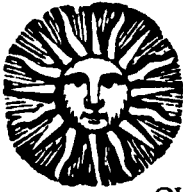


# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

OCT. 24-30, 1988  
Daylight Saving Time ends.

United Nations founded Oct 24, 1945 Full moon Oct 24 (Mon) Massachusetts General Court voted to establish Harvard University Oct 28, 1636 Fredenc Auguste Bartholdi's statue, *Liberty Enlightening the World*, dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor Oct 28, 1886 Average length of days for the week 10 hours, 34 minutes New York Stock Exchange collapsed Oct 29, 1929 Daylight Saving Time ends Oct 30 (Sun) *A full belly makes a dull brain*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** A late-season snowstorm used to be referred to as "poor man's fertilizer" Could you tell me if there is any truth in this old expression? L M, Osterville, Mass  
*Yes, old-timers of our memory always hoped for a soft snowfall after their peas and potatoes broke ground They claimed it made the crops grow better and faster*  
**Home Hints:** Don't harvest root crops too early Most of them will keep in the soil for another few weeks

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Week begins with Indian Summer-like weather; freezing rain and snow mud through end of week  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Hazy and warm at beginning of week; rain with unseasonably cool temperatures mid through end of week.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Indian Summer-like weather at week's beginning; rainy and cool mud through end of week.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Beginning of week clear and warm; midweek rain; end of week clear and warm.

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### Belknap Livestock Auction

Dayton, Pa.

Wednesday, October 12, 1988

Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 152...**PDA...Compared with last Wednesday's market: Choice slaughter steers 64.25-68.00, few Select 61.00-64.25. One Select sl. heifer 59.00. Few Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 45.75-48, low yielding down to 42.00, Canner and Low Cutter 44.00-48, Canner & low Cutter 38.00-44, Shells down to 30.00. One Standard sl. bullock 54.75. Couple Yield Grade

No. 1, 2315 lbs. sl. bulls 56.50 and 1670 lbs. 63.00, one No. 2 1045 lbs. 47.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame No. 1, 285/365 lbs. steers 78.50-85, 650/920 lbs. 63.25-68.50, few Med. & Large #1, 355/655 lbs. 58.00-63.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 285/495 lbs. heifers 61.50-69.50, Med. & Large Frame #1, 505/750 lbs. 55.25-67.00, Medium #2, 395/610 lbs. 47.00-59.50. Few Medium Frame No. 2, 465/640 lbs. bulls 55.50-58.50.

**CALVES 103...**Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 85.00-94, 65/85 lbs. 70.00-88.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/135 lbs. 109.00-140, few down to 90.00. Beef cross

bulls & heifers 65/135 lbs. 84.00-121.00. HOGS 153...Barrows and gilts about steady. US No. 1-2 250/255 lbs. 41.25-41.30, 1-3 215/260 lbs. 39.00-40.50, (6 head 43.00), few 2-3 220/265 lbs. 37.75-39, 1-3 195/210 lbs. 35.00-39.25. Sows steady. US No. 1-3 295/530 lbs. sows 27.00-31.00, couple 37.50-38.50. Boars 20.00-25.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 205...**US No. 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 5.00-10.00, 35/50 lbs. 10.00-16.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 33...**Few Choice 80/100 lbs. feeder lambs 53.00-56.00; Good & Choice 65/80 lbs. feede lambs 48.00-59.75. Slaughter ewes 20.00-37.00. Few Yearlings 41.00-50.00

**GOATS 22...**Large 44.00-57.00,

### Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.

