

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

APRIL 3-9, 1989  
Moist April, clear June.

Buddha Day in Hawaii, April 3, celebrates the birth of Buddha with a flower festival  
Comedian Eddie Murphy born April 3, 1961 Incorporation of the Feeble-Minded School, Boston, Mass., April 4, 1850 Average length of days for the week 12 hours 56 minutes April 6, 1909, discovery of the North Pole by R E Peary  
*Fear is the tax which conscience pays to guilt*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** When I was a little girl in Norway, whenever something fortunate happened, we were told to "go and tell the bees." Why? O L Neb

The origin is Celtic and arose from the belief that only the bees could communicate with the fairies, elves, and others who could bring fortune  
**Home Hints:** Best herbs to grow indoors include lemon balm, basil, chives, dill, mint, and parsley

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** A cold wave, then rain, some heavy, and snow in the mountains Spring is cooler and wetter than normal  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Rain, then clearing and seasonable weather, mid-week, more rain and cold end the week  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** The average temperature is 59° F A storm, then cooler; sunny and warm, showers in the north  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Seasonable, then sunny and very warm, despite a generally cool, wet spring

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### Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, PA  
Tuesday, March 21, 1989  
Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 150...PDA...COMPARED WITH LAST TUESDAY'S MARKET:** SLAUGHTER COWS WEAK TO 1.75, SPOTS 2.50 LOWER. ONE LOW CHOICE SLAUGHTER STEER 70.00, ONE SELECT 68.00, SELECT AND CHOICE 1025-1415 LB. HOLSTEINS 64.50-68.00, TWO STANDARD 62.75 AND 65.00. FEW CHOICE SLAUGHTER HEIFERS 65.75-73.25, ONE YG5, HEIFERETTE 53.75, FEW SELECT 61.75-65.00, FEW STANDARD 56.75-58.25. BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER COWS 47.75-50.00, FEW 50.75, FEW LOW YIELDING DOWN TO 44.75, CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 45.00-48.75, FEW 51.00, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 42.75-45.75, FEW SHELLS DOWN TO 30.00. ONE SELECT HOLSTEIN BULLOCK 58.25. FEW YIELD GRADE NO. 1, 1385-1495 LBS. SLAUGHTER BULLS 55.75-61.25.  
**CALVES:** 198...VEALERS STEADY TO WEAK. TWO CHOICE 110.00, FEW GOOD 94.00-105.00, FEW STANDARD AND GOOD 85-100 LBS. 70.00-79.00, 70-80 LBS. 65.00-70.00, FEW UTILITY 45-65 LBS. 40.00-60.00. FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 85-120 LBS. 101.00-140.00, 75-90 LBS. 80.00-92.00; FEW HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-105 LBS. 100.00-130.00.

**HOGS: 154...BARROWS AND GILTS SMALL SUPPLY 1.00-2.00 LOWER.** US#1 AND 2 220-235 LBS. 40.50-41.00, 1-3 210-245 LBS. 39.75-40.00, LOT 42.25, LOT 2-3 235-240 LBS. 39.50 AND 41.00, FEW 2-4 285-375 LBS. 34.50-38.50, FEW 1-3 155-200 LBS. 34.50-39.25. US #1-3 315-595 LBS. SOWS 30.00-33.00, FEW 2-3 440-645 LBS. 28.00-30.00, FEW MEDIUM 280-405 LBS. 17.50-23.75. BOARS 25.50-27.50.  
**FEEDER PIGS:** NO MARKET TEST.  
**SHEEP:** ...BULK OF SUPPLY SOLD TO EASTER TRADE. CHOICE AND PRIME 20-40 LBS. SPRING SLAUGHTER LAMBS 90.00-102.00, FEW SOWN TO 75.00, 40-70 LBS. 72.00-103.00; FEW CHOICE AND PRIME 75-90 LBS. WOOLED LAMBS 62.00-65.00, FEW GOOD TO LOW CHOICE 70-120 LBS. 50.00-60.00. FEW SLAUGHTER SHEEP 14.00-29.00.  
**GOATS:** NO MARKET TEST.

### Morrisons Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.  
Monday, March 27, 1989  
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**CATTLE:** 149. STEERS: H. CHOICE & PRIME 71.50-74.00; CHOICE 69.50-70.75; GOOD 65.50-68.75; STANDARD 56.50-64.75.  
**HEIFERS:** CHOICE 68.50-71.25; GOOD 56.00-66.50.  
**COWS:** UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 49.75-52.25; CUTTERS 47.00-49.50; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 42.00-47.75.

**BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE** 64.50-68.25.  
**BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1** 60.25-63.75.  
**FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS GOOD** 74.50-81.50; STANDARD 68.00-73.00; **BULLS GOOD** 67.00-73.00; STANDARD 58.00-66.50; **HEIFERS GOOD** 64.00-72.50; STANDARD 59.00-63.00.  
**CALVES: 229. PRIME** 102.00-112.50; **CHOICE** 98.00-101.50; **GOOD** 91.00-96.50; **STANDARD AND GOOD** 80.00-88.50; **90-110 LBS.** 74.00-86.50; **65-90 LBS.** 69.00-82.50; **HOLSTEIN BULLS** 90-130 LBS. 108.00-148.50; **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS** 90-130 LBS. 91.00-112.50.  
**HOGS: 214. US#1-2** 40.25-41.00; **US#1-3** 38.75-40.00.  
**SOWS: US#1-3** 30.00-34.50; **BOARS** 26.00-32.50.  
**FEEDER PIGS: 38. US#1-3** 20-35 LBS. 22.50-30.50 PER HEAD.  
1-3 35-50 LBS. 32.00-41.50 PER HEAD.  
**SHEEP: 7. SLAUGHTER LAMBS** CHOICE 71.00-76.00; **GOOD** 52.00-68.50; **SL. EWES** 18.00-27.50.  
**GOATS: 22.00-64.00 PER HEAD.**

13 LOADS OF HAY, 59.00-145.00 PER TON.  
2 LOADS OF STRAW, 80.00-85.00 PER TON.

### New Wilmington Livestock Auction

N. Wilmington, Pa.  
Monday, March 27, 1989  
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**CATTLE 281...PDA...COMPARED WITH LAST MONDAY'S MARKET:** Slaughter cows \$1.50 to \$2 lower. Choice sl. steers 72.25-75.50, one Prime 76.25, Select 68.75-72.25, few Standard 59.00-62.75. One Choice sl. heifer 69.50, few Select 64.00-68.25, few Standard 58.00-64.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 45.00-50, few low yielding down to 40.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 43.50-48.50, Canner & Low Cutter 35.00-43.50, Shells down to 19.00. Few Select sl. bullocks 53.00-66.50. Yield Grade No. 1, 1455/2120 lbs. sl. bulls 55.00-59.50, few No. 2 1115/1470 lbs. 47.75-54.75. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 285/450 lbs. steers 83.00-94.00. Med. & Large Frame #1-2, 300/550 lbs. heifers 68.00-82.00, 530/840 lbs. 55.00-66.00. Medium Frame No. 1-2 630/790 lbs. bulls 56.00-65.00.  
**CALVES 331...One Choice** vealers 87.50, few Good 80.00-90.00, Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 65.00-75.00, 65/85 lbs. 60.00-70.00, Utility 50/70 lbs. 20.00-48.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90/135 lbs. 87.50-147, lot 85 lbs. 77.50, Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 70.00-102.50.

**Beef cross bulls & heifers** 60/120 lbs. 83.00-132.00.  
**HOGS 522...Barrows and gilts** steady. US No. 1-2 220/250 lbs. 38.00-38.50, couple small lots 39&40.25, lot 205 lbs. 37.50, 1-3 215/255 lbs. 37.00-38.00, 2-3 260/295 lbs. 33.35-36.75, 1-3 180/190 lbs. 30.00-32.00. Sows steady. US No. 1-3 375/695 lbs. sows 30.00-35.50, one 36.50. Boars 25.00-30.00.  
**FEEDER PIGS 59...US No. 1-3** 35/45 lbs. feeder pigs 19.00-21.00 --- per head; 100/155 lbs. 28.00-31.50 cwt.  
**SHEEP 47...Few High Choice & Prime** 30/50 lbs. spring sl. lambs 104.00-132.50, couple 60 lbs. at 80.00; Good & Choice 45/65 lbs. feeder lambs 50.00-56.00. Slaughter ewes 10.00-22.00.  
**GOATS 26...One Large** 44.00, Medium 24.00-32.00, Kids 10.00-21.00 --- all per head.

