

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

FEB. 15-21, 1988

Mardi gras is like a last hurrah

Canada unveiled its red and white Maple Leaf flag Feb 15, 1965 Susan B. Anthony born Feb 15, 1820 Lithuanians declared themselves independent Feb 16, 1918 Mardi gras Feb 16 Ash Wednesday Feb 17 New moon Feb 17 Pluto discovered Feb 18, 1930 Washington Monument dedicated Feb 21, 1885 Average length of days for the week 10 hours, 43 minutes Love and peace-pottage are two dangerous things



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Is there some way to repair a crack in a concrete birdbath? W.L. Swanton, Ohio  
 Make a paste with cement and water. Wet the birdbath and let set for 5 minutes, then pack the cement into the crack with your finger (wearing rubber gloves of course). Cover the area with an old towel and keep it damp for a few days.

**Home Hints** Solidly frozen food packages mean a higher quality product

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Beginning of week clear and mild, snow north, cold and snowy mid through end of week  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Beginning of week sunny and mild, midweek snow and sleet with cold temperatures, end of week clear and mild.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Clear and mild at beginning of week midweek storm, snow north, end of week rainy

(All Rights Reserved Yankee Publishing Incorporated Dublin NH 03444)

### Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.  
 Monday, Feb. 8, 1988

**CATTLE** 576. SLAUGHTER STEERS 67: CHOICE & PRIME 66.00-70.00; GOOD & CHOICE 63.50-68.75; GOOD & CHOICE - HOLSTEIN 57.00-64.50; STANDARD & GOOD - HOLSTEIN 53.00-57.00. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS 48: CHOICE 65.00-70.00; GOOD & CHOICE 63.00-67.25; STANDARD & GOOD 55.00-63.00. COWS 305: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 46.00-54.50; CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 44.00-52.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 45.75 & DOWN. BULLS - ALL WEIGHTS 19: YIELD GRADE 1 57.50-64.00; YIELD GRADE 2 53.00-58.00. STOCKER CATTLE - ALL WEIGHTS 137: STEERS - MEDIUM & GOOD 70.00-95.00; HEIFERS - MEDIUM & GOOD 65.00-80.00; BULLS - MEDIUM & GOOD 62.00-82.00. STEERS - HOLSTEIN 55.00-74.50. CALVES 501. GOOD & CHOICE 125-250 LBS. 102.00-119.00; MEDIUM & GOOD 125-250 LBS. 85.00-102.00; MEDIUM & GOOD 80-120 LBS. 94.00-101.00; LIGHT & CULL - ALL WEIGHTS 94.00 & DOWN, HOLSTEIN BULLS - RETURN TO FARM UP TO 169.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS - RETURN TO FARM UP TO 150.00. LAMBS, SHEEP & GOATS 49. CHOICE LAMBS 80.00-87.00, MEDIUM & GOOD LAMBS 69.00-80.00; LIGHT & CULL LAMBS NONE, SHEEP, EWES & BUCKS 25.00-38.00; GOATS - ALL SIZES (BY HEAD) 14.00-60.00.

**HOGS** 194. NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS - 190-225 LBS. 40.00-46.50; NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS - 225-250 LBS. NONE; NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS - 250-300 LBS. 38.00-43.50; GOOD BUTCHER SOWS - 400 LBS. DOWN 34.00-40.00; GOOD BUTCHER SOWS - 400 LBS. UP 33.50-40.50; HEAVY BOARS - OVER 300 LBS. 26.00-30.25; PIGS - ALL SIZES (BY HEAD) 26.00-39.00.

SALE EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON AT 3:30 P.M. & THURS. AT 1:00 P.M.

HAY & STRAW SALE EVERY MONDAY & THURS. AT 11:30 A.M. 30 LOADS.

ALFALFA 85.00-140.00; MIXED 50.00-73.00; TIMOTHY 60.00-84.00; STRAW 53.00-68.00 ALL SOLD PER TON.

### Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.  
 Wed., Feb. 10, 1988

Report supplied by Auction

**SLAUGHTER:** FED STEERS- PRIME 72.00-75.00; CHOICE 68.00-72.00; STANDARD 55.00-61.00; SELECT 62.00-68.00. FED HEIFERS- CHOICE HOLSTEIN 65.00; DAIRY CULLS 52.00-57.00; SELECT 58.00-63.00. COWS- HIGH YIELD 52.00-55.00; UTILITY & COMM. 48.00-52.00; BONING UTILITY 46.00-50.00; CANNER- CUTTER 42.00-47.00; SHELLY 42.00-DOWN. BULLS- GOOD 55.00-58.00. VEAL CALVES- 135-220 LBS. CHOICE 107.00-115.00, GOOD 95.00-105.00, MEDIUM 80.00-95.00, KILLERS 80-100 LB. 92.00-101.00; 60-80 LB. 85.00-95.00. HOLSTEIN HFRS. 110.00-142.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-125 LB. 130.00-172.00. LAMBS- CHOICE 80.00-85.00; GOOD 58 LBS 88.00; MEDIUM 66.00-72.50.

**STOCKER- STEERS** 300-600 LB- GOOD 80.00-87.00; MEDIUM 70.00-80.00; HOLSTEINS TO 73.00. STEERS 600-850 LB.- CHOICE 74.00-80.00; GOOD 65.00-73.00; 850-1000 LB 62.00-68.00, HOLSTEINS 59.00-62.00. HEIFERS- CHOICE 80.00-86.00; GOOD 72.00-80.00; MEDIUM 65.00-72.00. BULLS- CHOICE 80.00-86.00; GOOD 70.00-80.00, 700-1000 LB. 57.00-68.00. DAIRY REPLACEMENTS- SPRINGING HEIFERS- 600.00-915.00; FRESH 725.00; OPEN HEIFERS 200-400 LB. 77.00-101.00; 500-700 LB. 64.00-69.00. PIGS, HD.- 20-30 LB. 20.00-31.00; 30-50 LB. 29.00-37.00; 50-80 LB. 33.00-42.00. SHOATS BY LB.- 120-150 LBS. 44.00-47.00. STOCK BOARS- 200-300 LB. 33.50. SLAUGHTER HOGS- 215-240 LB. TO 46.85; 270-285 LB. 42.00-42.50; 350-400 LB. 35.00-41.50. SOWS- 300-475 LB. 34.00-39.00; 500-700 LB. 34.00-35.50. BOARS- 400-700 LB. 29.25-30.75.

NOTICE: SELLING FEB. 17, ONE PUREBRED RED & WHITE HOLSTEIN BULL; SIRE SLEEPY HOLLOW MAG. CHIEF RED; DAM MILK 21,000 10# IN 305 DAYS; 3.8 TEST.

### Westminster Livestock Auction

Hagerstown, Md.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1988

Report supplied by auction

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** HIGH YIELD 50.00-51.00; UTILITY 45.00-50.00; CANNERS 42.00-46.00; SHELLY 41.00-DOWN. BULLS: GOOD 55.00-59.00; MD. 48.00-55.00. FED STEERS: CH. 65.00-68.00; SELECT LO CH. 62.00-65.00; SELECT 55.00-62.00. FED HEIFERS- CH. 64.00-65.25; SELECT 55.00-62.00. VEAL CALVES- GOOD & CHOICE 210-350 LB. CH. 93.00-106.00; GOOD 80.00-90.00; KILLERS 80-100 LB. 93.00-100.00; 50-80 LB. 85.00-95.00. FARM CALVES- HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-125 LB. 125.00-168.00; 85-90 LB 95.00-150.00. BUTCHER HOGS- US #1&3 215-240 LB. 45.00-46.00; 270-290 LBS. 41.00-43.50. SOWS- 300-450 LB. 35.00-40.00; 450-700 LBS. 34.00-35.00. BOARS- 400-600 LB

27.00-28.50.

