

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

OCT. 31-NOV. 6, 1988

Roll up your sleeves and rake up the leaves.

Halloween Oct. 31 (Mon.) . . . Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg's castle church, instigating the Protestant Reformation Oct. 31, 1517
National Weather Service founded Nov 1, 1870 . . . Last quarter of the moon Nov 1 (Tues) . . . Average length of days for the week 10 hours, 15 minutes English archeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of King Tutankhamen at Luxor, Egypt, Nov 4, 1922 . . . The school of life is a compulsory education



birds are bothering you. Harp them so that they move around in the trees.
Home Hints: If you break the end of a bone knitting needle you can snip pen it again in a pencil sharpener

Ask the Old Farmer: We are having trouble with all kinds of birds pecking holes in the eaves and wood shingles on our Block Island house. Native islanders tell us that hanging rubber owls from the eaves does not keep the birds away. Do you have any suggestions? B.W. New Canaan Conn.
The owls don't work because the birds get used to seeing them in the same position all the time. Get some toy snakes and fasten them around where the

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Beginning of week freezing rain and snow, midweek clear with cold nights, end of week showers
Greater New York-New Jersey: Clear and mild through midweek, seasonable temperatures at week's end
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Rainy and cool at beginning of week, midweek unseasonably warm with increasing clouds; end of week snowstorm, cold temperatures
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Week begins clear and warm, sunny and unseasonably warm mid through end of week

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Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.

Monday, Oct. 17, 1988

CATTLE: 623 HEAD. SLAUGHTER STEERS 129 CHOICE & PRIME 68.00-72.85, FEW TO 74.00, GOOD & CHOICE 65.50-70.25, GOOD & CHOICE-HOLSTEIN 60.00-67.75, STANDARD & GOOD-HOLSTEIN 54.00-60.50. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS 90 CHOICE 65.00-71.00, FEW TO 72.50, GOOD & CHOICE 61.50-67.75, STANDARD & GOOD 54.00-61.50. COWS 245 UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 47.00-52.75, FEW TO 54.00; CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 45.00-50.75; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 45.25 & DOWN. BULLS- 21 ALL WEIGHTS- YIELD GRADE 1 58.00-65.75, YIELD GRADE 2 51.50-58.00. STOCKER CATTLE- 138 ALL WEIGHTS- STEERS- MEDIUM & GOOD 70.00-90.00; HEIFERS- MEDIUM & GOOD 62.00-73.50, BULLS- MEDIUM & GOOD 57.00-80.50. STEERS- HOLSTEIN 600 LB. & DOWN 62.00-75.00, 600 LB. & UP 52.00-60.50.
CALVES: 539 HEAD. GOOD & CHOICE- 125-250 LBS. 90.00-106.00, MEDIUM & GOOD- 125-250 LBS. 75.00-90.00, MEDIUM & GOOD- 80-120 LBS. 85.00-99.00, LIGHT & CULL- ALL WEIGHTS 85.00 & DOWN, HOLSTEIN BULLS- RETURN TO FARM UP TO 159.00 BULK 120.00-142.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS- RETURN TO FARM UP TO

120.00 BULK 100.00-112.00.
LAMBS, SHEEP & GOATS: 41 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS NONE OFFERED, MEDIUM & GOOD LAMBS 50.00-57.25, LIGHT LAMBS 60.00-67.50, SHEEP, EWES & BUCKS 15.00-24.50, GOATS- ALL SIZES (BY HEAD) 15.00-50.00.
HOGS: 156 HEAD. NO 1-3 BUTCHER HOGS- 190-225 LBS. 37.00-41.00, 225-250 LBS. 40.00-41.25; 250-300 LBS. 35.00-40.50, GOOD BUTCHER SOWS- 400 LBS. DOWN 32.00-36.00, 400 LBS UP 31.50-36.50, HEAVY BOARS- OVER 300 LBS. 26.00-27.75, LIGHT 28.00-30.50. PIGS- ALL SIZES (BY HEAD) 18.00-26.00.
SALE EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:00 P.M. & THURS. AT 1:00 P.M.
HAY & STRAW SALE EVERY MONDAY & THURS. AT 11:30 A.M.
SPECIAL FEEDER PIG SALE SAT. AT 1:00 P.M.
SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE FRI., OCT. 28 AT 7:15 P.M.
9 LOADS.
ALFALFA 70.00-100.00; TIMOTHY & MIXED 67.50-72.00.

