

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

APRIL 17-23, 1989

No frost after the mulberry tree leaf.

Daylight savings was first introduced, and defeated, on April 17, 1917 by NY Sen William Calder. It later passed, and went into effect in 1918. Ben Franklin died, April 17, 1790, 20,000 people attended the burial service in Philadelphia. Average length of days for the week 13 hours 35 minutes. *Diligence is the mother of good luck - B Franklin*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Have you heard that Rhode Islanders who ate stone-ground cornmeal lived, on the average, to be over 87 years old? J. J. R. I.

*So? If they hadn't swallowed a pint or two of gravel every month, along with their johnny-cakes, they might have been a hundred!*

**Home Hints:** Half fill one muffin cup with water to prevent other muffins in the same tin from scorching

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Clearing and mild at first, then sun followed by light rain, the week ends seasonably. Here comes a warm spell, clear as a bell.

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Cloudy and cold, then sprinkles, clear and mild, mid-week, but more showers to end this seven day span.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Sprinkles and cool weather almost all week, then clearing and very warm for final good news.

**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Sunny and pleasant before a mid-week cold wave, a rainstorm, then clearing and warm.

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## Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

Tuesday, April 11, 1989  
Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 250...** PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers about steady; Cows steady to weak. Choice sl. steers 71.00-76, High yielding 78.85, Select 66.00-71.50, Standard 60.50-66, few Utility 53.50-57.00. Choice sl. heifers 68.85-73.00, Select 65-68.50, Standard 54.00-60, few Utility 49.00-54.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 46.00-50, couple 51.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 44.00-48.00, Canner & Low Cutter 35.00-44.50, Shells down to 23.00. Couple Select sl. bullocks 60.00 & 62.50. Yield Grade No. 1, 1100/1900 lbs. sl. bulls 55.00-64.10, few No. 2, 1200/1400 lbs. 51.00-54.00. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Frame No. 1, 700/850 lbs. steers 64.00-66.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 450/600 lbs. heifers 62.00-71.50, few 700/850 lbs. 59.00-61, few Large #1, 350/600 lbs. 63.00-75.00. Medium #1, 450/625 lbs. bulls 63.00-76.00.

**CALVES 98...** Few Choice vealers 97.00-104.00, Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 70.00-82.00, 60/85 lbs. 62.00-73.00, few Utility 45/65 lbs. 35.00-55.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs.

94.00-160.00.

**HOGS 202...** Barrows and gilts \$1.50 to \$2 lower. US No. 1-2 210/250 lbs. 35.50-36.50, 1-3 220/255 lbs. 34.00-35.50, 2-3 230/275 lbs. 32.85-34.00, 2-4 240/285 lbs. 32.00-33.00. Few US No. 1-3 325/600 lbs. sows 26.00-28.00, few 2-4 300/625 lbs. 20.00-25.00. Boars 20.00-28.50.

**FEEDER PIGS 0...** No Market Test. **SHEEP 0...** No market Test. **GOATS 3...** Two Large 49.00&59.00, one Small Kid 26.00 --- all per head.

## Spring Feeder Sale

Isennock Livestock Sale

New Park, PA

Saturday, Apr. 8, 1989  
Report Supplied by Auction

145 HEAD.  
**STEERS:** 75. 250-295 LBS., 94.00-105.00; 300-395 LBS., 74.00-104.00; 400-495 LBS., 70.00-104.00; 500-595 LBS., 67.00-87.00; 600-695 LBS., 73.50-89.50; 700-795 LBS., 68.00-76.00; 800-1000 LBS., 75.50-76.00.

