs. 49.00-49.50, 2-3 205-255 lbs. 47.50-48.50, lot 2-4 280 lbs. 48.25. Few US No. 1-3 300-450 lbs. sows 37-40.50. Few Boars 32.00-36.00.

FEEDER PIGS 200...US No. 1-3 30-50 lbs. feeder pigs 37.00-49.00, 50-60 lbs. 46.00-57.00 — all per head.

SHEEP 7...Couple Choice 70 lbs. spring sl. lambs 94.00&95; couple Choice 80 lbs. wool lambs 85.00&89.00.

GOATS 0...No market test.

## Dewart Livestock Auction

Dewart, Pa.

Monday, March 16, 1987

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 212...PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows \$1 to \$2 higher. Few Choice sl. steers 1100-1350 lbs. 57.75-59, few Good 53.00-58, few Good holsteins 50.00-54, few Standard 45.00-52.00. Couple Choice sl. heifers 54.85&57.85, couple Good holsteins 47.85&50.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 42-46.85, few 48.35, Cutter & Boning Utility 39.00-44, Canner & Low Cutter 36.50-39, Shells down to 31.00. Few Good sl. bullocks 51.50-54.75. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1200-

2140 lbs. sl. bulls 48.50-58.00. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Framed No. 1, 300-640 lbs. steers 62.00-69.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 400-700 lbs. heifers 53.00-61.00.

CALVES 208...Few Choice vealers 87.00-101, individual Prime 105.00, few Good 70.00-75, few Standard & Good 110-120 lbs. 64.00-66, 75-100 lbs. 55.00-62, Utility 60-80 lbs. 35.00-55.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-130 lbs. 80.00-97, few 110.00, few down to 62.00.

HOGS 82...Couple Lots US No. 1-2 220 lbs. barrows and gilts 47-47.50, few lots 1-3 190-220 lbs. 45-46.70. US No. 1-3 300-615 lbs. sows 37.75-41.00. Boars 37.50-40.50.

FEEDER PIGS 111...US 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 35.50-40.50, few 45-50 lbs. 43.00-45.00 — all per head.

SHEEP 1...Choice, individual 75 lbs. wool sl. lamb at 80.00.

GOATS 11...Few Large Mature 30.00-51, one lot Small Kids 21.00 — all per head.

## Lebanon Valley Livestock Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa.

Tuesday, March 17, 1987

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 231...PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers holsteins \$1 lower; Cows steady to .75 higher, spots \$2 higher. Few Choice sl. steers 58.25-62, few High Good & Low Choice 56.60-58.50, few Good 54.75-57.75, few Standard 49.75-50.50; Good & Choice 900-1600 lbs.

holsteins 48.75-54.25, few 56.75, Standard 45.25-49.75, few Utility & Low Standard 41.75-42.75. Few Choice 3-5 sl. heifers 49.25-59.75, Good 47.25-54, few 56.35, few Standard 42-46.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 42.75-45, few 48.00, few Cutter & Bon. Utility 38.75-43.75, few 44.25, Canner & Low Cutter 34.75-39.25, few 40.75, Shells down to 30.00. Few Good sl. bullocks 50-52.85, two Standard 41.75&42.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1210-1850 lbs. sl. bulls 50-52.25, individual No. 2, 1190 lbs. 45.75.

CALVES 236...Vealers mostly steady. Few Choice 87.00-91, one 275 lbs. 75.00, one High Choice & Prime 95.00, Good 71.00-84, Standard and Good 90-125 lbs. 51.00-57, few 63.00, 65-85 lbs. 47.00-52, Utility 55-90 lbs. 40.00-48, few down to 32.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 85-130 lbs. 60.00-85, few 96.00, Holstein heifers 90-105 lbs. 71.00-95.00. Beef cross bulls & heifers 65-120 lbs. 55.00-82.00.

HOGS 233...Barrows and gilts mostly steady to \$1 higher. US No. 1-2 215-245 lbs. 47.75-48.50, 1-3 215-260 lbs. 46.75-48.50, lot 49.00, 2-4 200-265 lbs. 44.25-46.75, lot 3-4 275 lbs. 40.75, lot 1-3 195 lbs. 44.50. Sows steady to \$1 higher. US No. 1-3 305-700 lbs. sows 35.00-40.25, few Medium 315-410 lbs. 29.00-32.50. Boars 31.00-34.00.

FEEDER PIGS 4...Lot US No. 1-2 44 lbs. feeder pigs at 75.00 — per hundredweight.

SHEEP 3...Few Slaughter sheep

14.00-27.00. GOATS 5...Few Medium 30.00-38.00, one Kid 30.00 — all per head.

## Belknap Livestock Auction

Dayton, Pa.

Wednesday, March 18, 1987

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CATTLE 78...PDA...Compared with last Wednesday's market: One Low Good slaughter steer 52.75, one Good holstein 47.75, one Standard 46.25, one Utility 42.50. Couple Commercial slaughter heifers 41.00&42.00. Few Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 42.00-45.25, Cutter and Bon. Utility 38.00-42.50, Canner and Low Cutter 33.00-38.00. Few Standard sl. bullocks 46.00-48, few Utility 40.00-43.00. One Yield Grade No. 1, 1405 lbs. sl. bull 48.75, one No. 2 1075 lbs. 45.50. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Frame No. 1, 345-430 lbs. steers 55.50-60, Med. & Large #1 540-650 lbs. 53.50-57.75, few Med. & Large #2 435-770 lbs. 44.00-51.00. Medium Frame No. 1-2 385-595 lbs. bulls 47.50-57.50.

CALVES 90...Few Good vealers 71.00-84, couple Standard 63.00&65, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 53.00-61, 60-85 lbs. 45.00-55.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-130 lbs. 62.00-80.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 65-95 lbs. 58.00-73.00.

HOGS 179...Barrows and Gilts \$2 to \$2.50 higher. US No. 1-2 225-255 lbs. 48.90-49.50, 1-3 220-260 lbs. 48.10-48.90, 2-3 220-285 lbs. 47.00-48, couple lots 295 lbs. 48.50&46.00. Few US No. 1-3 330-560 lbs. sows 40.50-42.00. One Boar 38.75.

FEEDER PIGS 20...Couple Lots US No. 1-3 35-40 lbs. feeder pigs 38.00&39.00 — all per head.

SHEEP 8...One Lot Choice 75 lbs. new crop lambs 88.00.



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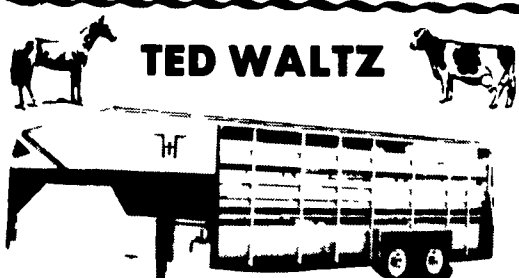
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