

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

APRIL 6-12, 1987

Tree buds open, and so do the skies.

First quarter of the moon April 6 (Mon) 12 hours, 56 minutes  
 N H April 9, 1833  
 maran April 10 1877  
 Gen Robert E Lee surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse, Va., April 9, 1865  
 First American public library opened in Peterborough, N H April 9, 1833  
 Nathanael Herreshoff patented the first western type catamaran April 10 1877  
 Palm Sunday April 12  
 Average length of days for the week, 12 hours, 56 minutes  
 Bushfulness that can't be overcome is modesty



Ask the Old Farmer. The original settlers of Connecticut apparently liked to tack the word *bury* onto the names of their towns Danbury, Waterbury and so on. Just what is a bury? C M, Granby Conn  
 The suffix as it is used in town names is merely a form of the word borough which originally meant 'a fortified place'

Home Hints: Feed flower bulbs now before or during the time that they are in bloom

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Sunny with seasonable temperatures at beginning of week midweek very cold end of week mild, rain south  
 Greater New York-New Jersey: Showers with seasonable temperatures at beginning of week midweek very cold, end of week snow  
 Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week sunny and mild, rain north midweek snow with very cold temperatures end of week sunny and warm, rain north

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## Keister's Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, March 31, 1987

Report Supplied by PDA

THE MARCH 24 REPORT SHOULD READ; CHOICE STEERS (INSTEAD OF GOOD) 62.00-65.85:

CATTLE 411...PDA. Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter cows mostly weak to \$1.50 lower. Few High Choice & Prime sl. steers 64-66.25, Choice 1050-1600 lbs. 59.50-64, Good 55.00-60, Choice holsteins 55-59.50, Good 51.00-53.00. Choice sl. heifers 56.75-61.75, one 65.35, few Good 54.00-55.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 44.50-48, couple 49.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 40.00-45, Canner & Low Cutter 35.50-40, Shells down to 31.50. Few Choice sl. bullocks 59-64.50. Yield Grade No. 1, 1175-2130 lbs. sl. bulls 53-60.35. Feeder Cattle: Few Large Frame No. 2, 375-425 lbs. steers 61.00-65.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 400-650 lbs. heifers 53.00-60.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 430-630 lbs. bulls 55.00-65.00.

CALVES 168...Few Choice

vealers 87.00-100, Prime 112.00, few Good 65.00-75, Standard and Good 75-100 lbs. 54.00-60, few Utility 60-80 lbs. 45.00-52.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs. 70.00-90, mostly 80.00-85, Holstein Heifers 90-120 lbs. 73.00-100.00.

HOGS 577...US No. 1, 215-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.25-52.75, 1-2 210-245 lbs. 50.00-51, 2-3 200-250 lbs. 48.50-49.75, 2-4 200-270 lbs. 47.60-48.50. US No. 1-3 280-650 lbs. sows 40.00-43, 2-3 270-550 lbs. 35.00-40.00. Boars 35.00-38.00.

FEEDER PIGS 440...US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 36.00-47, 35-50 lbs. 45.00-52, 50-60 lbs. 51-60.50 — all per head.  
 SHEEP 32...Choice 40-85 lbs. spring sl. lambs 86.00-120.00. Slaughter ewes (few) 15.00-37.00.

GOATS 28...Large 35.00-53.00, Small Kids 12.00-28.00 — all per head.

## New Wilmington Livestock Auction

New Wilmington, Pa.

Monday, March 30, 1987

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 260...PDA. Compared with last Monday's market:

Slaughter cows about steady. Couple Choice sl. steers 60.00&61, Good, individual 55.75, few Good & Choice holsteins 53.50-55.75, few Standard 49.50-54.00. Couple Choice sl. heifers 58&59.75, few Good 51.50-53.25, Standard 46-50.75, few Utility 42.50-44.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 44-46.25, individual 47.75, Cutter & Bon. Utility 41.00-46, Canner & Low Cutter 35.50-41.50, Shells down to 33.00. Good, individual sl. bullock 53.75, few Standard 49-51.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1820-2095 lbs. sl. bulls 53.25-55.75. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 380-545 lbs. steers 59-66.50, few 640-880 lbs. 49.25-58.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 330-520 lbs. heifers 56.00-66, 540-805 lbs. 47.50-55.50.

CALVES 383...Few Choice vealers 88.00-97, few Good 70.00-80, Standard and Good 125-140 lbs. 63.00-72, 90-120 lbs. 55.00-62, 65-85 lbs. 46.00-56, Utility 50-65 lbs. 20.00-33.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-135 lbs. 60.00-70, Hols. Heifers 85-120 lbs. 59.00-80.00.

HOGS 360...Barrows and gilts .25 to .50 higher. US No. 1-2 225-255 lbs. 49.50-50.50, 1-3 220-255 lbs. 47.50-49.25, 2-3 215-260 lbs. 46-47.60, 1-3 180-190 lbs. 40.50-45.00. Sows about steady. US No. 1-3 360-735 lbs. sows 39.00-43.00. Boars 33.50-39.50.

FEEDER PIGS 12...Few US No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. feeder pigs 30.00-44.00 — all per head.