Penns Valley Livestock

Centre Hall, Pa.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1988

Report Supplied by Auction

BEEF COWS: UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 47.75-50.50; CUTTERS 44.00-47.50; CANNERS 40.00-43.50; SHELLS 37.00.
HEIFERS: STANDARD 54.00-59.75; COMMERCIAL 50.00-53.00.
STEERS: SELECT 54.00-60.00; STANDARD 45.00-52.00.
BULLS: GOOD 55.75-59.25, STANDARD 52.00-55.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: 300-500 LBS LARGE FRAME 69.00-75.00, 300-500 LBS SMALL FRAME 58.00-72.00, 500-700 LBS LARGE FRAME 60.00-68.00, 500-700 LBS SMALL FRAME 52.00-65.00.
VEAL CALVES GOOD 80.00-97.00, STANDARD 67.00-78.00, UTILITY 52.00-55.00.
FARM CALVES BULLS 100.00-149.00; HEIFERS 90.00-102.00
HOGS- 35.00-38.00
SOWS 27.00-31.50
BOARS- 22.00-24.00
SHOATS- 25-30 LBS PER HEAD 8.00-14.00, 30-35 LBS. PER HEAD 15.00-26.00, 35-50 LBS. PER HEAD 27.00-33.00.
SHEEP- 13.00-18.00.
GOATS PER HEAD. 20.00-42.00

Westminster Livestock Auction

Hagerstown, Md.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1988

Report supplied by auction
SLAUGHTER COWS, STEADY PRICES, HIGH YIELD 48.00-50.00, UTILITY 44.00-48.00, CANNERS 40.00-44.00, SHELLY 40.00 DOWN; BULLS, 8 HD., YG#1 58.00-60.25, YG#2 52.00-58.00; FED STEERS, 38 HD., CHOICE 1200-1600 LBS. 67.00-69.00, SELECT 62.00-67.00, STANDARD HOLSTEIN 52.00-56.00, SELECT 56.00-60.00; FED HEIFERS, 15 HD., CHOICE 1000-1200 LBS. 68.00-69.00, 850-1000 LBS. 62.00-66.00 SELECT 58.00-62.00; VEAL CALVES 140-300 LBS., CHOICE 95.00-100.00, GOOD 85.00-95.00, CULLS 50-80 LBS. 68.00-78.00, 80-110 LBS. 75.00-85.00, WEAK AND ROUGH 60.00 DOWN; FARM CALVES, HOLSTEIN BULLS 130-140 LBS. 87.00-106.00, 100-120 LBS. 120.00-138.00, 90-95 LBS. 90.00-125.00, BEEF X 95.00-116.00; BUTCHER HOGS, 55 HD. \$1 LOWER, US#1&2 1 LOT 249 LBS. 40.25, US#1&3 215-250 LBS. 39.00-39.50, 250-270 LBS. 36.00-38.00, 270-330 LBS. 30.00-35.00; SOWS, 40

HD., 300-500 LBS. 28.00-31.50, 500-700 LBS. 28.50-30.25, THIN OR FAT 24.00-28.00; BOARS, 9 HD., 350-700 LBS. 26.00-27.00.

STOCK CATTLE, 115 HD., STEERS MEDIUM & LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 70.00-86.00, 400-600 LBS. 65.00-75.00, 600-900 LBS. 62.00-71.50, 900-1050 LBS. 65.00-69.00; HEIFERS 200-400 LBS. 70.00-85.00, 400-700 LBS. 60.00-70.00, 700-900 LBS. 55.00-62.00, HOLSTEINS 400-800 LBS. 57.00-64.00; BULLS 300-500 LBS. 65.00-77.00, 500-700 LBS. 57.00-69.00; LAMBS, 47 HD., GOOD DEMAND, CHOICE 100-125 LBS. 53.00-58.50, 80-100 LBS 58.00-70.00, GOOD 50.00-55.00, YEARLINGS 30.00-35.00; SHEEP, 7 HD., 24.00-26.00; GOATS, 25 HD., LG 50.00-62.00, MEDIUM 35.00-50.00, SMALL 20.00-35.00, PIGS AND SHOATS, 195 HD., \$2 HIGHER, BY THE HEAD 15-30 LBS 5.00-13.00, 30-45 LBS 15.00-25.00, 50-70 LBS 21.00-34.00, 80-90 LBS 35.00-41.50, BY THE LB 1 LOT 125 LBS AT 38.00, STOCK BOARS 18 HD 200-270 LBS. 25.00-32.00, 150-200 LBS 27.00-32.00

NOTE: MIDDLE MARYLAND FEEDER CATTLE SALE FRIDAY, OCT. 28, 6 P.M. EXPECTING 300 HD OF CATTLE

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.

