

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 1988
It's funny how the Easter bunny lays eggs.

The temperature in Washington, D.C. plummeted from 85°F to 26° F March 29, 1921. An ice jam stopped the flow of Niagara Falls March 29, 1848. Electric whale-killing machine patented by two German inventors March 30, 1852. Average length of days for the week 12 hours, 40 minutes. US Mint authorized April 2, 1792. Full moon April 2 (Sat). Easter April 3. *Half the truth is often a great lie.*



Ask the Old Farmer: My husband's family used to operate a grist mill where the fine flour was said to be "bolted." What is this process? L.J. Norton, Kan

"Bolting" as applied to flour or meal simply means sifting to remove the coarser particles.

Home Hints: Steep springtime violet flowers in boiling water for a cup of tea.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week clear and warm, rain midweek, end of week sunny and warm.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Entire week clear with very warm temperatures.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week sunny and warm, midweek rain west, scattered east, end of week warm and sunny.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Sunny and warm, rain west beginning through midweek, end of week sunny and warm, showers west.

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Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, PA
Mon., March 21, 1988

CATTLE 243...PDA...Compared with last week's market: Slaughter cows about steady. Choice sl. steer, individual 73.50, few Select 63-66.50, few Standard 57.00-63, few Utility 49.50-54.00. Few Select sl. heifers 60.00-64, Standard 53-58.50, few Utility 48.00-52.00 Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 49-52.50, Cutter & Bon. Utility 45.50-50, Canner & Low Cutter 41.00-45.50, Shells down to 27.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1300/2100 lbs. sl. bulls 55-62.50, few No. 2, 1000/1700 lbs 51.00-53.50. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 350/450 lbs steers 80.00-90.50, few Medium #1, 600/750 lbs 64.00-70, few Medium #2, 400/550 lbs 61.50-75.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 350/460 lbs heifers 70.00-77, few 600/700 lbs 50.00-58.00. Few Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 300/500 lbs bulls 70.00-85.50.

CALVES 185...Few Choice vealers 115.00-128, few Good 92.00-100, Standard and Good 90/120 lbs 77.00-89, 60/85 lbs 70.00-80, few Utility 55/70 lbs 47.00-58.00. Farm Calves Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs. 100.00-150.00; few Holstein Heifers 90/120 lbs 97.00-140.00.

HOGS 133 Barrows and gilts steady to weak. Couple Lots US No 1-2 235 lbs 42.50-44, 1-3 225/265 lbs 41.50-42.25, 2-3 230/280 lbs. 40.75-41.25, lot 2-4 294 lbs 39.50, 1-3 130/140 lbs 35.00-37.00. Few US No. 1-3 350/560 lbs sows 37.00-39.50, 2-3 400/660 lbs 33.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS 3...No Market Test. SHEEP 991...Bulk Spring slaughter lambs sold to Easter Trade. High Choice & Prime 30/42 lbs spring lambs 150.00-175, 45/65 lbs. 125.00-145, 60/70 lbs 100.00-120, 75/95 lbs 90.00-94, Choice 18/30 lbs 140.00-163, 35/55 lbs 110.00-130, 60/70 lbs 93.00-108.00, Choice 70/90 lbs feeder lambs 80.00-96.75. Slaughter sheep 24.00-38.00.

GOATS 97...Large 40.00-60.00, Medium 26.00-35.00, Small 20.00-26.00, Small Kids 19.00-30.00, Large Kids 30.00-47.00 --- all per head.

Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, PA
Wed., March 23, 1988

CATTLE 286...PDA... Supply included 34 head feeder cattle. Compared to last Wednesday's market: Slaughter steers mostly steady; Cows steady to \$1, spots \$1.50 higher. Choice 1030/1350 lbs. steers 69.00-73, few Select 63.25-70.50, Select & Choice 1200/1650 lbs. holsteins 64.00-68.00, one 68.50, Standard 59.00-63.75. Choice 925/1420 lbs sl. heifers 63.75-69, mostly 64.75-66.75, few Select 58.25-63.50, few Standard 54.25-57.00. Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 49.50-52.50, few 54.25, Canner & Low Cutter 44.00-49, Shells down to 39.50. Select & Choice sl. bullocks 61.75-65.25, few 68.50, few Standard 58.10-60.25. Few Yield Grade No 1, 1535/2230 lbs sl. bulls 58.00-62.25, few No 2, 1000/1425 lbs 52.25-58.00. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Frame No 1, 375/410 lbs steers 85.00-88.00, few 785/800 lbs 68.00-70.00. Lot Large Frame No 2 520 lbs heifers 66.00. Few Medium and Large Frame No 1, 480-825 lbs. bulls 65-72.00.

CALVES 167... Vealers \$3 to \$5 higher. Few Choice 108.00-117, few Good 83.00-102, few Standard and Good 85/110 lbs 85.00-87, 70/85 lbs 78.00-85.50, few Utility 50/80 lbs 50.00-78. Farm Calves Holstein Bulls 95/130 lbs 120.00-131, some 100.00, few 80/95 lbs 87.00-98.00, Hols. Heifers 100/125 lbs. mostly 140.00-156.00, few 80/95 lbs. 88.00-110. Few Beef Cross Bulls and Heifers 80/120 lbs. 120.00-130.00.

