

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 1-7, 1989

Rain on Phillips & James; fertile year.

May 1 is Mayday, the chimneysweepers' holiday in London, and the festival of St. Phillips and St. James Minor (the Less or the Just), Apostles ... May 3, 1903, *Ladies Home Journal* advises ladies to put gloves in their laps, not in their wineglasses. Average length of days for the week 14 hours 11 minutes. Johnny Unitas, football player, born May 7, 1933. ... *First catch your hare, then cook it.*



Ask the Old Farmer: You being of New England stock, perhaps you can explain the source of a New Englander's mysterious pride. J. J. W. Va. *We were first in successful colonizing, first in industry ashore and afloat, first in exploration and adventure, first in war, and first in patching things up. Give us some credit!*

Home Hints: Steep spring violets in boiling water for a refreshing tea

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Heavy rain and cold to start Mayday week; more sprinkles and seasonable; then cold but sunny. A soggy Maypole dance!

Greater New York-New Jersey: Intermittent rain and cold require Maypole dancers to be bold; then better news, with sunny and warm reviews.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Clear and cold; rain is scattered in the east; warm weather follows; ending the week with a cold wave and rainstorms.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Clearing and a very cold to start the month of May; rain in the north and sunny in the south, they say; cold snap, rain.

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Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.
Tuesday, April 25, 1989
Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 245...PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers \$1 to \$1.50 higher; Cows .50 higher. Couple high yielding High Choice sl. steers 79.00, Choice 70.00-74.00, High yielding 74.00-76, few low yielding down to 67.50, Select 67-70.50, Standard 61.50-67.25, few Utility 52-57.00. Choice sl. heifers 69.00-72.75, Select 65.00-68.50, Standard 55.00-60, few Utility 49.00-54.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 45.50-49.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 44.00-48.00, Canner & Low Cutter 36.50-44.00, Shells down to 24.00. Few Standard sl. bullocks 58.00-60.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1300/2000 lbs. sl. bulls 56.00-63.00, No. 2, 1100/1600 lbs. 50.00-54, one down to 44.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame No. 1, 400/650 lbs. steers 68.00-73, Med. & Large 1, 400/700 lbs. 60.00-66.00. Med. & Large Frame No. 1, 500/800 lbs. bulls 55.00-69.00.

CALVES 71...Choice vealers 102.00-115.00, Good 90.00-96.00, Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 79.00-90.00, 60/85 lbs. 70.00-80.00, few Utility 45/70 lbs. 38.00-55.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 95.00-150.00.

HOGS 190...Barrows and gilts .50 higher. US No. 1-2 225/260 lbs. 38.00-38.60, lot (13 head) 39.00, 1-3 225/260 lbs. 37.00-38.10, lot 2-3 270 lbs. 34.25, lot 2-4 195 lbs. 31.25. US No. 1-3 400/600 lbs. sows 30.00-32.00, 2-3 300/600 lbs. 25.00-29.00. Few Boars 29.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS 19...US No. 1-3 20/30 lbs. feeder pigs 11.00-15.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 15...Couple High Choice 43 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 100.00, few 50/70 lbs. 77.00-85.00.

GOATS 3...Medium 36.00, couple Small 18.00 --- all per head.

Lebanon Valley Livestock Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa.
Tuesday, April 25, 1989
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CATTLE 140...PDA...Two Choice slaughter steers 71.25&72.75, one High Choice 1525 lbs. 74.75; Choice & Prime 1245/1530 lbs. holsteins 68-70.50, few Select 61.75-70.50-65.75, few Standard 58-61.75, one 68.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 48.25-50.50, few 54.75, few low yielding down to 45.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 46.00-51.00, few 52.00, Canner & Low Cutter 42.50-45.75, Shells down to 37.00. One Standard sl. bullock 55.50. Two Yield Grade No. 1, 1385&1745 lbs. sl. bulls 61.00-60.75, two No. 2 1125/1330 lbs. 53.50&53.75.

CALVES 129...Two Choice vealers 105.00&110.00; few Good & Choice 280/450 lbs. sl. calves 69.00-83.00, Standard & Good 70/90 lbs. 72.00-83.00, few Utility 45/60 lbs. 40.00-60.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 75/130 lbs. 100.00-165.00, few down to 80.00; Hol. Heifers 85/105 lbs. 83.00-137.00. Few Beef cross bulls & heifers 70/90 lbs. bulls and heifers 82.00-137.00.

HOGS 160...US No. 1-2 240/260 lbs. 38.85-39.75, lot 40.50, 1-3 210/250 lbs. 38.00-38.60, lot 2-3 310 lbs. 34.50, 2-4 200/220 lbs. 35.50-37.50. US No. 1-3 310/590 lbs. sows 30.00-32, few 33.50, 2-3 330/460 lbs. 27.00-28.50, Medium 255/385 lbs. 23.00-26.50. Few Boars 28.00-29, lot light weights 31.25.