**STOCK CATTLE- STEERS-** 300-500 LBS. 80.00-91.00; 500-700 LBS. 72.00-84.00; 700-850 LB. 64.00-66.50; 850-1000 LB. 60.00-64.50. HEIFERS- 300-500 LB. 67.00-80.00; 500-700 LB. 65.00-75.00; 700-900 LB. 55.00-65.00. BULLS- 300-500 LB. 76.00-89.00; 500-700 LB. 65.00-78.00; 700-1100 LB. 53.00-56.50. LAMBS- 100-125 LB. CH. 77.00-80.00; 119-140 LBS. CH. 62.00-71.00; 60-85 LB. CH. 80.00-90.00; GOOD 65.00-75.00; 35-50 LB. 100.00-106.00. SHEEP- 22 35.00; BRED EWES 45.00-75.00 HD. GOATS- LG. 50.00-60.00; MD. 40.00-50.00; SM. & THIN 25.00-40.00. PIGS AND SHOATS. BY THE HEAD: 10-25 LB. 13.00-27.00; 30-40 LB. 25.00-35.00; 50-70 LB. 30.00-40.00; 70-95 LB. 44.00-47.00. BY THE LB.: 100-140 LB. 38.00-45.00; STOCK BOARS 265 LBS. AT 35.00.

### Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

Tuesday, February 9, 1988

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 228...PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers

\$1.50 to \$2 higher; Cows \$1 higher. High Choice & Prime sl. steers 68.90-71, Choice 65.25-68.50, few high yielding 69.00, Select 61.00-65.50, Standard 56.50-60.50, few Utility 50.00-55.00. Choice sl. heifers 63.00-67, Select 58.50-63, Standard 54.00-57, few Utility 48.00-54.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 49-53.75, few 54.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 45.50-50, Canner & Low Cutter 40-45.50, Shells down to 34.00. Couple Choice sl. bullocks 65.50&66.00. Few Yield Grade No.

1, 1100/1600 lbs. sl. bulls 55.00-58.50, one No. 2, 1490 lbs. 53.50. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 600/800 lbs. steers 66.00-80, few Large #2, 500 lbs. 60.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 260/500 lbs. heifers 64.00-81, few Large #2, 700/850 lbs. 49.00-57.00.

CALVES 126...Choice vealer, individual 106.00, one Good 100.00, Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 75.00-96, 60/85 lbs. 65.00-80, few Utility 45/70 lbs. 34.00-55.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/120 lbs. 100.00-165.00.

HOGS 209...Barrows and gilts steady to weak. US No. 1-2 220/250 lbs. 47.50-48.80, 1-3 215/260 lbs. 46.85-47.60. US No. 1-3 300/550 lbs. sows 37.50-40.00, few 2-3 350/600 lbs. 35.00-37.50.

## PROFITABLE SWINE PRODUCTION

from



pennfield feeds

### OFFERING

- Farrow To Finish Programs
- Quality Feeding Programs
- On Farm Computer Services
- A Fleet Of Clean Disinfected Livestock Trucks
- Manager And Technician Training Programs
- Proven Genetic Program
- Professional Service Supervisors To Assist In Your Management Decisions

NOTE:

- All Services Are Available For Contract And For Independent Operations.
- We Also Provide Feed And Services For:
  - Feeder Pig Operations
  - Finishing Operations

Call

## PENNFIELD FEED MARKETING

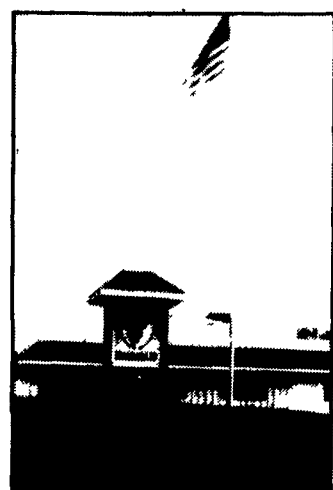
Join The Family Of Successful Hog Farmers

Office 717/295-8791  
 PA 800/732-0467  
 MD, NJ, DE 800/233-0202

## MELHORN SALES, SERVICE, TRUCKING CO.

1010 W. Main St., Mount Joy, PA 17558

### LOCAL DEKALB HATCHERY TEAM



Four nearby locations capable of large volumes to fill your orders in 1 to 2 consecutive days utilizing professional people and state of the art equipment. This provides you with fast, efficient service that results in a top quality chick.

The only full service company, in this area, to handle the total needs of poultrymen.

For More Information Phone:

717-653-1102

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



## OUR BUSINESS IS SERVICE TO FARMERS

Let us help you build a successful marketing program!



Call:

717-761-2740  
 800-382-1356

### Grains & Livestock

- Forward Contracting
- Hedging Services

**CFS** PFA COMMODITY FUTURES SERVICE, INC.