

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 16-22, 1988

Corn should be planted by now.

Average length of days for the week 14 hours, 44 minutes First Kentucky Derby May 17, 1875 Homestead Act passed in Congress May 19, 1862 Anne Boleyn beheaded May 19, 1536 Amelia Earhart landed in Ireland May 20, 1932, completing her transatlantic flight from Newfoundland First horror film, *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, released May 21, 1908, in Chicago He who trusts rotten boughs may fall

**Ask the Old Farmer:** How can I eliminate or at least control moss growing on my lawn? I have dug it up and disposed of it, but it grows back again PB, Sag Harbor, NY

Your lawn needs more sun and more lime Cutting some branches out of any overhanging trees will let in more sun Applying lime will sweeten the soil

**Home Hints:** Sprinkle coffee grounds around carrots to ward off insects



## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Week begins cold with rain, snow north, midweek showery and warm; end of week rainy and cold  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Beginning through midweek showers with warm temperatures; end of week rainy and cold  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Beginning through midweek very warm, showers north, end of week rainy and cool

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## Oklahoma City Feed Cattle

Wed., May 11, 1988

**WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY:** FEEDER STEERS AND HEIFERS STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER. BIG RUN THIS WEEK, MOSTLY 600-900 LB. STEERS AND HEIFERS COMING OFF OF GRAZE-OUT WHEAT PASTURES. ADVANCE ON SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS AND ON DRESSED BEEF (BOTH CARLOT AND BOXED) ON A NATIONAL BASIS GAVE BUY SIGNALS TO PURCHASERS. BROAD BASE OF FEEDER BUYERS REPRESENTING FEEDLOTS IN ATTENDANCE. GRAZING INTEREST COMPETING FOR YEARLINGS THIN ENOUGH TO GO BACK TO THE COUNTRY; HOWEVER BULK RECEIPTS EXHIBITING FLESH THAT COMES WITH A GOOD WHEAT PASTURE YEAR. CALF NUMBERS LIM-

ITED AND ONLY MODEST NUMBERS OF 500-600 LB. LIGHT YEARLINGS AVAILABLE. SLAUGHTER COWS SHARPLY LOWER MONDAY, LOSS MORE THAN REGAINED WEDNESDAY WITH CLOSING PRICE LEVELS 50 CENTS TO 1.00 HIGHER THAN LAST WEEK. SLAUGHTER BULLS CLOSED 1.50-2.00 LOWER AFTER OPENING THE WEEK 2.00-3.00 OFF. BOTH COW AND BULL DEMAND CLOSED GOOD. RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 28,500; LAST WEEK 21,579; LAST YEAR 25,092. QUOTES FOR THE WEEK FOLLOW:

FEEDER STEERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 1, 200-300 LB. 119.00-130.00; 300-400 LB.

:11.50-121.50; 400-500 LB. 97.00-106.50; 500-600 LB. 90.00-96.50; 600-650 LB. CLOSING 85.00-91.50; 650-700 LB. CLOSING 81.00-86.75; 700-750 LB. 77.50-83.00; 750-800 LB. 77.00-80.75; 800-900 LB. 75.50-79.50; 900-1000 LB. 73.00-76.25. HOLSTEINS: LARGE FRAME 1, 525-600 LB. 72.00-76.75; 625-700 LB. 69.75-73.75; 700-800 LB. 66.75-68.50; 800-850 LB. 63.00-67.25; 925-1000 LB. 62.00-63.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 1, 275-300 LB. 96.00-109.25; 300-400 LB. 88.50-97.00; 400-500 LB. 85.00-90.00; 500-550 LB. 80.50-87.25; 550-600 LB. 76.75-83.75; 600-650 LB. 75.00-81.25; 650-700 LB. 74.00-76.25; 700-800 LB. 73.00-76.00; 800-875 LB. 71.25-74.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 3-5, 46.00-52.25. CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1-2, 47.00-53.25. CANNER AND LOW DRESSING CUTTER 1-2, 43.00-47.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Y.G. 1, 1000-1500 LB. 57.25-62.50; 1500-2000 LB. 58.75-65.00.

## New Wilmington Livestock

N. Wilmington, Pa. Mon., May 9, 1988

CATTLE 241...PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter Cows steady. Few Choice sl. steers 70.75-73.25, one 75.75, few Select 65.75-68, few Standard 58.00-61.75. Few Select sl. heifers 62.25-65.00, few Standard 57.00-58.75. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 50.00-55, one 57.75, Low dressing down to 45.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 48-53.00, Canner & Low Cutter 39.50-48.50, Shells down to 38.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1160/1650 lbs. sl. bulls 57.75-64.75, few No. 2 1050/1380 lbs. 50.00-58.75. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 300/670 lbs. heifers 65.00-78.00, Medium and Large Frame No. 2, 310/690 lbs. 52.00-64.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 415/755 lbs. bulls 62.50-76.50, few Medium Frame No.1 & 2, 790/980 lbs.

55.00-60.50.

