

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

April 11-17, 1988

The day we all fear: tax deadline nears.

American Civil War began April 11, 1861 Earthquake killed 2 298 people in China April 11 1871 Average length of days for the week 13 hours 19 minutes Leonardo da Vinci born April 15 1452 New moon April 16 (Sat) Self lighting cigars patented in the US April 16 1834 First Book of the Month Club's selection *Lolly Willows, or the Loving Huntsman* distributed April 16 1926 *Lean liberty is better than fat slavery*



Ask the Old Farmer: We have two soapstones about 6 inches across with 1/2 inch grooves in each side. Do you know what they were used for? H R M New Ipswich NH

Folks used to heat up soapstones and take them to bed or wrap them up to warm their feet. Most of them had a handle or something attached to hold them with the grooves probably fit something on a stove or fireplace or tongs.

Home Hints: Get a head start on the summer's flowers by planting bulbs and seeds in pots in the house.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Clear and warm entire week
Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week sunny and warm showers and warm mid through end of week
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Beginning of week clear and pleasant warm with showers central and east mid through end of week
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week begins sunny and warm rain south very warm with showers east mid through end of week

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Westminster Livestock Auction

Hagerstown, Md.
 Tuesday, April 5, 1988
 Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: HIGH YIELD 52.00-53.00, UTILITY 48.00-52.00, CANNERS 44.00-48.00; SHELLY 44.00-DOWN. **BULLS:** GOOD 56.50-60.00, FED STEERS- LO CH. 66.00-70.00; SELECT 63.00-67.00 FED HEIFERS- SELECT 800-1000 LBS 55.00-60.00. **VEAL CALVES:** 145-200 LBS. CHOICE 97.00-108.00, GOOD 83.00-95.00; KILLERS- 80-100 LBS 88.00-94.00; 50-80 LBS. 80.00-92.00 **FARM CALVES- HOLSTEIN BULLS** 95-120 LBS. 110.00-140.00, 1 AT 148.00, 85-90 LBS 95.00-125.00. **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS-** 95-110 LBS 130.00-155.00 **BEEF X CALVES** 80-120 LBS 96.00-117.00. **BUTCHER HOGS-** US #1 & 3 215-240 LBS 40.00-47.75, 1 LOT 269 LBS. 37.00; 195-215 LBS 39.00-40.00 **SOWS-** 300-500 LBS 32.00-34.50, 1 TO 36.00; 500-600 LBS. 35.00-36.00, THIN 25.00-31.00 **BOARS-** 300-600 LBS 28.00-29.25; 1 830 LB. AT 27.50

STOCK CATTLE: STEERS- 300-500 LBS. 83.00-86.00, 500-700 LBS 74.00-80.00; **HOLSTEINS TO** 70.00, 700-850 LBS 68.00-78.00; 850-1050 LBS 60.00-70.00 **HEIFERS-** 300-500 LBS 70.00-81.00, 500-700 LBS. 67.00-75.00, 700-850 LBS. 57.00-64.00. **BULLS-** 300-500 LBS. 75.00-83.00, 500-700 LBS. 65.00-75.00, MD. 60.00-65.00, 700 900 LBS 56.00-65.00. **LAMBS- NEW CROP** 20-40 LBS 150.00-180.00, 50-70 LBS 110.00-167.00, 80-95 LBS 95.00-110.00, 1 WOOLED 115 LB AT 77.00 **SHEEP-** 100-160 LBS 24.00-35.00, 200-300 LBS 18.00-25.00 **GOATS- LG** 50.00-58.00, 1 AT 73.00, MD 37.00-50.00, **FLESHY KIDS** 32.00-46.00, MD 22.00-32.00, THIN 22.00 **DOWN PIGS AND SHOATS- BY THE HEAD-** 20-30 LBS 29.00-35.00, 30-45 LBS 32.00-41.00 **BY THE LB - 1 LOT** 129 LBS AT 44.50, **STOCK BOARS** 140-220 LBS. AT 34.00

NOTE NEXT TUES, APRIL 12, SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE AT 7:30 P.M.

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.
 Tue., April 5, 1988

CATTLE: 267...PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter Steers and Cows weak to .50 lower. Choice sl. steers 68.00-74.85, Select 65.00-68.50, Standard 57.50-65, few Utility 48.50-54.00 Choice sl heifers 66.00-70, Select 63.00-66, Standard 55.00-62, few Utility 50.00-54.00 Breaking Utility & Commercial sl cows 49.25-53, one high yielding Commercial 56.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 47-50.50, Canner & Low Cutter 40.00-47.20, Shells down to 30.00 One Select sl bullock at 64.00 Yield Grade No 1, 1200/1685 lbs. sl

bulls 55.00-63.00. **Feeder Cattle:** Medium Frame No. 1, 340/600 lbs. steers 74.00-88.00, few Large frame No. 2, 400/700 lbs. 62.00-67.00. **Medium Frame** #1, 700/850 lbs. heifers 60.00-68, few No. 2, 500 lbs. 55.00 **Few Medium Frame** No. 1, 500/650 lbs. bulls 64.00-72.00.

