

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 15-21, 1989
Full Flower Moon.

May 15, Straw Hat Day, considered by well-dressed men to be the first permissible day to start wearing summer head gear. May 18, 1910, Halley's Comet passes over the sun, alarming thousands who believed it would coincide with the end of the world. Average length of days for the week 14 hours 42 minutes. May 21 birthdays include actor Raymond Burr and author, poet, Robert Creeley. *The best way to know God is to love many things* — Vincent van Gogh.



Ask the Old Farmer: Have you heard the saying "A bushel a day after the middle of May? What does it mean? W. P. Conn Sure! It's a corn belt saying and suggests that corn planted after May 15 usually yields a bushel a day less for each day late into the ground.

Home Hints: Add a tablespoon of sugar to the water in the vase to prolong the freshness of cut flowers

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: Rain, then clearing; more rain and cold and that's the week. A wet May is evident this week in New England! Bring out the oilskins
Greater New York-New Jersey: Variable is the word this week. Some heavy rain; seasonably warm. Precipitation is 2.5" above average this month
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Showers turn to rain, heavy in the eastern parts; cool, then more rain, locally heavy, and warm temperatures.
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Clear and seasonal weather starts the week; then heavy rains take over, turning to showers in the west; cool

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Keister's Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, May 9, 1989

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 609... PDA...Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers steady, mostly .50 to \$1.50 higher; Cows steady to .50 lower. High Choice & Prime sl. steers 77.00-78.75, one 80.00, Choice 1100/1450 lbs. 73-77.85, few 78.25, few Select & low Choice 71-72.50, Select 66.00-70; Choice holsteins 65.50-69.75, few Prime 72.60, Select 62-65.25, Standard 57.00-64.00. Choice sl. heifers 68.75-74.75, few Prime 75-77.50, Select 63-67.25, few Choice holsteins 62-68.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 48.00-52.00, couple Beef type to 61.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 48.50-53.75, Canner & Low Cutter 45.00-49.00, Shells down to 43.75. Choice sl. bullocks 65.00-69, one 72.00, few Select 63.00-65.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 900/2050 lbs. sl. bulls 57.00-68.75. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Medium & Large Frame No. 1,

500/800 lbs. steers and bulls 62.00-73.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 400/650 lbs. heifers 58.00-68.00.

CALVES 114... Few Choice vealers 95.00-100.00, few Good 83.00-95.00, Standard and Good 70/100 lbs. 82.00-90.00, few Utility 60/80 lbs. 62.00-78.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 85/135 lbs. 90.00-164, mostly 125.00-160.00; Hol. Heifers 85/130 lbs. 88.00-142.00.

HOGS 529... Barrows and gilts .50 to \$1 higher. US No. 1, 220/245 lbs. 41.25-42.10, No. 1-2, 215/245 lbs. 40.00-41.25, 2-3 200/250 lbs. 39.00-40.00, 2-4 190/270 lbs. 37.50-39.00. US No. 1-3 300/650 lbs. sows 28.75-31, few to 33.00, 2-3 300/575 lbs. 22.00-28.75. Boars 27.00-28.25.

FEEDER PIGS 626... US No. 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 18.00-25.00, 35/65 lbs. 25.00-33.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 84... Choice 45/105 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 82.00-90.00, few 30/35 lbs. 112.00-160.00. Slaughter ewes 15.00-32.50.

GOATS 50... Large 36.00-82.50, Kids 15.00-26.00 --- all per head.

