

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JULY 4-10, 1988

Summer malaise through the long, hot days.

Independence Day July 4 . . . Earth at aphelion July 5 (Tues.) . . . William Booth founded The Salvation Army in London July 5, 1865 . . . Last quarter of the moon July 6 (Wed) . . . First passport issued to a U.S. citizen July 8, 1796 . . . Average length of days for the week 15 hours, 9 minutes . . . Telstar, the first privately owned satellite, launched July 10, 1962 . . . *Who weeds ere he be wise shall die ere he shall thrive.*



Ask the Old Farmer: Can you tell me what a "Cape Cod cellar" is? I have heard it described as a round area, like the inside of a silo, lined with old bricks. What was it used for? C.J., Berkeley Heights, N.J.
These cisterns were sometimes built in the cellars of houses where water was apt to be scarce at times. Eaves troughs were put on the house and piped to the cistern. When the well went dry, this rainwater would come in handy for washing.
Home Hint: Pinch the tops of basil and other annual herbs to encourage bushy growth.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Week begins clear and hot, midweek rainy and mild, end of week sunny.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Beginning of week cool north; rainy and cold mid through end of week
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Heat wave at beginning of week with showers north; warm temperatures with possible thundershowers mid through end of week

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Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.

Monday, June 27, 1988

CATTLE 454 HEAD. SLAUGHTER STEERS 115 - CHOICE & PRIME 65.00-68.75; GOOD & CHOICE 61.50-67.00; GOOD & CHOICE - HOLSTEIN 56.00-61.75; STANDARD & GOOD - HOLSTEIN 51.00-56.50. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS 70- CHOICE 64.00-68.25; GOOD & CHOICE 60.50-65.75; STANDARD & GOOD 53.00-61.00. COWS 195- UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 43.50-47.50, FEW TO 49.50; CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 42.00-46.75, FEW TO 48.00, CANNER & LOW CUTTER 42.50 & DOWN. BULLS - ALL WEIGHTS 34- YIELD GRADE 1 55.00-62.50, FEW TO 65.00; YIELD GRADE 2 48.00-55.50. STOCKER CATTLE - ALL WEIGHTS 40- STEERS - MEDIUM & GOOD 60.00-72.00; HEIF-

ERS - MEDIUM & GOOD 53.00-65.50, FEW TO 70.00; BULLS - MEDIUM & GOOD 50.00-60.00; STEERS - HOLSTEIN 54.00-64.00.

CALVES 701 HEAD - GOOD & CHOICE 125-250 LBS. 90.00-108.00; MEDIUM & GOOD 125-250 LBS. 75.00-91.00; MEDIUM & GOOD 80-120 LBS. 94.00-104.00; LIGHT & CULL - ALL WEIGHTS 94.00 & DOWN; HOLSTEIN BULLS - RETURN TO FARM UP TO 136.00, BULK 120.00-131.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS - RETURN TO FARM UP TO 105.00.

LAMBS, SHEEP & GOATS 97 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 52.00-56.00; MEDIUM & GOOD LAMBS 42.00-50.00; LIGHT AND CULL LAMBS 35.00-42.00; SHEEP, EWES & BUCKS 12.00-22.00; GOATS ALL SIZES - (BY HEAD) SMALL 12.00-25.00, LARGE 26.00-60.00.

HOGS 157 HEAD. NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS - 190-225 LBS. 42.00-44.75; NO.

1-3 BUTCHER HOGS - 225-250 LBS. NONE; NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS - 250-300 LBS. 36.00-42.00; GOOD BUTCHER SOWS - 400 LBS. DOWN 30.00-35.00; GOOD BUTCHER SOWS - 400 LBS. UP 26.00-34.50; HEAVY BOARS - OVER 300 LBS. 22.00-24.50, LIGHT 29.00-34.00; PIGS - ALL SIZES (BY HEAD) 22.00-32.00.

4 LOADS- MIXED 55.00-62.50

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.

Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.