CALVES 74.. **Few Good vealers** 95.00-105, Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 74.00-85, 60/85 lbs 68.00-80, few Utility 45/60 lbs 34.00-51.00 **Farm Calves:** Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 100.00-153.00, few Hol Heifers 85/120 lbs. 98.00-130.00. **Few Beef cross bulls and heifers** 85/100 lbs 94.00-150.00.

HOGS 184. **Barrows and gilts** .50 to \$1 lower. US No. 1-2 218/255 lbs. 42.00-42.60, two lots 43&43.25, 1-3 215/255 lbs 41-42.10, one lot 2-3 273 lbs. 38.10, few small lots 2-4 2-4 260/312 lbs 35.00-35.60 **Few US** No 2-3 400/600 lbs sows 30.00-34.00

FEEDER PIGS 0 **No Market Test**
SHEEP 32.. **Few High Choice & Prime** 48/61 lbs spring sl. lambs 100.00-112.00, few 78/95 lbs. 80.00-84.00, one Choice 115 lbs. 79.00 **Few Slaughter sheep** 18.00.
GOATS 8.. **Medium** 20.00-30.00 --- all per head

New Wilmington Livestock Auction

N. Wilmington, Pa.
 Mon., April 4, 1988

CATTLE 330.PDA .Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter Cows weak to 57.75-64.00. **Few Choice sl. heifers** 67.75-69.25, Standard 52.00-58.00. **Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows** 49.50-53, one 54.00, few low yielding down to 47.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 47-51.25, Canner & Low Cutter 40.00-47, Shells down to 31.00 **Yield Grade** No. 1, 1350/2050 lbs sl. bulls 56.75-59, couple to 63.75 **Feeder Cattle** Medium Frame No. 1-2, 300/550 lbs. steers 70.00-85.00 **Medium & Large Frame** No 1, 300/525 lbs heifers 68.00-80, 550/770 lbs. 54.00-66.00 **Medium Frame** No 1, 480/675 lbs bulls 65.00-80.00

CALVES 330.. **Choice vealers** 100.00-110, Good 90.00-100, Standard &

Good 90/120 lbs. 74.00-82, 65/85 lbs. 70.00-74, lot Utility 57 lbs. 53.00, lot 47 lbs. 40.00. **Farm Calves:** Holstein Bulls 95/135 lbs. 110.00-141, some down to 88.00, 90 lbs. 83.00; Holstein Heifers 85/135 lbs. 90.00-122.50. **Beef cross bulls & heifers** 80/130 lbs. 90.00-150.00

HOGS 662.. **Barrows and gilts** mostly 50 higher. US No. 1-2 215/250 lbs 42-42.50, 1-3 210/255 lbs. 41.00-42.10, 2-3 215/270 lbs. 39.00-41, 1-3 190/205 lbs 36.75-41.25. **Sows** mostly \$1 lower. US No 1-3 300/670 lbs. sows 34.00-38.75, 2-3 320/680 lbs 30.00-34.00 **Boars** 31.00-33.00

FEEDER PIGS 7. **Few US** 1-3 40/45 lbs. feeder pigs 30.00-31.00 --- all per head. **SHEEP** 72 .. **High Choice & Prime** 25/45 lbs spring sl. lambs 100.00-124, 50/75 lbs 106.00-124.00 **Slaughter ewes** 16.00-33.00

GOATS 10 **Few Medium & Large** 18.00-35.00, few Kids 25.00-35.00 --- all per head

Dewart Livestock Auction

Dewart, Pa.
 Mon., April 4, 1988

CATTLE 189...PDA.. Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows steady to \$1 higher. **Few Low Choice** 1200/1300 lbs. sl. steers 67.50-71, few Select 63.00-66; few Choice holsteins 65.25-68, few Standard 58.25-63.00. **Few Choice sl. heifers** 65.75-69.75, few Select 64.50-67.25. **Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows** 49.00-53.10, couple 54.75, Cutter & Bon. Utility 47.00-52, Canner & Low Cutter 43-46.50, Shells down to 40.00. **Yield Grade** No. 1, 1180/1600 lbs. sl. bulls 59.25-65.75. **Feeder Cattle:** Few Medium Frame No. 1, 350/600 lbs. steers and bulls 75.00-87.00. **Few Medium Frame** No 1, 400/550 lbs. heifers 70.00-86.00.