### Dewart Livestock Auction

Dewart, Pa.  
Monday, March 27, 1989  
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**CATTLE 129...PDA...COMPARED WITH LAST MONDAY'S MARKET:** Slaughter cows steady to \$1.25 lower. Few Select slaughter steers 64.00-69.75; Choice holsteins 66.50-70.00, few Select 57.50-63.25. Few Choice sl. heifers 68.00-70.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 46.75-48.75, Cutter & Bon. Utility 46.00-51, Canner & Low Cutter 43.50-46.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 960/1550 lbs. sl. bulls 53.75-60.75. Feeder Cattle: One Lot Medium Frame No. 1, 570/690 lbs. bulls 79.00.  
**CALVES 182...Few Choice** vealers 90.00-120.00, Standard & Good 70/90 lbs. 70.00-75.00, Utility 55/85 lbs. 60.00-70.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 80/130 lbs. 90.00-170, mostly 120.00-160.00; Hol. Heifers 80/125 lbs. 80.00-124.00.  
**HOGS 55...Few Lots** US No. 1-3 235/255 lbs. barrows and gilts 38.35-39.50. Few US No. 1-3 400/660 lbs. sows 29.00-33.25. Few Boars 25.75-29.75.  
**FEEDER PIGS 63...Few Lots** US No. 1-3 30/35 lbs. feeder pigs 25.00 --- per head; 1-3 115/175 lbs. 33.75-35.00 cwt.  
**SHEEP 2...No Market** Test.  
**GOATS 0...No Market** Test.

### Belknap Livestock Auction

Dayton, Pa.  
Wednesday, March 29, 1989  
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**CATTLE 84...PDA...COMPARED WITH LAST WEDNESDAY'S MARKET:** Few Standard slaughter steers 60.00-65.50. One Standard sl. heifer 58.50, Utility 48.75-54.00. Few

Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 46.50-50.75, low yielding down to 42.75, few Cutter & Bon. Utility 43.50-48.50, few Canner & Low Cutter 41.00-43.75. Shells down to 36.25. Standard sl. bullock one at 56.00. Couple Yielding Grade No. 1, 1440&1840 lbs. sl. bulls 59.00&63.25, few No. 2, 940/1275 lbs. 52.00-54.00. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Frame No. 1, 305/455 lbs. steers 81.00-87.00, few Large #2, 335/560 lbs. 62.00-70.00. Medium Frame No. 1-2, 340/500 lbs. heifers 60.00-72.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1-2, 380/500 lbs. bulls 69.50-76, Medium Frame #1, 335/680 lbs. 60.00-70.00.  
**CALVES 97...Few Good** vealers 84.00-97.00, few Standard and Good 90/110 lbs. 75.00-82.00, 60/85 lbs. 60.00-80.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/140 lbs. 100.00-145.00, few down to 85.00; few Hol. heifers 90/140 lbs. 84.00-112.00. Beef cross bulls & heifers 70/125 lbs. 80.00-132.50.  
**HOGS 227...Barrows and gilts** steady. US No. 1-2 230/240 lbs. 38.00-38.50, small lot 41.00, 1-3 205/215 lbs. 37.00-38.10, 2-3 235/260 lbs. 36.00-37.00, 1-3 205/215 lbs. 34.00-36.80. Couple US No. 1-3 350/435 lbs. sows 32.75&33.00, few 210/290 lbs. 24.50-29.00. Boars 22.50-25.50, few light weights 27.50-32.50.  
**FEEDER PIGS 27...Lot** US No. 1-3 25 lbs. feeder pigs 17.00, lot 45 lbs. 30.50, lot 65 lbs. 32.00 --- all per head.  
**SHEEP 12...Lot High Choice & Prime** 118 lbs. shorn slaughter lambs 66.50. Few Slaughter ewes 13.00-19.50.  
**GOATS 8...Few Medium & Large** 46.00-59.00, few Small Kids 18.00-19.00 --- all per head.

### North Jersey Livestock

Hackettstown, NJ  
Tuesday, March 28, 1989  
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**CALVES .35-1.42%**  
**COWS .34%-.54%**  
**EASY COWS .25-.48.**  
**HEIFERS .45-.73.**  
**BULLS .54-.68.**  
**HOGS .29%-.36%.**  
**STEERS .60%-.75.**  
**ROASTING PIGS, EACH** 2.00-46.00.  
**SOWS .23%-.32.**  
**SHEEP .13-.80.**  
**LAMBS EACH** 24.00-76.00.  
**LAMBS PER LB.** .50-1.22.  
**GOATS EACH** 10.00-81.00.  
**KIDS EACH** 8.00-54.00.  
**HIDES EACH** 1.00-39.00.  
**TOTAL: 1291.**

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