

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 23-29, 1988

Birds sing because they have wings.

First quarter of the moon May 23 (Mon) First telegraph message, "What hath God wrought?" sent by Samuel Morse May 24, 1844 Unitarian Church organized May 25, 1825 Andrew Payne completed running 3,422 miles in 573 hours May 26, 1928 Average length of days for the week 14 hours, 55 minutes John F Kennedy born May 29, 1917 Edmond Hillary and Tensing Norkey reached the summit of Mount Everest May 29, 1953 He that is in a town in May, loses his spring



**Ask the Old Farmer:** I have a 100% wool sleeveless sweater that went through the washer and dryer Now I can't wear it What can I do to get it back to its original size? FD, Fort Wayne, Ind

**Make a solution of one part vinegar and two parts water Boil the sweater in this gently for half an hour Then remove the sweater and reshape it to its original size**

**Home Hints:** If you love butterflies, plant meadowsweet, milkweed, nettle, thistle, mallow and clover to attract them

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Week begins rainy and cold, midweek sunny and warm, end of week showers  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Week begins rainy and cold, midweek clear and very warm, end of week showers and seasonal temperatures  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Beginning of week sunny and warm, showers at midweek, rainy and cool at end of week

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## Carlisle Livestock Market

Carlisle, Pa.

Tuesday, May 17, 1988

**CATTLE: STEERS: STRONG DEMAND!** CHOICE 72.25-76.50; GOOD-LOW CHOICE 69.85-73.85. **HOLSTEINS- CHOICE** 67.85-70.00; GOOD-LOW CHOICE 62.75-66.75. **HEIFERS- ACTIVE, 1.00 HIGHER.** CHOICE 69.75-72.00. **HOLSTEINS TO 60.25; GOOD-LOW CHOICE** 64.75-68.25; **HOLSTEINS TO 60.25.** **COWS- ACTIVE! EARLY BIRD PEN** 2.00 HIGHER. **HIGH YIELD** 53.75-58.85, **GOOD** 49.50-53.50; **BIG MIDDLE** 47.00-51.00; **SHELLY** 46.00 & **DOWN.** **FAT BULLS- GOOD** 64.00-70.10. **MEDIUM** 56.00-62.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS- (300-550 LB.) CHOICE** 90.00-101.00; **GOOD** 81.00-89.00 **MEDIUM GOLD HOLSTEINS** 66.00-82.00. **STEERS- (600-950 LB.) MOSTLY HOLSTEINS OFFERED,** FEW MEDIUM 68.00-69.00. **HEIFERS- (ALL WEIGHTS) CHOICE** 90.00-115.00; **GOOD** 71.00-83.00; **MEDIUM**

63.00-70.00. **BULLS- (ALL WEIGHTS) CHOICE** 97.00-104.00; **MEDIUM** 65.00-78.00; **GOOD** 85.00-96.00.

**VEAL CALVES: VERY ACTIVE.** CHOICE 115.00-125.00; **GOOD** 105.00-114.00; **MEDIUM** 97.00-104.00; **LIGHT/WEAK** 96.00 & **DOWN.** **FARM BULLS- 150.00-203.00; FARM HEIFERS** 125.00-151.00.

**HOGS: BARROWS & GILTS** 5.00 **HIGHER.** US NO. 1-3 210-250 LBS 50.00-51.60; 2 & 3'S 48.60-49.85.

**SOWS: (400-650 LBS.)** 33.50-33.60) 2 & 3'S 26.75-33.00. **BOARS- 26.50-32.00.**

**FEEDER PIGS (BY THE HD)** 15-25 LBS. 27.00-31.00; 30-40 LBS. 32.00-44.00; 45-55 LBS. 48.00-54.00.

**SHEEP: LAMBS (ALL WEIGHTS) GOOD & CHOICE** 79.00-92.00; **MED** 72.50-78.00. **EWES** 20.00-33.00. **GOATS-LG.** 55.00-70.00 **HD; SM./MED.** 25.00-51.00 **HD.**

**NEXT GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE: FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1.30 P.M., GRADING** 7.30 UNTIL 1.30 A.M.

## Keister's

### Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tues., May 17, 1988

**CATTLE 524...** Report supplied by the auction. **High Choice & Prime** slaughter steers 75.00-79.60, **Choice** 75-78.75, **Select** 65-74.50, **Choice** holsteins 68-71.85, **Select** 64-67.75, **Standard** 60-63.75. **Choice** sl. heifers 72.50-76.25, **Select** 65-71.75, **Standard** 55-64.75. **Breaking Utility & Commercial** sl. cows 50-56.75, **Cutter & Boning Utility** 48.00-54.75, **Canner & Low Cutter** 45.00-47.75, **Shells** down to 42.00. **Choice** sl. bullocks 67-70.75, **Select** 60-66.75. **Yield Grade** No. 1, 1200/2085 lbs. sl. bulls 65-68.75, **yg** 2 800/1200 56-64.75. **Feeder Cattle:** **Medium Frame** No. 1, 350/775 lbs. steers 78.00-93.00. **Medium Frame** No. 1, 350/700 lbs. heifers 65.00-85.00 **Medium Frame** No. 1, 350/750 lbs. bulls 65.00-85.00.