Wed., Oct. 19, 1988

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SLAUGHTER: FED STEERS- GOOD SELECTION, PRIME 72.00-75.00, CHOICE 68.00-71.00, SELECT 60.00-67.00, STANDARD 54.00-60.00, HOLSTEINS CHOICE 67.00-68.00, SELECT 57.00-63.00, FED HEIFERS CHOICE TO PRIME 67.00-70.25, SELECT 60.00-67.00, COWS, \$1-\$2 LOWER, UTILITY-COMMERCIAL 44.00-48.00, CANNER-CUTTER 40.00-44.00, SHELLY 40.00 DOWN; BULLS YG#2 52.00-57.50; VEAL CALVES CHOICE TO 96.00, GOOD 80.00-90.00, STANDARD 65.00-75.00, CULLS \$5-\$8 LOWER, 80-100 LBS. 73.00-82.00, 60-80 LBS. 68.00-75.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS VERY ACTIVE, 100-120 LBS. 125.00-149.00, 90-95 LBS. 90.00-120.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 85.00-87.00; LAMBS CHOICE 58.00-60.00; GOATS 40.00-51.00.
STEERS, MEDIUM & LARGE FRAME, 300 HD. GOOD DEMAND, NO GOOD LIGHTWEIGHTS OFFERED, 400-600 LBS. 75.00-90.00, 600-800 LBS. 68.00-81.00, 800-1000 LBS. 62.00-68.00; HEIFERS 300-400 LBS. 70.00-80.00, 400-600 LBS. 65.00-77.50, 600-800 LBS. 60.00-68.00, STOCK COWS 800-1100 LBS. 44.00-54.00; BULLS 300-400 LBS.

65.00-81.00, 400-500 LBS. 65.00-75.00, 600-800 LBS. 65.00-74.00, 800-1000 LBS. 51.00-62.50; DAIRY REPLACEMENTS, SPRINGING HEIFERS TO 850.00, HEIFERS BY THE LB. 200-300 LBS. 73.00-90.00, 400-600 LBS. 60.00-70.00; SERVICE BULLS, 1 SIMMENTAL 905 LBS. AT 62.50; PIGS AND SHOATS, 130 HD., PRICES LOWER, BY THE HD. 20-30 LBS. 10.00-18.00, 30-50 LBS. 14.00-22.00, 50-70 LBS. 19.00-25.00; BY THE LB. 160-200 LBS. 34.00-37.00; STOCK BOARS 180-235 LBS. 29.00-36.00; SLAUGHTER HOGS, FEW OFFERED, 1 LOT 226 LBS. AT 39.50, (1) 280 LB. AT 37.00; SOWS 400-550 LBS 29.00-30.00; BOARS 350-600 LBS 26.00-27.75.

NOTE: SPECIAL DAIRY CATTLE CONSIGNMENT SALE WEDNESDAY, OCT 26 AWT 7 30 P.M. AT 4 STATES

Morrison Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.

Monday, Oct. 17, 1988

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CATTLE: 201.
STEERS: HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 67.00-69.25; CHOICE 64.00-66.75; GOOD 60.00-63.75, STANDARD 54.00-59.25. HEIFERS- CHOICE 61.00-64.75; GOOD- 52.00-60.25. COWS- UTILITY & COMMERCIAL- 48.00-50.75; CUTTERS 46.00-49.25; CANNER & LOW CUTTER- 30.50-45.75. BULLOCKS- GOOD & CHOICE 60.50-63.25. BULLS- YIELD GRADE #1 54.00-62.75. FEEDER CATTLE- STEERS, GOOD 74.50-82.50, STANDARD 58.50-69.50, BULLS, GOOD 71.00-76.50, STANDARD 51.00-62.50; HEIFERS, GOOD 70.50-81.00, STANDARD 50.50-64.50.
CALVES: 287. PRIME 98.00-103.50; CHOICE 91.00-96.50; GOOD 84.00-90.50; STANDARD & GOOD 67.50-74.50; 90-110 LBS. 83.50-96.50; 65-90 LBS. 71.00-86.50; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 115.00-155.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 90.00-110.00.
HOGS: 90. US#1-2 40.50-41.00; US#1-3 38.00-39.50; SOWS US#1-3 30.50-33.00. BOARS: 25.50-30.50
FEEDER PIGS: 71. US#1-3 20-35 LBS. 10.00-18.50 PER HEAD; 1-3 35-50 LBS. 18.50-28.00 PER HEAD.
SHEEP: 24. CHOICE 55.00-63.50; GOOD 52.00-56.50; SL. EWES 17.00-28.50, GOATS 24.00-41.00 PER HD.
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