Wednesday, October 12, 1988

Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 272...**PDA... Supply included 18 head feeder cattle ...Compared to last Wednesday's market: Slaughter steers weak to \$1.50 lower; Cows mostly \$1 lower. Choice 1015/1580 lbs. sl. steers 67.50-69.50, individual's 70.25&72.75, Select & low Choice 1160/1470 lbs. 66.00-69, Select 63.75-67.50; Choice & Prime 1030/1555 lbs. holsteins 62.25-67.85, few 69.00, Select 58.50-62, Standard 57-64.75, few Utility & low Standard 51-58.25. Choice 970/1325 lbs. sl. heifers 63.75-67, few High Choice 70.75, few Select 58.75-63.50, few Standard 53-58.50; few Select & Choice holsteins 56-65.75. Breaking Ut. & Commercial sl. cows 48.75-52.10, few 54.25, Cutter & Bon. Utility 44.50-49.75, few to 51.50, Canner & Low Cutter 42.50-44.75, few Shells down to 31.75. Choice sl. bullocks 66.25-67.25, individual's 73&73.25, Select 59.75-65.75, few Standard 55.00-58.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1300/1420 lbs. sl. bulls 58.50-62.50. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 380/440 lbs. steers 74.00-83.00, Large #2, 367/544 lbs. 64.00-69, few 715/985 lbs. 58.00-63.50. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 310/545 lbs. heifers 73.00-81, one 88.00, few Large #2, 710/835 lbs. 50.50-53.00. Med. & Large Frame No. 1, 405/580 lbs. bulls 66.00-76.00, few Large #2, 505/875 lbs. 49.00-56.00.

**CALVES 187...**One Choice vealer 102.00, few Good 73.00-86, Standard &

Good 90/120 lbs. 80.00-90.00, 75/90 lbs. 70.00-83, Utility 65/90 lbs. 40.00-67.50, few 75.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/135 lbs. 90.00-143.00; few Hol. Heifers 110/125 lbs. 90.00-92.00.

**HOGS 411...**Barrows and gilts mostly \$1 higher. US No. 1-2 210/265 lbs. 41.25-42.50, few to 43.00, 1-3 220/260 lbs. 40.25-41.75, 2-3 215/250 lbs. 39.00-41, 2-4 215/275 lbs. 35.75-38.75, lot 308 lbs. 37.75, 1-3 110/155 lbs. 40.00-45.00. US No. 1-3 325/770 lbs. sows 28.00-32.75, few down to 25.50. Boars 21.00-23.50, lot Light Weights 25.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 270...**US No. 1-3 15/20 lbs. feeder pigs 16.00-22.00 per head; 20/35 lbs. 76.00-110.00, 35/50 lbs. 56.00-72.00, 50/85 lbs. 42.00-49.00, 2-3 20/35 lbs. 35.00-57.00 --- all per hundredweight.

**SHEEP 56...**Choice & Prime 100/145 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 50.00-60.00, Choice 60/95 lbs. 59.00-83.00; Good & Choice 40/57 lbs. feeder lambs 90.00-102.50, few Yearlings and 2 year olds 25.00-39.00.

**GOATS 23...**Few Large 39.00-60.00, Medium 29.00-41.00, two Kids 24.00&36.00 --- all per head.

**BERKS COUNTY 4-H MARKET HOGS SHOW AND SALE - 60 HEAD...**GRAND CHAMPION 235 LBS. 215.00, RESERVE CHAMPION 240 LBS. 145.00, REMAINING 58 HEAD RANGED FROM 165/280 LBS. AND SOLD FROM 60.00 TO 90.00 CWT.

### Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.

Monday, Oct. 10, 1988

**CATTLE: 672 HEAD. SLAUGHTER STEERS 103 CHOICE & PRIME 68.00-71.00, FEW TO 72.25; GOOD & CHOICE 66.00-70.25, GOOD & CHOICE- HOLSTEIN 60.00-66.75, STANDARD & GOOD- HOLSTEIN 53.50-60.00. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS 64 CHOICE 65.75-70.00, FEW TO 72.50, GOOD & CHOICE 64.00-70.00, STANDARD & GOOD 54.00-64.00. COWS 272 UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 48.50-51.75, FEW TO 54.00; CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 45.00-51.50, FEW TO 52.75; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 46.00 & DOWN. BULLS- 15 ALL WEIGHTS- YIELD GRADE 1 59.00-67.35, YIELD GRADE 2 54.00-60.00. STOCKER CATTLE- 109 ALL WEIGHTS- STEERS- MEDIUM & GOOD 65.00-87.50;**

**HEIFERS- MEDIUM & GOOD 64.00-75.50, BULLS- MEDIUM & GOOD 53.00-69.00, FEW TO 75.00. STEERS- HOLSTEIN 53.50-61.50, SMALL UP TO 72.50.**