New Wilmington Livestock Auction

N. Wilmington, Pa.

Monday, May 8, 1989

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 258... PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows mostly steady. Few Choice sl. steers 73.25-74.50, few Select 65.00-68, few Select holsteins 60.00-64.75, Standard 58-64.75, few Utility 50-55.00. One Choice sl. heifer 67.50, few Select holsteins 61.00-63.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 47.00-51.25, few 52-55.75, low yielding down to 44.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 45.00-50.25, few High Dressing 57.50, Canner & Low Cutter 40-45.75, Shells down to 29.50. Few Utility sl. bullocks 49.00-54.75. Yield Grade No. 1, 1245/1600 lbs. sl. bulls 56.25-58.75, couple 62.75&63.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium and Large Frame No. 1, 440/780 lbs. steers 61.00-74.50. Medium and Large Frame #1, 345/560 lbs. heifers 65.00-75.00, Med. & Large #2, 330/660 lbs. 53.00-63.00.

CALVES 265... Few Choice vealers 110.00-122.00, few Good 98.00-107.50, Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 84.00-93.00, 65/85 lbs. 72.00-87.00, lot Utility 54 lbs. 76.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 85/135 lbs. 107.00-165, few down to 93.00, lot 80 lbs. 90.00, Hol. Heifers 75/115 lbs. 89.00-120.00. Beef cross bulls & heifers 75/135 lbs. 93.00-169.00.

HOGS 358... Barrows and gilts \$3 to \$3.50 higher. US No. 1-2 230/250 lbs. 41.00-42.50, 1-3 215/255 lbs. 40.00-41.75, 2-3 225/270 lbs. 38.00-39.25, lot 1-3 210 lbs. 38.75. Sows mostly \$1 higher. US No. 1-3 385/700 lbs. sows 27.00-31.75. Boars 28.00-31.75.

FEEDER PIGS 26... US No. 1-3 35/50 lbs. feeder pigs 22.00-26.00 --- per head.

SHEEP 84... Choice & Prime 55/70 lbs. spring sl. lambs 85.00-99.00, 80/110 lbs. 80.00-95.00. Slaughter ewes 16.00-24.00.

GOATS 14... Few Medium and Large 30.00-41.00, Medium Kids 20.00-28.00 --- all per head.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, May 8, 1989

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CATTLE 274... PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows .50 to \$1 higher. Few Choice slaughter steers 71.00-72.00, few Select 67.00-69.00, Standard 58.25-65.00, Utility 51.50-58.50.

Choice sl. heifers 69.00-73.50, Select 66.00-68, Standard 55.00-60.50, Utility 50-55.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 47.00-51.50, few 53.75, Cutter & Bon. Utility 45.00-50.00, Canner & low Cutter 38.50-45.50, Shells down to 28.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1000/1700 lbs. sl. bulls 57.00-64.50, No. 2, 1000/1400 lbs. 50.00-56.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame No. 1, 360/550 lbs. steers 78.00-90.00, 600/900 lbs. 70.00-78.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 340/500 lbs. heifers 70.00-81.00, Medium No. 2, 600/700 lbs. 56.00-69.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 450/600 lbs. bulls 72.00-80.00.

CALVES 240... Few Choice vealers 108.00-120.00, Good 89.00-105.00, Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 84.00-95.00, 60/85 lbs. 70.00-86.00, Utility 45/65 lbs. 50.00-70.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs. 100.00-165.00; Hol. heifers 85/120 lbs. 88.00-140.00. Beef cross 85/115 lbs. bulls & heifers 88.00-140.00.

HOGS 140... Barrows and gilts .50 higher. US No. 1-2 230/265 lbs. 38.50-39.00, lot 39.75, 1-3 225/260 lbs. 37.00-38.75, small lot 2-3 245 lbs. 36.50, lot 1-3 196 lbs. 33.50. US No. 1-3 300/550 lbs. sows 30.00-32.00, 2-3 290/650 lbs. 25.00-28.50. Few Boars 25.00-27.00.

FEEDER PIGS 9... Few US No. 1-3 25/35 lbs. feeder pigs 14.00-22.00 --- per head.

SHEEP 94... Spring slaughter lambs mostly steady. High Choice & Prime 66/78 lbs. lbs. spring slaughter lambs 83.00-90, few 95/100 lbs. 82.00-83.00, Choice 35/55 lbs. 79.00-89.00. Slaughter sheep 16.00-26.00.