Wednesday, June 29, 1988

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 156...PDA. Compared to last Wednesday's market: Slaughter cows \$1.50 to \$3 higher. Few High Choice & Prime 1250/1375 lbs. sl. steers 67-69.85, Choice 1050/1235 lbs. 65.25-67.10, few Select 60-63.75; Select & Choice 1200/1600 lbs. holsteins 58.75-64.85, few Standard 53.00-58.00. Few Choice sl. heifers 60.75-63.25, few Select 59.25-60.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 46.25-49.50, Cutter & Bon. Utility 44-47.25, one 50.25, Canner & Low Cutter 39.75-44.75, Shells down to 32.00. One Choice sl. bullock 67.00, few Select 57.00-61.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1300/1935 lbs. sl. bulls 59.00-68.85, one 54.50, few No. 2, 1300/1600 lbs. 49.50-50.00. FEEDER CATTLE: One Lot Large Frame No. 2, 550 lbs. heifers 63.50. One Lot Large Frame No. 1, 377 lbs. bulls 78.00.

CALVES 170...Vealers grading Standard and Good \$5 to \$8 lower. Few Choice 100.00-107.00, few Good 82.00-92, Standard and Good 85/105 lbs. 85.00-91, few 70/85 lbs. 70.00-81, few Utility 100/120 lbs. 70.00-80, few 55/65 lbs. 50.00-64.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 120.00-141, some down to 95.00, few 70/90 lbs. 83.00-100; few Hol. Heifers 100/150 lbs. 95.00-111.00. Beef cross bulls & heifers 80/120 lbs. 112.50-140.00. Few Good & Choice 325/380 lbs. slaughter calves 79.00-86.00.

HOGS 509...Barrows and Gilts \$4 to \$5 lower. US No. 1-2 220/235 lbs. 45.35-46, 1-3 220/250 lbs. 44.00-45, 190/220 lb. 40.00-44, 2-3 230/260 lbs. 43.25-44, few down to 42.00, 2-4 260/270 lbs. 41.25-42.50. Sows \$4.50 to \$5.50 lower. US No. 1-3 290/500 lbs. sows 28.00-31.25,

few 35.50, few 500/580 lbs. 26.00-29, few 2-3 390/650 lbs. 25.00-28, few Medium 300/440 lbs. 25.00-27.50. Boars 22.00-25, couple 20.00, few Light weights 25.00-30.00.

FEEDER PIGS 458...US No. 1-3 20/30 lbs. feeder pigs 71.00-76.00, 35/55 lbs. 61.00-71, few 75/85 lbs. 57.00-59, few 100/135 lbs. 46.00-51, few Utility 25/30 lbs. 61.00-63.00 --- all per hundredweight; 15/20 lbs. 15.00-20.00(per head).

SHEEP 83...Few High Choice & Prime 40/50 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 65.00-75.00, small lot 30 lbs. 95.00, 60/95 lbs. 52.00-57, one 60.00, Good & Choice 60/80 lbs. 50.00-55.00, few Good & Choice 40/60 lbs. feeder lambs 57.00-72.50. Slaughter sheep 14.00-25.00. Few Yearlings and two year olds 31.00-45.00.

GOATS 39...Large Adults 41.00-65.00, Large Kids 26.00-39.00, Small Kids 17.00-23.00 --- all per head.

Oklahoma City Feed Cattle Weekly

Wed., June 29, 1988

WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY: FEEDER STEERS AND HEIFERS UNDER 500 LB. 3.00- 5.00 HIGHER; OVER 500 LB. 2.00-4.00 HIGHER. FEEDER DEMAND GOOD; TRADE ACTIVE. RUNLIGHT. ACTIVE TRADE ON SLAUGHTER CATTLE IN TEXAS AND KANSAS EARLY IN THE WEEK ADDED A BULLISH NOTE IN FEEDER CIRCLES. SKYROCKING GRAIN PRICES HALTED, TURNED SHARPLY DOWNWARD THE PAST TWO DAYS. DETERMINING THE VALUE OF FEEDER LIVESTOCK HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT THE PAST THREE WEEKS. SLAUGHTER COWS 2.00 HIGHER. SLAUGHTER BULLS STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER, MOSTLY STEADY. COW DEMAND GOOD. BULL DEMAND MODERATE. OKLAHOMA RECEIVED RAINS THIS WEEK, AMOUNTS VARIED GREATLY HOWEVER LARGE SHARE OF THE STATE RECEIVED MOISTURE. RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 8,600; LAST WEEK 14,704; LAST YEAR 12,566. COWS AND BULLS 8% OF RUN. QUOTES FOR THE WEEK FOLLOW:

