

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

NOV. 14-20, 1988  
Skies drear and fields sere.

American painter Georgia O'Keeffe born in Sun Prairie, Wisc., Nov. 15, 1887... First quarter of the moon Nov. 16 (Wed.)... Suez Canal officially opened Nov. 17, 1869... Average length of days for the week 9 hours, 44 minutes... Abraham Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address while dedicating national cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa., Nov. 19, 1863... *Skepticism is a barren coast, without a harbor or a lighthouse.*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** We repaired the leaky faucet in the older home we purchased, but the stains from the leak remain in the bathtub. None of the cleaners we have tried will remove the stain. Any suggestions? T.B., South Paris, Maine.  
*Get some Kool-Aid, the powdered lemonade kind. Dampen a sponge; apply some to the stain and scrub it off. You can also use fresh peroxide and cream of tartar. Make a paste of them and cover the stain. Drop two or three drops of ammonia onto the paste, leave it for an hour or so, then wash off.*  
**Home Hints:** Plant paperwhite narcissus now for Christmas bloom.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Beginning of week snowy and cold; midweek rain south, snow north; end of week cold with light snow.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Rain with snow in the mountains through midweek; end of week clear and cold.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Beginning of week cold and rainy; heavy rain midweek; end of week sunny and mild.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Week begins cloudy with showers; cold snap with showers, heavy northeast and west at midweek; end of week clear and warm.  
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## Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland  
Saturday, Nov. 5, 1988

**HOGS:** TOP BARROWS & GILTS 39.00-40.70; HEAVY BUTCHER 36.50-40.00; LIGHT BUTCHER 32.00-38.50; BUTCHER SOWS 28.00-32.00; FEEDER SHOATS 8.00-25.00.  
**VEAL:** GOOD 90.00-100.00; STANDARD 80.00-85.00; UTILITY 60.00-70.00; BULL CALVES 105.00-157.00.  
**SHEEP & LAMBS:** GOOD 58.00-70.00; UTILITY 50.00-52.00; SLAUGHTER EWES 20.00-33.00.  
**SLAUGHTER CATTLE:** STEERS:

GOOD 65.00-71.00; STANDARD 62.00-64.00; UTILITY 58.00-60.00.  
**HEIFERS:** GOOD 59.50-60.50; STANDARD 58.00-59.00; UTILITY 50.00-54.00.  
**COWS:** COMMERCIAL 42.00-47.50; UTILITY 38.00-40.50; CANNER & CUTTER 30.00-34.00.  
**BULLS:** COMMERCIAL & GOOD 52.00-60.00; CUTTER & UTILITY 48.00-50.00.  
**STOCK-FEEDER CATTLE:** GOOD 75.00-85.00; MEDIUM 60.00-70.00.  
**STEER CALVES:** GOOD 78.00-100.00; MEDIUM 62.00-75.00.  
**HEIFER CALVES:** GOOD 62.00-76.00; MEDIUM 52.00-60.00.

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with world production reduced slightly. The December option traded in a 5 cent range today with the settlement midrange at \$4.25-1/2.

**ACRES CATTLE UPDATE:** Live and feeder cattle weakened today on selling in response to sharply lower pork complex quotes. Limited short covering late session helped to elevate prices off session lows. Weakening cash fundamentals added further pressure along with sluggish seasonal demand and unprofitable packer margins. Feeder cattle took their cues from live cattle and posted losses from 25 to 68 points. December live cattle closed 80 points lower at \$73.02/cwt with heavy professional bear spreading featured versus the August.

**CME FEEDER CATTLE SETTLEMENT PRICE:** 11/07/88-\$81.10 dn \$.01.

**ACRES NEXT DAY OUTLOOK:** cash - steady to lower futures-steady to lower.

**ACRES HOG UPDATE:** Live hog futures prices plunged lower today in heavy volume as spillover from pork bellies and deterior-

ating cash fundamentals pressured. Further pressure was linked to losses in the products with heavy kills this week adding to the selling trend. Yesterday's bearish weekly out-of-town storage report, which reported higher than expected net in movement added further pressure. December closed out the day 138 points lower at \$40.62/cwt while February bellies lost 165 points.