**BULLS:** 19. 250-350 LBS. 71.00-87.00; 360-550 LBS. 65.00-87.00; 600-750 LBS. 74.00-83.00; 760-950 LBS. 51.00-51.25.

**HEIFERS:** 51. 240-295 LBS. 65.00-78.00; 300-495 LBS. 59.00-76.00; 500-695 LBS. 72.00-80.00.

## Keister's Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, April 11, 1989

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**CATTLE 554...** PDA...Compared with last week's market: High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 75.00-77.35, Choice 1150/1550 lbs. 70.50-76, Select 64.00-69.50, Standard 60.00-64.75; Choice holsteins 68.75-72.50, Select 62-67.75, few Standard 58-62.25; Choice holsteins 66.00-70, couple 71.85, few Select 62.00-66.00. Choice sl. heifers 66.00-72, couple to 76.50, few Select 62-67.00, few Select & Choice holsteins 58.50-64.75. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 45.00-50.25, couple 53.35, Cutter & Boning Utility 46.00-52, Canner & Low Cutter 42.00-46.50, Shells down to 40.00. Few Choice sl. bullocks 62.00-63, one 69.00, few Select 58.00-61.50. Yield Grade No. 1, 900/2365 lbs. sl. bulls 56.50-63.00. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Medium Frame No. 1, 315/815 lbs. steers 64.00-87.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 300/600 lbs. heifers 58.00-74.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 500/900 lbs. bulls 55.00-70.00.

**CALVES 190...** Few Choice vealers 108.00-117.00, few Good 90.00-96.00, Standard and Good 70/100 lbs. 75.00-84.00, Utility 60/80 lbs. 55.00-70.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/130 lbs. 90.00-154, couple to 164.00; Hol. Heifers 85/120 lbs. 85.00-135.00.

**HOGS 505...** US No. 1, 220/245 lbs. barrows and gilts 39.50-40.50, No. 1-2, 210/245 lbs. 38.50-39.50, 2-3 200/250 lbs. 37.00-38.00, 2-4 190/270 lbs. 35.00-37.00. US No. 1-3 280/650 lbs. sows 27.00-31.00, 2-3 270/575 lbs. 24.00-27.00. Boars 21.00-26.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 590...** US No. 1-2 20/35

lbs. feeder pigs 20.00-30.00, 35/50 lbs. 27.00-37.00, 60/70 lbs. 35.00-42.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 31...** Few Choice 20/40 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 100.00-165.00, few Good 60/90 lbs. wool lambs 63.00-73.00. Slaughter ewes 20.00-30.00.

**GOATS 13...** Few Large 37.00-54.00, few Medium Kids 34.00-48.00 --- all per head.

25.00-27.00.  
**FEEDER PIGS 55...** Few Lots US No. 1-3 30/35 lbs. feeder pigs 20.00-24.00, lot 50 lbs. 40.00 --- all per head.  
**SHEEP 6...** Few Good 45/65 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 70.00-87.50.  
**GOATS 0...** No Market Test.

## Dewart Livestock Auction

Dewart, Pa.

Monday, April 10, 1989  
Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 130...** PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows steady to \$1 lower. Few Select slaughter steers 63.75-67.75, few Standard 53.75-58.00; few Select holsteins 63.00-65.75. Few Choice sl. heifers 64.25-69.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 44.50-48.00, Cutter & Bon. Utility 45.00-51, couple to 52.75, Canner & Low Cutter 41.00-44.00, Shells down to 48.00. Individual Choice sl. bullock 65.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 950/1875 lbs. sl. bulls 55.25-60.00. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Frame No. 1, 450/550 lbs. steers 70.00-84.00.

**CALVES 151...** Few Choice vealers 101.00-115.00, Standard & Good 70/100 lbs. 73.00-83.00, few Utility 60/80 lbs. 50.00-70.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/130 lbs. 90.00-159, mostly 110.00-145.00; Hol. Heifers 90/125 lbs. 95.00-142.00.

**HOGS 65...** Few US No. 1-3 205/260 lbs. barrows and gilts 35.20-37.60, few 2-3 260/275 lbs. 33.10-34.50. US No. 1-3 300/665 lbs. sows 29.00-32.50. Few Boars

## Belleville Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa.

Wednesday, April 12, 1989

Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 115...** REPORT SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION...Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 47.50-49.10, Cutter and Boning Utility 46.50-50.75, Canner and Low Cutter 42.50-46.35, Shells down to 33.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1110/1845 lbs. sl. bulls 52.50-61.60. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Few Steers 57.50-73.00. Few Heifers 53.00-74.50.

**CALVES 86...** Standard and Good 70/100 lbs. vealers 70.00-85.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 95/115 lbs. 120.00-138.00.

**HOGS 136...** US No. 1-2 215/260 lbs. barrows and gilts 37.50-38.85, 1-3 200/275 lbs. 37.75-37.00. US No. 1-3 sows 25.00-29.50. Boars 23.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 195...** US No. 1-3 15/30 lbs. feeder pigs 13.50-19.50, 30/50 lbs. 23.00-39.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 66...** Choice 20/50 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 84.00-123.00, 60/70 lbs. 95.00-102.00. Slaughter ewes 15.00-24.00.