CALVES 173. **Few Good vealers** 90.00-94, Standard and Good 75/100 lbs. 83.00-90, few Utility 60/80 lbs 75.00-85.00 **Farm Calves:** Holstein Bulls 90/130 lbs. 90.00-145.00, Hol. Heifers 90/125 lbs. 120.00-169.00.

HOGS 46 **One Lot** US No. 1-3 210 lbs

barrows and gilts 42.10, one lot 1-3 225 lbs. 43.00. US No. 1-3 265/560 lbs. sows 32.00-34.50. **Few Boars** 25.00-32.00.

FEEDER PIGS 226...US No. 1-3 30/35 lbs. feeder pigs 36.00-45.00, 40/55 lbs. 45.00-49.00, one lot 75 lbs. 52.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 3. **Choice** 90 lbs. spring sl lambs 67.00.

GOATS 4. **Few Small Kids** 18.00-21.00 --- all per head

Lebanon Valley Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa.
 Tues., April 5, 1988

CATTLE 144...PDA. Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter cows unevenly steady. **Few Choice** 1175/1305 lbs. sl steers 71.25-72.75, few Select & High Low Choice 69.25-71.50, few Select 65-69.50, few Select & Choice 1180/1485 lbs Holsteins 60.50-66.25 **One Choice holstein heifer** 61.75, two Select 65.25 & 66.50, few Standard & Low Select 54.50-58, one low Standard 48.00 **Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows** 49.50-53.75, few 55.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 47-52.75, few 55.00, Canner & Low Cutter 45.75-48.25, Shells down to 39.00 **Few Yield Grade** No 1, 1505/1855 lbs sl bulls 56.25-63.50.

CALVES 209...Vealers mostly steady. **Two Choice vealers** 96.00&108, Standard and Good 80/120 lbs. 84.00-89, 70/80 lbs. 74.00-83, Utility 45/80 lbs. 50.00-72.00. **Farm Calves:** Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 100.00-148, few down to 92.00; few Holstein heifers 90/105 lbs 125.00-162.00. **Few Beef cross bulls & heifers** 65/260 lbs 85.00-110.00.

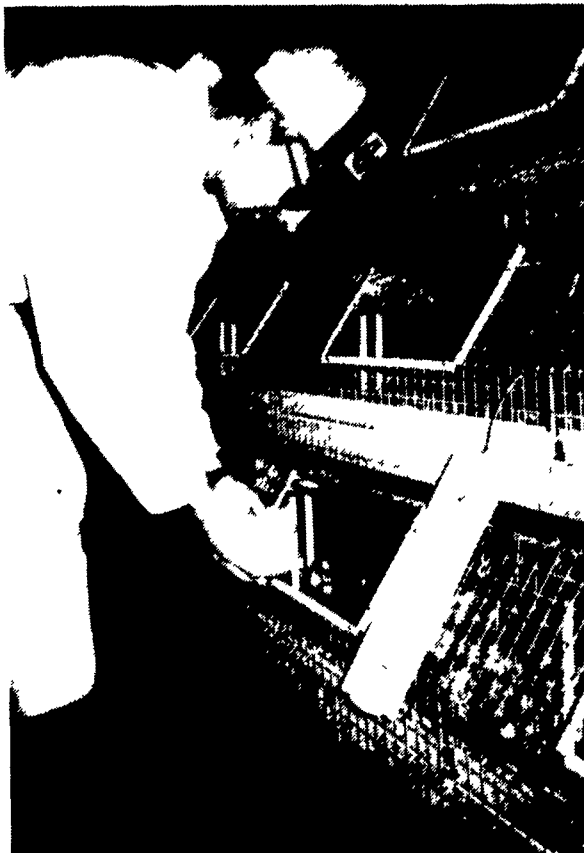
HOGS 192...Barrows and gilts unevenly steady. **Two Lots** US No. 1-2 210/220 lbs. barrows and gilts 42.75-43.35, 1-3 220/240 lbs. 42.25-42.85, 2-3 210/240 lbs. 40.85-42.10, lot 2-4 285 lbs 36.00. US No 1-3 320/545 lbs. sows 31.00-36.50, few Medium 245/375 lbs. 27.50-30.50. **Few Boars** 25.00-30, Light weights 34-37.50

FEEDER PIGS 4...No Market Test. **SHEEP** 1...Slaughter sheep 20.00. **GOATS** 2. **Medium** 25.00 and 30.00 --- per head.

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