**CALVES 143...** Prime vealers 121.00-128, **Choice** 110.00-120, **Standard and Good** 90/110 lbs. 120.00-131, **Utility** 60/90 lbs. 95.00-120.00. **Farm Calves:** **Holstein Bulls** 90/125 lbs 150.00-196.00; **Holstein heifers** 90/125 lbs. 132.00-155.00

**HOGS 643...** US No. 1, 215/240 lbs. barrows and gilts 52.50-54, 1-2 210/240 lbs. 51.00-52.50, 1-3 200/250 lbs. 50.00-51, 2-4 190/270 lbs. 45.00-50.00. **US No. 1-3** 270/650 lbs. sows 31.00-34, few to 38.00, 2-3 260/575 lbs. 26.00-31.00. **Boars** 30.00-31.75.

**FEEDER PIGS 470...** US No. 1-3 20/40 lbs feeder pigs 26.00-48.00, 40/60 lbs. 48.00-59.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 80...** Good & Choice 80/110 lbs. spring sl. lambs 72.00-74, few 25/45 lbs. 101.00-126.00. **Slaughter ewes** 18.00-30.00.

**GOATS 0...** No Market Test.

## Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.

Wed., May 18, 1988

**CATTLE 323.** PDA... Supply included 33 head feeder cattle. Compared to last Wednesday's market: **Slaughter steers** steady to \$1 higher; **Cows** uneven, \$1 lower to \$1 higher. **Few High Choice & Prime** sl steers 77.25-79.60, **Choice** 1025/1300 lbs. 73.25-77.85, **Select** 66.00-73, few **Standard** 59-61.75, one **Prime** holstein 73.00, **Choice** holstein 68-71.75, few **Select** 64-66.00. **Few High Choice & Prime** sl. heifers 74.85-76.75, few **Choice** 68.75-73.75. **Breaking Utility & Commercial** sl. cows 52.50-55.75, **Couple** 57.75, **Cutter & Bon.**

**Utility** 51.75-55.75, **Canner & Low Cutter** 47.50-51.00. **Choice** sl. bullocks 65.00-69.85, **Select** 62.75-65.75. **Yield Grade** No. 1, 1100/1880 lbs. sl. bulls 59.75-69.75, one 2125 lbs. 72.85. **Feeder Cattle:** **Few Medium and Large Frame** No 1, 300/500 lbs. steers 90.00-105.00. One **Lot Large Frame** No. 1, 600 lbs. heifers 82.50.

**CALVES 171...** Few **Choice** vealers 110.00-119, **Standard and Good** 75/100 lbs. 105.00-116.00, **Utility** 60/85 lbs. 60.00-90.00. **Farm Calves:** **Holstein Bulls** 90/130 lbs. 120.00-196.00; **Hol. Heifers** 90/150 lbs. 110.00-145.00.

**HOGS 459...** Barrows and Gilts \$3 to \$4 higher. **US No. 1-2** 210/235 lbs. 52.75-53.75, **Couple** lots 54.25, 1-3 220/250 lbs. 51.25-52.75, 2-3 225/260 lbs. 50.25-51.00. **US No 1-3** 300/610 lbs. sows 32.50-37.75. **Boars** 32.00-42.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 259...** US No. 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 110.00-152.50, 40/50 lbs. 93.00-105.00 --- all per hundredweight.

**SHEEP 64...** Good & Choice 65/105 lbs. spring sl. lambs 75.00-85, few 25/55 lbs. 97.50-120.00. **Slaughter ewes** 22.00-35.00.