**GOATS 22...** Large 45.00-62.00, Small Kids 15.00-36.00 --- all per head. **HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS \$500.00-2300.00 PER HEAD.**

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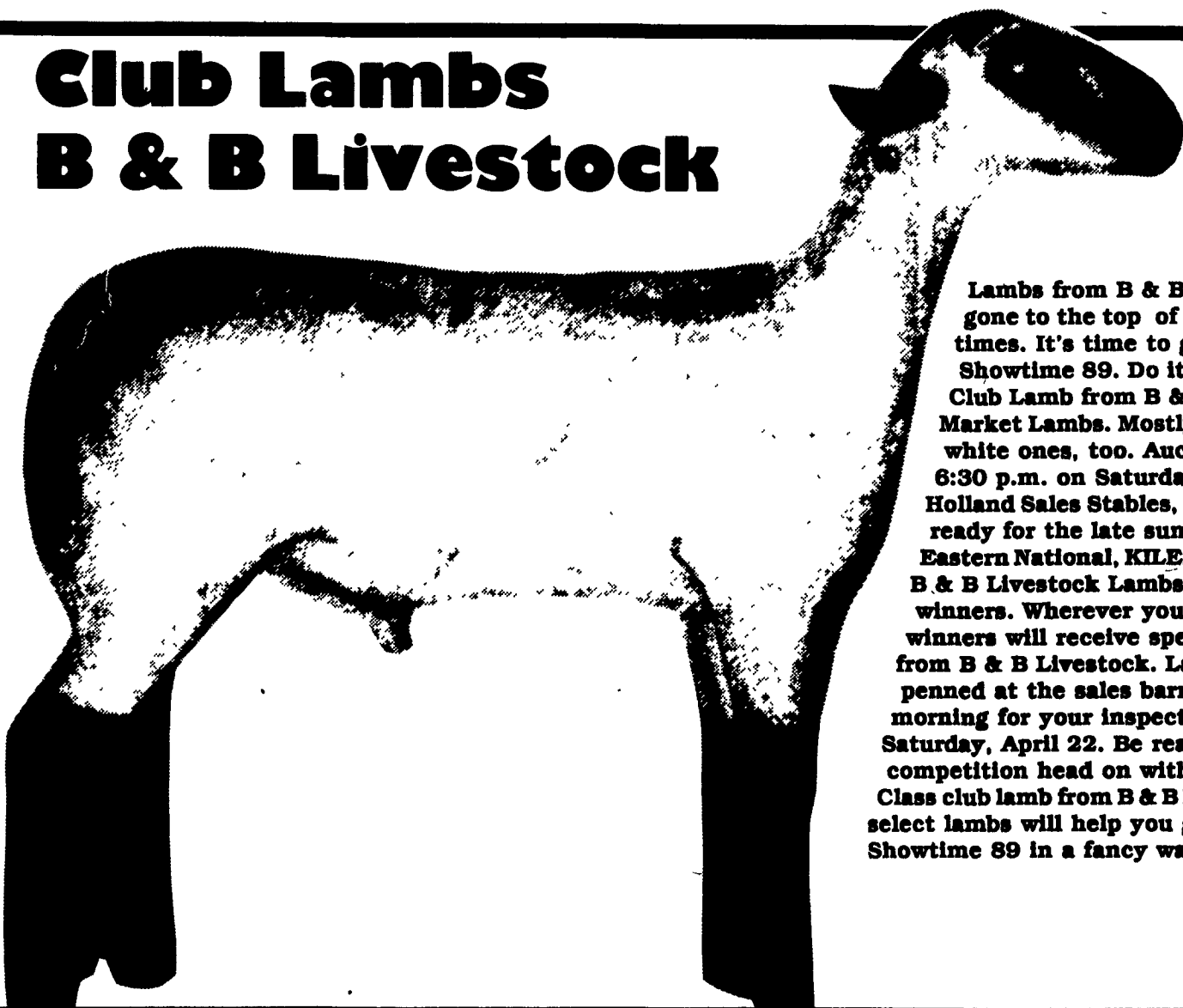
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