SHEEP 113...High Choice and Prime 70-90 lbs. spring lambs 86.00-96, 90-100 lbs. 81.00-87, Choice 60-85 lbs. 76.00-84, few Good 50-60 lbs. 60.00-72, couple lots mixed Good & Choice 91&94 lbs. Shorn lambs 65.00&79.00. Slaughter ewes 18.00-29.00.

GOATS 4...Few 17.00-19.00 — all per head.

## Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland

Saturday, Mar. 28, 1987

Large: 40-50; Medium: 35-40.  
 HOGS: Top Barrows & Gilts 47.25-49.00; Heavy Butcher 45.00-46.75; Light Butcher 42.00-46.00;

Butcher Sows 38.00-42.00; Feeder Shoats 38.00-51.00.

VEAL: Choice & Prime 82.00-90.00; Choice & Prime Heavy 78.00-84.00; Choice & Prime Light 82.00-90.00; Good 72.00-80.00; Standard 61.00-69.00; Utility 58.00-60.00; Bull 60.00-84.00.

SHEEP & LAMBS: Spring Lambs up to 97.80; Choice 72.00-80.00; Good 68.00-70.00; Slaughter Ewes 18.00-26.00.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Steers: Choice 59.00-62.50; Good 57.00-59.00; Standard 53.00-56.75; Utility 49.00-52.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 58.00-60.00; Good 54.00-58.00; Standard 50.00-53.00; Utility 42.00-46.00.

COWS: Commercial 43.25-47.00; Utility 39.00-43.00; Canner & Cutter 34.00-38.00.

BULLS: Commercial & Good 51.00-54.00; Cutter & Utility 46.00-50.00.

STOCK-FEEDER CATTLE: Yearling Steers: Choice & Fancy 62.00-68.00; Good 60.00-66.00; Medium 57.00-61.00.

STEER CALVES: Choice & Fancy 74.00-79.00; Good 68.00-72.00; Medium 59.00-65.00.

HEIFER CALVES: Choice & Fancy 60.00-71.00; Good 52.00-58.00; Medium 48.00-53.00; Inferior & Common 38.00-45.00.

## Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

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at 4:00 p.m.

April 2, 1987

Jersey Shore, Pa.

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Return to Farm Calves 60.00-100.00.

Good Veal 60.00-80.00.  
 Common Veal 44.00-59.00.  
 Choice Steers 60.00-64.00.  
 Good Steers 55.00-61.00.  
 Common Steers 44.00-54.00.  
 Commercial Cows 39.00-49.00.  
 Canners-Cutters 36.00-44.00.  
 Shells 33.00-37.00.  
 Choice Heifers 56.00-58.00.  
 Good Heifers 48.00-55.00.  
 Common Heifers 38.00-47.00.

Good Feeders 55.00-65.00.  
 Common Feeders 30.00-54.00.  
 Bulls 42.00-53.00.  
 Good Hogs 48.00-49.85.  
 Heavies 45.00-47.00.  
 Sows 36.00-41.00.  
 Roughs 32.00-43.00.  
 Eggs .30-.66/doz.

## Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.

Wednesday, April 1

Report supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers: Steady. Choice to prime 62.00-65.00; Good to Choice 56.00-61.00; Medium 50.00-55.00. Heifers: Choice 55.00-57.25; Good 50.00-54.00; Medium 45.00-49.00. Cows Good Run, \$1 lower. High Yield 42.00-45.00; Average 38.00-41.00; Big Middle 35.00-37.00; Fatty Herf. 34.00-38.00; Shelly 33.00 down. Fat Bulls: Steady. Good 51.00-53.75; Medium 47.00-50.00. Veal Calves Heavy Calves \$5 higher. Choice 85.00-92.00; Good 75.00-80.00; Medium 65.00-74.00; Farm Hfns. 60.00-70.00; Farm Bulls 80.00-95.00; Light Calves 52.00-59.00; Weak Calves 51.00 down. Lambs: Few offered. Medium to Good 67.00-76.00.

STOCKER: Very Active. Steers 400-550 lbs. Choice 66.00-70.00; Good 60.00-65.00; Medium 54.00-59.00; Culls 53.00 down. 600-850 lbs. Choice 60.00-64.00; Good 55.00-59.00; Medium 50.00-54.00; Dairy Type 50.00-53.00. Heifers- (All Weights): Choice 58.00-62.00; Good 52.00-57.00; Medium 45.00-51.00. Dairy Cows to \$635. Springing Heifers small \$400-\$500. Open Heifers 50.00-65.00. Pigs Hd. 20-40 lbs. 43.00-54.00; 50-60 lbs. 48.00-56.00. Shoats by lb. 145-160 lbs. 43.00-46.00. Slaughter Hogs: \$1.50 lower. 200-215 lbs. 45.50-46.50; 245-265 lbs. 46.00-47.50. Sows Good run, \$2 higher. 500-700 lbs. 40.00-43.25; 400-475 lbs. 37.00-39.00. Bulls Good 51.00-53.00; Medium 46.00-50.00.

Special Feeder Cattle Sale next week, April 8, 7 p.m.

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