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## Frederick Livestock Auction

Frederick, Md.  
Monday, Nov. 7, 1988

Report Supplied by Auction

**BUTCHER COWS:** STEADY TO \$1.00 LOWER. GOOD 47.00-48.00, STANDARD & UTILITY 44.00-47.00, CANNERS 40.00-44.00, SHELLY 40.00-DOWN. **BULLS:** GOOD 55.00-59.25, MEDIUM 50.00-55.00. **STEERS:** GOOD FEW TO 63.00, STANDARD 52.00-58.00. **HEIFERS:** GOOD 58.00-62.50, STANDARD 50.00-55.00. **BUTCHER HOGS:** GOOD DEMAND FOR HEAVY WEIGHTS. **HANDY WEIGHTS STEADY.** 215-245 LBS. 38.50-40.00, 1 LOT 250 LB. 37.75, 10 HD. 271 AT 36.25, 3 HD. 270-330 LB. \$43. **SOWS:** \$1 LOWER. 400-600 LBS. \$26-28.75. THIN SOWS: 300-450 LBS. \$23-26.

**VEAL CALVES:** NO CHOICE OFFERED. GOOD 125-155 LBS. \$88-95, FEW 250-400 LBS. \$65-80; CULLS \$2 HIGHER, 85-110 LBS. 78.00-86.00, CULL CALVES 50-80 LBS. 75.00-83.00. **WEAK & ROUGH \$70 DOWN.**

**CALVES RETURNING TO FARM:** STRONG DEMAND FOR HOL. BULLS. **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS:** BEEF X BULLS 80-130 LBS. \$85-94. 90-120 LBS. \$85-99.

**HOLSTEIN BULLS:** 85-95 LBS. \$85-120, 100-120 LBS. \$130-150.

**LAMBS:** CHOICE 107 LBS. \$55 70-85 LBS. \$60-67, FEEDERS 60-80 LBS. TO \$57, MATURE GOATS \$45-53.

**STOCK CATTLE:** 30 HD. STEERS 500-800 LBS. \$65-75, HEIFERS 500-800

LBS. \$52-61, BULLS 300-600 LBS. \$67-74, 700-850 LBS. \$56-69. **DAIRY COWS FRESH 3 HD.** \$25-975. **SPRINGING HEIFERS TO \$800.**

**PIGS & SHOATS:** SCARCE. BY THE HEAD CULLS \$6-8, BY THE LB. 2 HD. 180 LBS. AT \$36.

## Penns Valley Livestock

Centre Hall, Pa.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1988

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**BEEF COWS:** UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 45.00-48.50; CUTTERS 40.50-44.00; CANNERS 36.75-40.00; SHELLS 35.00.

**HEIFERS:** STANDARD 50.00-53.50; COMMERCIAL 44.00-49.00.

**STEERS:** STANDARD 48.00-54.50. **BULLS:** GOOD 55.00-56.75; STANDARD 52.00-54.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** 300-500 LBS. LARGE FRAME 65.00-82.00; SMALL FRAME 58.00-65.00; 500-700 LBS. LARGE FRAME 55.00-66.00; SMALL FRAME 52.00-61.00.

**VEAL CALVES:** GOOD 95.00-107.00; STANDARD 80.00-94.00; UTILITY 61.00-78.00.

**FARM CALVES:** BULLS 100.00-153.00; HEIFERS 98.00-107.00. **SOWS:** 25.25-29.75.

**SHOATS:** 25-30 LBS. PER HEAD 12.00-18.00, 30-35 LBS. PER HEAD 20.00-26.00, 35-50 LBS. PER HEAD 27.00-33.00.

**LAMBS:** 51.00-65.00. **GOATS PER HEAD:** 35.00-49.00.

## St. Louis Cattle, Hogs

Wednesday, November 9, 1988

**CATTLE AND CALVES:** 75 ( 75 SLTR, 0 FDRS).

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**SLAUGHTER CLASSES:** COWS: CUTT, UTIL, COMM BULK SALES HI DRESS % LO DRESS % BREAKING 2-4 42.00-45.00.

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