

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

APRIL 27-MAY 3, 1987

Give root crops a try if your fields start to dry.

New moon April 27 (Mon) Japanese Emperor Hirohito born April 29, 1901
 George Washington inaugurated as first president, April 30, 1789 Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 1 minute Commodore George Dewey's naval squadron destroyed Spanish fleet in the Battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898
 Kentucky Derby Day May 2 Sarcasm is a keen weapon but most people grab it by the blade instead of the handle



Ask the Old Farmer: My wife and I recently bought some chandeliers. They're solid brass and very old, both having hundreds of parts. Unfortunately, someone spray painted them years ago. Can you recommend a way for us to remove the paint and grime without totally disassembling the chandeliers? J.A., Garland, Texas
 If the coating is a clear one, the chances are it is lacquer and only lacquer thinner will remove it. If it is a colored coating, then you will have to use paint remover and take them apart to do the job.

Home Hints: Keeping grass from growing around lilacs will improve their flowering.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Cloudy and cold at beginning of week, midweek rainy and seasonably cold end of week cloudy and cool
 Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins cold with light rain, mid through end of week heavy rain, continued cold
 Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins with cold temperatures and showers, mid-week warm with thundershowers, end of week cold with showers

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Peoria Cattle

Thursday, April 23, 1987

COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK SLAUGHTER STEERS SOLD FULLY 50 LOWER, INSTANCES 100 LOWER SLAUGHTER HEIFERS SOLD STEADY TO FIRM, INSTANCES 50 HIGHER COWS AND BULLS STEADY ALL REPORTED SALES MONDAY WITH NOT ENOUGH SALES BALANCE OF WEEK FOR A MARKET TEST SUPPLY MAINLY GOOD TO AVERAGE CHOICE SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS WITH 7% COWS RECEIPTS THIS WEEK ABOUT 1300 AS COMPARED WITH 1405 A WEEK AGO AND 1766 A YEAR AGO
 SLAUGHTER STEERS CHOICE 2-4, MOSTLY 3 1050-1375 LBS 66.50-68.00, PART LOAD 68.50, 975-1050 LBS 65.00-66.50 MIXED GOOD AND CHOICE 2-3 1000-1200 LBS 64.00-66.00 GOOD 2-3 900-1100 LBS 62.00-65.00 FEW PACKAGES MIXED GOOD AND CHOICE 2-3 HOLSTEINS 1185-1370 LBS 54.00-58.00
 SLAUGHTER HEIFERS CHOICE 2-4, MOSTLY 3 950-1200 LBS 65.00-65.50, COUPLE PART LOADS 66.00-66.50, 875-950 LBS 63.50-65.00 MIXED GOOD AND CHOICE 2-3 900-1100 LBS 62.00-64.00 GOOD 2-3 800-1000 LBS 60.00-63.00
 COWS CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1-2 38.00-42.00, FEW HIGH DRESSING 42.00-45.00 CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 34.00-38.00
 BULLS YG 1-2 1300-2000 LBS 48.00-57.50

National Sheep Summary

Wednesday, April 22, 1987

NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1987
 SLAUGHTER LAMBS STEADY TO 2.00 LOWER AT MIDWEST MARKET CENTERS IN VIRGINIA SLAUGHTER LAMBS 1.25-4.00 LOWER IN THE MIDWEST SLAUGHTER EWES AND FEEDER LAMBS STEADY IN EASTERN LAMB PRODUCERS COOP ELECTRONIC AUCTION 343 HEAD SOLD IN VA IN DIRECT TRADING SLAUGHTER LAMBS STEADY IN THE MIDWEST ON TUESDAY
 SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE AND PRIME 90-120 LBS MIDWEST SPRING 83.00-92.75, MOSTLY 90.00-92.00, OLD CROP SHORN 82.00-84.00, WOOLED 80.00-82.00 VIRGINIA SPRING 93.25 TELEAUCTION EASTERN LAMB PRODUCERS SPRING 96.50
 DIRECT TRADE (LAMBS FOB WITH 3-4% SHRINK) MIDWEST 875 SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE AND PRIME SPRING 105 LBS 88.00 OLD CROP SHORN 110-125 LBS 85.00-86.00
 SLAUGHTER EWES MIDWEST UTILITY AND GOOD 18.00-22.00 CULL 10.00-18.00
 FEEDER LAMBS CHOICE AND FANCY 50-100 LBS MIDWEST OLD CROP 80.00-90.00
 SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR THE WEEK TO DATE TOTALED 54,000 COMPARED WITH 70,000 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK AND 65,000 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