**GOATS 36...** Large 40.00-97.50, Kids 26.00-38.00 --- all per head.

## Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

Tues., May 17, 1988

**CATTLE 384...** PDA... Compared with last Tuesday's market: **Slaughter steers** \$5 to \$1 higher; **Cows** \$1 to \$2 higher. **High Choice and Prime** sl. steers 77.00-79.90, **Choice** 71.00-77, **High Yielding** 76-79.75, **Select** 66.50-71.20, **Standard** 60.00-67, few **Utility** 53-58.00. **Choice** sl. heifers 69.00-74, **Select** 65-68.50, **Standard** 57.50-65, **Utility** 52.50-58.00. **Breaking Utility & Commercial** sl. cows 53.00-57, **Couple** to 59.00, **Cutter & Boning Utility** 50-54.50, **Canner & Low Cutter** 42.00-49, **Shells** down to 35.00. **Couple** **Choice** sl. bullocks 67.50, few **Select** 64.75-66.00. **Yield Grade** No. 1, 1000/2035 lbs. sl. bulls 59.00-68, No. 2, 900/1400 lbs. 56.00-60.00. **Feeder Cattle:** **Medium & Large Frame** No 1, 450/670 lbs. heifers 65.00-75.00. **Medium & Large Frame** No. 1, 500/850 lbs. bulls 63.50-81.50.

**CALVES 71...** Choice vealer, one 137.50, one **Good** 112.50, **Standard and Good** 90/120 lbs. 90.00-110, 60/85 lbs. 80.00-100, few **Utility** 45/60 lbs. 60.00-78.00. **Farm Calves:** **Holstein Bulls** 90/120 lbs. 120.00-195.00; **Hol. Heifers** 90/115 lbs. 115.00-170.00. **Beef cross bulls & heifers** 80/110 lbs. 115.00-172.00.

**HOGS 173...** Barrows and gilts \$5 to \$6

higher. **US No. 1-2** 220/250 lbs. 52.00-53, 1-3 215/260 lbs. 51.20-52.10, 2-3 240/270 lbs. 50.00-50.80, one lot 1-3 202 lbs. 49.00 **Few** US No. 1-3 300/600 lbs. sows 34.00-39.00. **Few Boars** 28.00-31.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 6...** Few US No. 1-3 25/30 lbs. feeder pigs 22.00-28.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 27...** Couple Lots **Choice** 75 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 80.00. **Slaughter sheep** 17.00-25.00.

**GOATS 3...** Medium 20.00-30.00 - per head.

## Belknap Livestock Auction

Dayton, Pa.

Wed., May 18, 1988

**CATTLE 70...** PDA... Compared with last Wednesday's market: **Few** **Standard** slaughter steers 62.50-64.00. **Choice** sl. heifer, one 72.25 **Few** **Breaking Utility and Commercial** sl. cows 52.00-55.25, one 58.00, **Cutter and Boning Utility** 50.00-54, **Canner and Low Cutter** 42.50-49.75, **Shells** down to 32.00. **Feeder Cattle:** **Few Medium & Large Frame** No. 1, 710/1045 lbs. steers 63.50-68.50. **Few Medium Frame** No. 1, 370/380 lbs. bulls 85.00-89.00, 460/720 lbs. 64.50-72.75.

**CALVES 108...** Few **Good** vealers 115.00-125.00, **Standard and Good** 90/120 lbs. 110.00-121.00, 60/85 lbs. 91.00-115.00, few **Utility** 60/80 lbs. 70.00-84.00. **Farm Calves:** **Holstein Bulls** 85/130 lbs. 140.00-184, few 195.00-201.00; **Holstein heifers** 90/115 lbs. 133.00-152.50. **Beef cross bulls & heifers** 75/120 lbs. 110.00-149.00.

**HOGS 185...** Barrows and gilts \$3 to \$4 higher. **US No. 1-2** 225/245 lbs. barrows and gilts 49.00-49.25, 1-3 225/255 lbs. 48.00-49.00, 2-3 225/255 lbs. 47.00-48, lot 260 lbs. 45.00, 1-3 190/205 lbs. 45.00-47.00. **Sows** mostly \$2 to \$3 higher **US No. 1-3** 260/575 lbs. sows 35.00-41, few 2-3 360/595 lbs. 33.00-34.75. **Boars** 25.25-30.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 100...** US No. 1-3 10/25 lbs. feeder pigs 11.00-29.00, 30/45 lbs. 30.00-39.00 --- per head

**SHEEP 11...** Few **Choice** 30/45 lbs. spring sl. lambs 74.00-78.50. **Few** **Slaughter ewes** 23.50-26.00.

**GOATS 26...** Couple! **Narge** 50.00 & 61.00, **Medium** 32.00-49, **Kids** 11.00-19.00, **Small** 20.00-28.00 --- all per head.

## HAY & STRAW SALE

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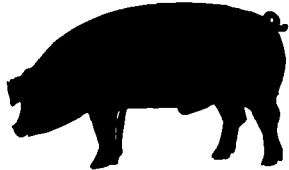
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**TUESDAYS:** Thomasville 717-792-2248 or 9836

## DEWART AREA FARMERS

**WEDNESDAYS - Dewart Sale Barn,** 717-538-9835

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 Ed Herrmann, 717-284-3203  
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