HOGS 438 Barrows and Gilts mostly steady, spots stronger. US No 1-2 220/240 lbs barrows and gilts 44.10-45.50, 1-3 195/265 lbs 43.00-44.75, few 42.50, lot 2-3 220 lbs 41.75. Sows uneven US No 1-3 300/500 lbs sows 32.00-35.00, few 36.00, 500/785 lbs 33.50-35.50, few Medium 275/450 lbs 27.00-32.00. Boars 30.00-31.50, few light weights 34.50-36.00.

FEEDER PIGS 131 US No 1-3 15/20 lbs. feeder pigs 39.00-42.00 per head, few 25/30 lbs. 135.00-150, lot 50 lbs 104.00, few 65/85 lbs. 64.00-79.00, lot 100 lbs

53.25 --- all per hundredweight.

SHEEP 472...Bulk of supply Spring sl lambs sold for the Easter trade. High Choice and Prime 55/75 lbs. spring sl lambs 95.00-112.50, 80/105 lbs 89-98.00, one 100, few 110/125 lbs. 84-88.00; Choice 20/40 lbs 162.50-195, few 205, 40/50 lbs 130-157.50, 50/65 lbs 107.50-132.50, 65/75 lbs. 91-100.00; Good & Choice 20/50 lbs 132.50-157.50, 75/120 lbs woolled 77.00-88.00. Slaughter sheep 15.00-38.00, mostly 19.00-29.00.

GOATS 68... Few Large Adult 40.00 58, Medium and Thin Large 30-37.00, Large Kids 30.00-49.00, few 55.00, Small Kids 13.00-21.00 --- all per head.

lbs. 67.25-70.75, one 72.85, Select 65.75-68.75, few Select & Choice 1170/1840 lbs Holsteins 59.00-64.75. Few Choice sl. heifers 62.75-67.25, few Select and Choice Holsteins 57.00-63.00, one Prime 64.25, Standard 54.50-59.50, few Utility 48.50-54.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 48-53.00, few 54.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 46.50-50.50, few 53.00, Canner & Low Cutter 43.00-46.75, Shells down to 34.00. Few Select bullocks 57.25-60.75. One Yield Grade No 1, 1565 lbs sl. bull 61.75.

CALVES 164...Vealers mostly steady. Few Choice vealers 104.00-110, few Good 84.00-88.00, Standard and Good 85-115 lbs. 85.00-89, few to 93.00, 65-80 lbs. 70.00-82, Utility 55-120 lbs. 30.00-65.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-135 lbs. 88.00-129, mostly 100.00-120.00; few

Holstein heifers 85-120 lbs. 90.00-134.00. HOGS 162...Small supply barrows and gilts steady to \$1 lower. Two lots US No. 1-2 235 & 245 lbs. barrows and gilts 43.75 & 44.00, 1-3 230/240 lbs. 43.35-43.85, two lots 218 lbs. 41.75 & 42.25, 2-3 225/260 lbs. 42.60-43.25, 2-4 215/265 lbs 41.00-42.50, few 1-3 155/200 lbs 36.50-39.00. US No. 1-3 300/550 lbs. sows 32.00-36.00, one 37.00, few 2-3 440/700 lbs. 27.00-32.75. Few Boars 28.00-28.50. FEEDER PIGS 16... Not enough sales of any one grade for a market test. SHEEP 6...Few High Choice & Prime 50-65 lbs. spring sl. lambs 121.00-128.00, one 40 lbs. 146.00, one 80 lbs 95.00. GOATS 1...One Medium 36.00 --- per head.

Lebanon Valley Livestock Auction

Fredericksburg, PA
Tues., March 22, 1988

CATTLE 179 PDA Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter cows mostly steady, spots 25 lower. Few High Choice and Prime 1215/1340 lbs. sl. steers 70.75-72.85, Choice 1075/1285

BOURBON SPRINGS FARM SPRING SALE

Saturday, April 9, 1988
7:00 p.m.

Leinbach's Farm Market
(Route 11 approximately 1 1/4 miles North of Shippensburg).
Guest Consignor: Lemmon Farm

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20 Open Gilts
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Yorks, Crossbreds

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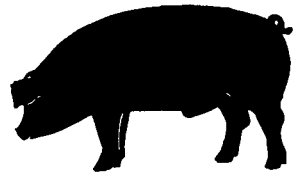
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(717) 867-1809

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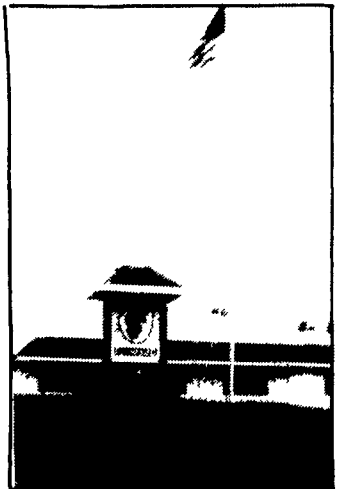
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