FEEDER STEERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 1, FEW 200-300 LB. 91.00-99.50; 300-400 LB. 92.50-98.50; 400-500 LB. 82.25-95.50, CLOSING 86.50 UP; 500-600 LB. 75.00-88.50, MOSTLY 76.50-85.50; 600-700 LB. 71.75-77.00, BULK 72.00-76.25; 700-750 LB. MOSTLY 71.50-74.25; 750-800 LB. 68.00- 74.00, BULK 70.00 UP; 800-900 LB. 66.75-70.25. HOLSTEIN STEERS,

LARGE FRAME 2, 500-525 LB 67.50-67.75; 600-675 LB. 57.25-61.75; 775-800 LB. 56.00-57.50; 800-900 LB. 54.25-57.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 1, 200-300 LB. FEW 84.00- 84.50; 350-400 LB. CLOSING 77.50-86.75; 400-500 LB. 73.25-81.75; 500-600 LB. 68.00-72.00; 600-700 LB. 67.50-71.00; 700-800 LB. 64.75- 68.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: BREAKING UTILITY 3-4, 40.00-44.75. CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1-2 40.00-45.00. CANNER AND LOW DRESSING CUTTER 36.00-40.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Y.G. 1, 1200-2100 LB. 48.00-57.00, CLUSTERING 50.00- 54.00.

Keister's Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, PA

Tuesday, June 28, 1988

CATTLE 291 .PDA. Compared with last weeks market: Slaughter steers and cows about steady Choice 1050/1500 lbs. sl. steers 64 85-67.85, few Select 60.00-65.50, few Select & Choice holsteins 57.00-63.25. Choice sl. heifers 60.00-63.60, few Choice holsteins 56.25-61.75. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 43.50-48.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 42.75-46.75, Canner & Low Cutter 39.75-43, Shells down to 33.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 935/1965 lbs. sl. bulls 53-64.50, one 66.00. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 400/525 lbs. 70.00-84.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 400/750 lbs. heifers 57.00-63.00.

CALVES 180...Few Choice & Prime vealers 94.00-111, few Good 90.00-94, Standard and Good 75/100 lbs. 87.00-94, Utility 60/90 lbs. 80.00-86.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/130 lbs. 89.00-140, couple 146.00; Holstein heifers 70/175 lbs. 94.00-110.00.

HOGS 700...US No. 1, 215/235 lbs. barrows and gilts 48.00-49, 1-2 210/245 lbs. 47.00-48, 2-3 200/250 lbs. 46.00-47, 2-4 200/270 lbs. 42.00-46.00. US No. 1-3 270/650 lbs. sows 27.00-30, few light weight to 40.00, 2-3 270/575 lbs. 24.00. Boars 25.00-32.00.

FEEDER PIGS 590...US No. 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 18.00-24.00, 1-3 35/50 lbs. 20.00-30.00, 60/75 lbs. 33.00-37.00, lot 125 lbs. 45.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 65...Few Choice 40/50 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 72.00-85.00, 50/100 lbs. 54.00-69.00. Slaughter sheep 13.00-39.00.

GOATS 30...Large 40.00-79.00, Small & Medium Kids 17.00-30.00 -- all per head.

HAY & STRAW SALE

12 Noon Every Wednesday
CHANGE OF LOCATION
STARTING MAY 25

Located Gum Tree area. Going south on 41, at Cochranville turn left, one block turn right, go about 5 mi. on the right hand side. Watch for sale signs.

Harvey Z. Martin
215-383-6686 (Office)
215-445-5303
(Residence)

KING'S AUCTION KIRKWOOD

Hay, Straw and Grain Auction
EVERY TUESDAY

12:00
Located Rt. 472 5 miles south of Quarryville or 6 miles north of Oxford corner of Rt. 472 and Noble Road at Rouse Tobacco Station.

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



PLEASE NOTE!

Change of Location to Home Farm
On Hill Rd.

FRIDAY, JULY 29 - 1:00 PM
ON THE FARM MONTHLY

BRED GILT SALE

Sale To Start Promptly Every 4 Weeks

Located 4 miles east of former location, 1 mile off 472 midway between Quarryville & Oxford, PA, 1 mile south of Kirkwood, turn west off 472 at Union Church (Street Rd.) 1 mile to crossroad turn left, 2nd farm on right. Hill Road. Watch for sale signs.

Validated Brucellosis
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50 to 60 Head

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