CALVES 241...One Prime vealer 130.00, few Choice 118.00-123.00, few Good 100.00-110, Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 97.50-116.00, 65/85 lbs. 85.00-102.50, lot Utility 59 lbs. 70.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 85/135 lbs. 128.00-170.00, lot 80 lbs. 108.00; Hol. Heifers 85/115 lbs. 112.50-139.00. Beef cross bulls & heifers 80/135 lbs. 115.00 195.00.

HOGS 559...Barrows and gilts .50 to .75 higher. US No. 1-2 225/255 lbs. 45.25-46.00, 1-3 210/255 lbs. 44.50-45.50, 2-3 235/275 lbs. 42.60-44.00. Sows fully \$1 higher. US No. 1-3 305/610 lbs. sows 36.00-38.25. Boars 28.00-32.50.

FEEDER PIGS 19...US NO.1-3 25/40 lbs. feeder pigs 28.00-38.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 158...High Choice & Prime 70/100 lbs. spring sl. lambs 76.00-88.00, Choice 70/85 lbs. 70.00-76.00, lot 45 lbs. 74.00. Slaughter ewes 15.00-25.00, lot 37.00.

GOATS 22...Few Large 35.00-41.00, Medium 25.00-35.00, Kids 14.00-26.00 --- all per head.

lbs. 55.25 & 58.75.

CALVES 176...Vealers mostly \$5 to \$10 higher. One Prime vealer 285 lbs. 110.00, few Choice 113.00-118, one Good 107.00, Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 100.00-107, few 118.00, 70/85 lbs. 90.00-97.00, Utility 50/85 lbs. 70.00-85.00. Farm Calves: Very active; Holstein Bulls 90/135 lbs. 130.00-179.00, few 182.00, 80/90 lbs. 104.00-130.00; Hol. heifers 90/145 lbs. 113.00-158.00. Few Beef cross bulls and heifers 75/135 lbs. 113.00-173.00.

HOGS 190...Barrows and gilts small supply strong to \$1 higher. US No. 1-2, 215/250 lbs. 47.00-47.75, 1-3 220/245 lbs. 45.85-46.85, 2-3 220/270 lbs. 44.10-44.50, lot 2-4 225 lbs. 43.25. US No. 1-3 315/605 lbs. sows 33.00-36.00, few gilts 260/425 lbs. 36.25-38.00, few 2-3 410/685 lbs. 31.50-34.00. Few Boars 27.00-28, few Light weights 32.50-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS 10...Lot US No. 1-3 43 lbs. feeder pigs 82.00 - per hundredweight.

SHEEP 3...Few Slaughter ewes, 10.00-23.00.

GOATS 4...One Medium and few Kids 30.00 --- per head.

## Lebanon Valley Livestock Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa. Tues., May 10, 1988

CATTLE 158...PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter cows mostly steady to \$1 higher. Few Choice 1000/1275 lbs. sl. steers 69.25-71.75, one Prime 1235 lbs. 74.00, few Select 67.75-69.25, Select & Choice holsteins 1135/1520 lbs. 63.25-66.75, few High Choice and Prime 67.50-70.00, few Standard 58.50-63.75. Few Choice sl. heifers 58.25-67.25, two Select 54.75 & 56.25, one Standard 54.50, one Utility 49.25. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 51.50-55, few 56.75, one Commercial 59.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 48.50-53.50, few 55.50, Canner & Low Cutter 45.75-50.50, Shells down to 41.00. One Select sl. bullock 66.75, one Standard 61.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1535/1990 lbs. sl. bulls 63.00-67.50, two Y G No. 2, 1185 & 2310

## New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables New Holland, PA Monday, May 9, 1988

Report supplied by Auction REGISTERED RECEIPTS OF 297 HEAD OF HORSES, MULES AND PONIES. MARKET: STEADY.

LOCAL BETTER RIDING HORSES: 630.00-800.00. DRIVING HORSES: 350.00-1000.00. RIDING HORSES: 350.00-570.00. LIGHTWEIGHT KILLERS: 225.00-400.00. HEAVYWEIGHT KILLERS: 450.00-585.00. MARE PONIES: 35.00-75.00. COLTS: 10.00-30.00. GELDING PONIES: 35.00-75.00. LARGER PONIES: 125.00-210.00.

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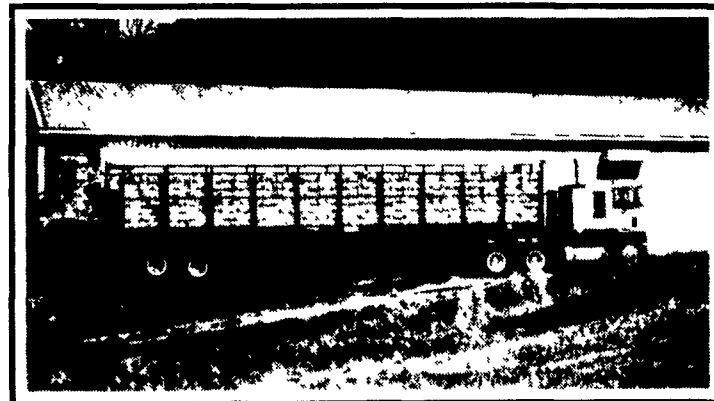
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