St. Louis Cattle, Hogs

Thursday, April 23, 1987

CLOSE CATTLE AND CALVES 1,000 BULK OF RECEIPTS FEEDER CATTLE FOR THURSDAY'S AUCTION OPEN MARKET CONSISTS OF COWS TRADING SLOW COWS WEAK TO 1.00 LOWER COWS BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 2-4 40-43.00 CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1-2 43.00-44.00 HIGH-YIELDING CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1-2 44.00-45.00 CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 1-2 37.00-40.00 SHELLY CANNER 1-2 34.00-37.00
 RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 3,900 WEEK AGO 3,500 YEAR AGO 4,000 COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK'S CLOSE, SLAUGHTER STEERS FULLY 1.00 LOWER SLAUGHTER HEIFERS 50-1.00 LOWER COWS 2.00, INSTANCES 3.00 LOWER ON HIGH-YIELDING CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY BULLS STEADY SLAUGHTER SUPPLY MAINLY CHOICE SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS, AROUND 10% COWS DS CB 40.00-43.00 CD 42.00-45.00 CG 39.00-44.00 CH 36.00-39.00
 CLOSE HOGS UNCHANGED B 51.50-52.00 C 52.00-52.00 G 51.50-51.75 H 51.75-52.00 J 51.50-52.00 O 51.75-52.00 P 50.00-51.25 VV 45.00-45.00 WW 45.00-45.00 XX 47.00-48.00 YY 49.00-49.00 ZZ 45.00-45.00 RM 0923C ELT

Central U.S. Carlot

Pork Report

Wednesday, April 22

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's 3:00 P.M.: Fresh pork loins 14-18# 5.00-6.00 lower; picnics 2.00 higher; Boston butts steady to 1.00 higher; skd hams generally steady to 1.25 higher, advance on 20-26#; scls bellies generally steady to 2.00 higher. Trade slow to moderate for light to moderate offerings and demand.
 US No. 2 175 lb. hog carcass declined 1.04 to 67.57 per cwt.
 Loads pork cuts 37.50.
 Loads Trim/process Pork 13.00.
 Pork Cuts
 FOB Omaha Basis
 Loins, Regular, Fresh
 14-18 lbs. 12 lds. 103.00-106.00, M 103.
 18-22 lbs. 1.5 lds. 106.50.

22-Up lbs. 96.00 A.
 Tenderloins
 2/Bag 275.00-290.00 A.
 Picnics
 4-8 lbs. 1 ld. 46.00.
 Boston Butts
 4-8 lbs. .5 ld. 86.00.
 Spareribs, Fresh
 1.5-3.5 lbs. .5 ld. 144.00.
 3.5-5.5 lbs. .5 ld. 124.00.
 Spareribs, Frozen
 3.5-5.5 lbs. 1 ld. 124.00.
 5.5/Up lbs. 1 ld. 77.00.
 Loin Backribs
 1.5/Dn lbs. .5 ld. 305.00.
 1.75/Dn lbs. .5 ld. 300.00.
 1.75-2.25 lbs. .5 ld. 290.00.
 Hams, Skinned Fresh
 14-17 lbs. 68.25 D.
 17-20 lbs. 7 lds. 66.50-68.50, M 68.5.
 20-26 lbs. 3 lds. 68.00-68.25.
 32/Up lbs. 62.50 D.
 Bellies, Scls, Skin On, Fresh
 10-12 lbs. 63.00 E.
 12-14 lbs. 1 ld. 68.50-69.50.
 14-16 lbs. 1 ld. 68.50-69.50.
 16-18 lbs. 4 lds. 64.50-66.00.
 18-20 lbs. 2 lds. 57.00.
 20-25 lbs. 53.00 C.

Pork Trimmings/
 Boneless Processing Pork (Chemical Lean)
 Combo 42% Fresh 2 lds. 48.00-49.00.
 Combo 72% Fresh 4 lds. 76.50-79.00.
 Boxed Frozen 2 lds. 76.00-76.50.
 Blademeat
 Boxed 88% Frozen 92.00 A.
 Boneless Picnics
 Combo 72% Fresh 2 lds. 77.50-78.50.
 Boxed 72% Frozen 1 ld. 76.50.
 Skinned Jowls
 Combo Fresh 2 lds. 41.00-41.50.
 Cured and Processed Meats
 Hams, Smoked, Skinned, Water Added
 16-19 lbs. 73.00-85.00.
 19-23 lbs. 73.00-85.00.
 Picnics, Smoked, Water Added
 4-7 lbs. 58.00-62.00.
 Bacon, Sliced, Vac. Pack
 1 lb. pkg. 137.00-183.00.
 ABCDE After Market Quotes Represent Days Since Last Actual Market Test. Quotes Are Dropped After 5 Days Of No Test Or Before If They No Longer Reflect Current Market Conditions.