**CALVES: 607 HEAD. GOOD & CHOICE- 125-250 LBS. 90.00-107.00, MEDIUM & GOOD- 125-250 LBS. 75.00-91.00, MEDIUM & GOOD- 80-120 LBS. 84.00-99.00, LIGHT & CULL- ALL WEIGHTS 84.00 & DOWN, HOLSTEIN BULLS- RETURN TO FARM UP TO 155.00 AV. 130.00-145.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS- RETURN TO FARM UP TO 128.00. AV 90.00-120.00.**

**LAMBS, SHEEP & GOATS: 48 HEAD CHOICE LAMBS 56.50-62.50, MEDIUM & GOOD LAMBS 50.00-57.00, LIGHT LAMBS 62.00-68.50, SHEEP, EWES & BUCKS 18.00-29.00, GOATS- ALL SIZES (BY HEAD) SMALL 15.00-24.00; LARGE 25.00-57.00.**

**HOGS: 184 HEAD. NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS- 190-225 LBS. 36.00-40.75; 225-250 LBS. 40.00-42.00; NO. 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS- 250-300 LBS. 35.50-40.00, GOOD BUTCHER SOWS- 400 LBS. DOWN 31.50-37.00, GOOD BUTCHER SOWS- 400 LBS. UP 31.00-36.50, HEAVY BOARS- OVER 300 LBS. 24.00-27.50, LIGHT UP TO 31.00. PIGS- ALL SIZES (BY HEAD) 14.00-28.00.**

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**FEEDER PIG SALE OCT. 22ND AT 1:00 P.M.**

**8 LOADS HAY & STRAW. ALFALFA 96.00-115.00, MIXED 76.00-90.00.**

### Peoria Sheep

Tuesday, October 11, 1988

**FEDERAL-STATE MARKET NEWS FLASH, MIDSESSION AND CLOSE. SHEEP: 100 TRADING MODERATE. COMPARED WITH LAST TUESDAY SLAUGHTER LAMBS MOSTLY STEADY, INSTANCES 1.00 HIGHER. SLAUGHTER EWES FOR A MARKET TEST SLAUGHTER LAMBS: CHOICE AND PRIME 95-115 LBS. 60.00-62.00, FEW CHOICE 63.00 CHOICE 90-120 LBS. 57.00-60.00.**

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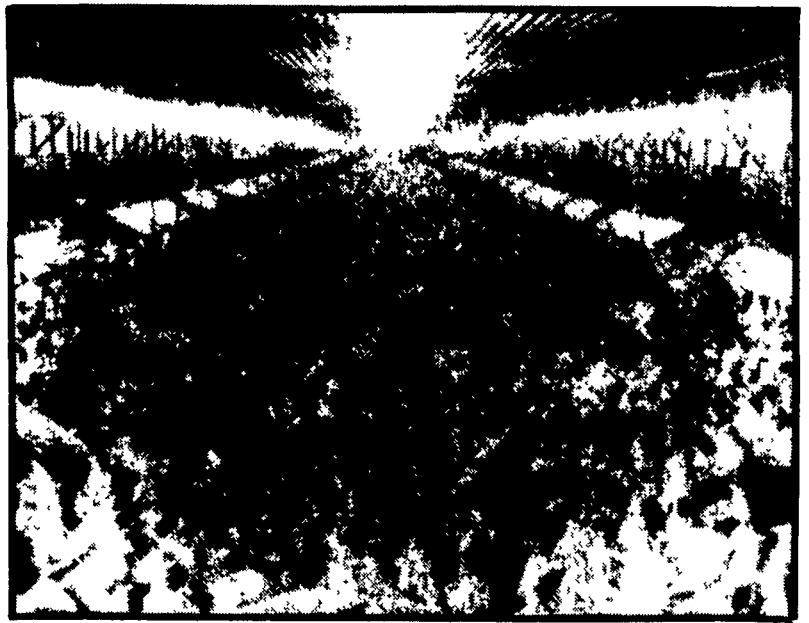
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