FEEDER PIGS 3...Lot US No. 1-3 43 lbs. feeder pigs 36.00 cwt.

SHEEP 1...No Market Test.

GOATS 1...One Large 42.00 - per head.

Keister's Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa.
Tuesday, April 25, 1989
Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 372...PDA...Compared with

last week's market: Slaughter steers \$1 to \$2 higher; Cows uneven, mostly steady to strong. High Choice & Prime sl. steers 75.00-77.85, Choice 1100/1450 lbs. 70.00-76, Select 64.75-69.50; Choice holsteink 65.00-68, one 70.00, Select 61.00-65.00. Few Choice sl. heifers 65.25-71.50, one 74.50, few Select 58.00-65.75, few Choice holsteins 60.00-62.75. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 46.00-49.50, couple to 55.60, Cutter & Boning Utility 47-52.75, couple to 54.75, Canner & Low Cutter 43.00-47.00, Shells down to 40.00. Few Choice sl. bullocks 61.75-64.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 965/2285 lbs. sl. bulls 56.00-61.75. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Few Medium Frame No. 1, 450/550 lbs. steers and bulls 71.00-78.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 550/700 lbs. heifers 55.00-65.00.

CALVES 157...Few Choice vealers 99.00-127.00, few Good 87.00-93.00, few Standard and Good 70/95 lbs. 80.00-90.00, few Utility 60/80 lbs. 65.00-75.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 80/130 lbs. 90.00-189, mostly 130.00-175.00; Hol. Heifers 85/120 lbs. 90.00-140.00.

HOGS 484...Barrows and gilts about steady. US No. 1, 220/245 lbs. 40.00-41.00, No. 1-2, 210/245 lbs. 39.00-40, 2-3 200/250 lbs. 38.00-39.00, 2-4 190/270 lbs. 35.00-38.00. US No. 1-3 300/650 lbs. sows 28.00-32.00, 2-3 300/575 lbs. 23.00-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 500...US No. 1-2 20/35

lbs. feeder pigs 19.00-29.00, 35/60 lbs. 29.00-39.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 50...Choice 40/60 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 45.00-118.00, Good 30/55 lbs. 65.00-77.00. Few Slaughter ewes 9.00-18.00.

GOATS 18...Few Large adults 42.00-65.00, few Medium Kids 28.00-61.00 --- all per head.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.
Monday, April 24, 1989
Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 272...PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows mostly steady. Select slaughter steers 65.00-68.50, Standard 57.50-65.00. Choice sl. heifers 68.50-72.00, Select 63.00-66.00, few Standard 55.00-58.00, Utility 49.50-54.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 44.00-47.50, couple to 48.00, Cutter & Bon. Utility 43.50-47.00, Canner & low Cutter 36.00-43.50, Shells down to 21.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1100/1800 lbs. sl. bulls 54.50-62.50, No. 2, 950/1400 lbs. 48.00-54.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium and Large Frame No. 1, 340/500 lbs. steers 80.00-91.00, 550/700 lbs. 70.00-75.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 350/500 lbs. heifers 70.00-80.00, lot Large Frame No.1, 420 lbs. 86.50. Medium Frame No. 1, 400/600 lbs. bulls 71.00-86.00.

CALVES 179...Few Choice vealers 108.00-115.00, one 124.00, Good 90.00-98.00, Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 80.00-90.00, 60/85 lbs. 66.00-82.00, few Utility 45/65 lbs. 48.00-58.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 90/130 lbs. 100.00-160.00; Holstein heifers 85/120 lbs. 90.00-120.00. Beef cross 85/115 lbs. bulls & heifers 85.00-140.00.

HOGS 260...Barrows and gilts steady to strong. US No. 1-2 205/240 lbs. barrows and gilts 37.00-37.25, 1-3 215/250 lbs. 36.25-37.00, 2-3 210/260 lbs. 35.00-36.00, lot 2-4 318 lbs. 32.00, 1-3 170/190 lbs. 30.00-33.50. US No. 1-3 300/600 lbs. sows 28.00-31.00, 2-3 325/650 lbs. 26.00-28.00. Boars 23.00-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 25...US No. 1-3 30/40 lbs. feeder pigs 15.00-17.50, couple 57 lbs. 27.00 --- per head.

SHEEP 218...BULK OF SUPPLY SOLD TO ORTHODOX EASTER TRADE...High Choice & Prime 20/40 lbs. lbs. spring slaughter lambs 100.00-111.00, 50/75 lbs. 104.00-113.00, 89/85 lbs. 84.00-87.00, Choice 45/50 lbs. 80.00-99.00. Slaughter sheep 16.00-22.50.

GOATS 24...Medium and Large 32.00-53.00, Large Kids 30.00-36.00, Small Kids 12.00-17.00 --- all per head.



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