Weekly Summary

Harrisburg, PA
 Friday, April 24

Report supplied by PDA
 15 Livestock Markets

CATTLE: 6653. Compared with 5681 head last week and 5021 head a year ago. Steers and heifers mostly steady to 1.00 lower; cows steady to strong; spots .50 higher; bullocks uneven; bulls mostly steady; High Choice & Prime 2-4, 67.00-69.10; Choice 63.00-67.75; Good 58.00-63.50; Standard 50.50-57.00; Good & Choice holsteins 53.50-58.50; Choice heifers 58.00-64.00; Good 53.00-58.00; Standard 47-53.00; Breaking Utility & Commercial cows 43.00-48.50; Cutter & Boning 40.00-46.50; Canner & Cutter 35.00-42.50; shells 30.00; Choice bullocks 54.50-58.75; Good 50.75-55.50; YG No. 1, 1000-2270 lb. bulls 50.00-56.75; No. 2 grade 900-1600 lb. 45.00-49.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Few Large No. 1, 400-750 lb. steers 60.00-74.00; Large 2, 335-770 lb. 51.00-59.50; Med. & Large 300-600 lb. 59.50-66.00; Med. 1, 300-700 lb. heifers 51.00-66.00; Med. & Large 2, 425-650 lb. 40.00-54.50.
 CALVES: 3133. Compared with 3110 head last week and 3109 head a year ago. Mostly steady to 5.00 higher; few High Choice & Prime 95.00-110.00; Choice 85.00-99.00; Good 78.00-85.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lb. 54.00-67.00; 65-85 lb. 50.00-61.00; Utility 50-110 lb. 40.00-50.00; hol. bulls 90-145 lb. 65.00-128.00, mostly 80.00-110.00; few heifers 90-130 lb. 58.00-110.00.

HOGS: 4317. Compared with 5429 head last week and 5401 head a year ago. Steady to 1.00 higher; 1-2, 210-245 lb. 51.00-53.50; 1-3, 210-250 lb. 50.00-51.50; 2-3, 220-265 lb. 49.00-50.85; 2-4, 225-285 lb. 47.00-49.00; sows strong to 1.50 higher; 1-3, 300-650 lb. 40.00-45.25; 2-3, 300-700 lb.

37.75-41.00; boars 34.00-37.50.
 FEEDER PIGS: 710. Compared with 995 head last week and 1036 head a year ago. Steady to 8.00 lower; 20-35 lb. 26.00-40.00; up to 50 lb. 39.00-51.00; up to 85 lb. 44.00-60.00; all per head.
 2 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES: 2002. Compared with 1469 head last week and 2842 head a year ago. Mostly steady to 12.00 lower; 20-40 lb. 130.00-155.00; 40-50 lb. 120.00-140.00; 50-60 lb. 110.00-127.00; 60-95 lb. 90.00-120.00; 2-3, 25-35 lb. 112.00-134.00; 40-60 lb. 95.00-116.00.
 SHEEP: 712. Compared with 4795 head last week and 2995 and head a year ago. Steady to 5.00 lower; spots 20.00 lower; High Choice & Prime 20-40 lb. spring 100.00-125.00; 40-80 lb. 90.00-115.00; 80-110 lb. 80.00-100.00; Choice 75-90 lb. wool lambs 80.00-90.00; Good & Choice 40-80 lb. 75.00-88.00; sl. sheep 15.00-28.00.

Wilkins Heads Tioga Local

WELLSBORO - David Wilkins of Lawrenceville was elected president of the Tioga Local of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative at the local's recent annual meeting here in the Penn-Wells Hotel, Eastern Director C. Lee Greenwalt of Lawrenceville announced.

Other officers, also elected to one-year terms, are: Russell Root of Millerton, vice president, and James Barnes of Lawrenceville, secretary/treasurer.

The local also elected a delegate, Burdette Brewer, and an alternate delegate, Walter Barnes, both of Lawrenceville, to represent local farmers at cooperative business meetings.

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