GOATS 5... Couple Large 52.00&58.00, few small Kids Kids 23.00 --- all per head.

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

Tuesday, May 9, 1989

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CATTLE 241... PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers \$1.50 to \$2 higher; Cows mostly steady. Few High Choice sl. steers 77.00-78, two high yielding 80.00, Choice 72.00-76, High yielding 75.50-78.85, Select 67.50-71.50, Standard 62.00-68.00. Choice sl. heifers 69.50-75.60, Select 65.00-69, Standard 56.50-62, Utility 51.50-57.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 47.00-51.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 44.50-49.50, Canner & Low Cutter 39.00-45.00, Shells down to 30.00. Yield

Grade No. 1, 1200/1875 lbs. sl. bulls 55.00-63.50, few No. 2, 1100/1450 lbs. 52.50-55.50. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 300/450 lbs. heifers 67.50-75.00, 500/700 lbs. 60.00-68.00.

CALVES 94... Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. vealers 80.00-95.00, 60/85 lbs. 71.00-84.00, few Utility 45/60 lbs. 40.00-60.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 105.00-177.00.

HOGS 220... Barrows and gilts \$1.50 to \$2 higher. US No. 1-2 225/255 lbs. 40.70-41.00, 1-3 230/260 lbs. 39.50-40.75, 2-3 210/265 lbs. 38.00-38.75. Few US No. 1-3 350/500 lbs. sows 28.00-30.00. Few Boars 27.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS 4... No Market Test. **SHEEP 3...** Couple Choice 65 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 63.00. One slaughter sheep 21.00.

GOATS 3... Two Medium 40.00&42.00, one Kid 18.00 --- all per head.

Dewart Livestock Auction

Dewart, Pa.

Monday, May 8, 1989

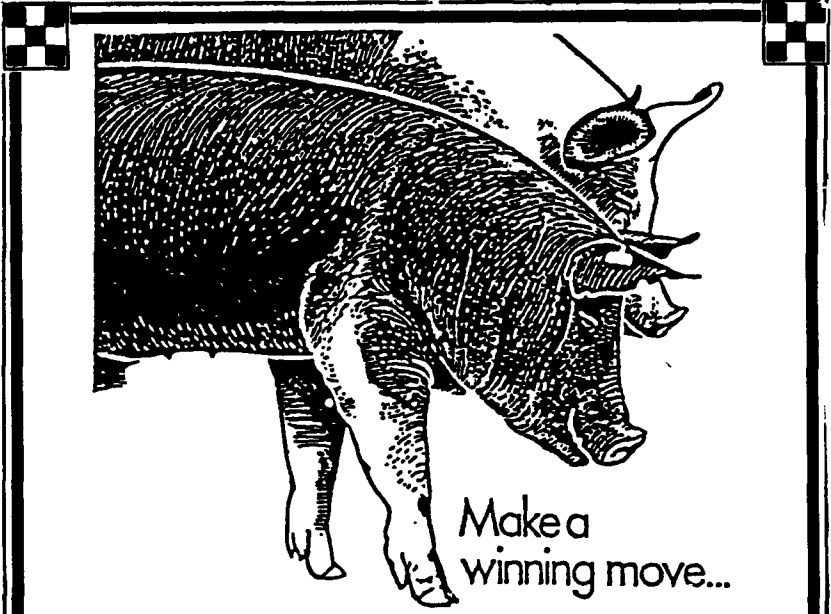
CATTLE 144... PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows .50 to \$1 lower. Few Select slaughter steers 67.00-69.00, few Standard 55.00-62.00. Few Choice sl. heifers 68.25-72.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 46.50-49.00, Cutter & Bon. Utility 47.00-50.25, couple 52.50, Canner & Low Cutter 43.00-46.00, Shells down to 38.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 950/2350 lbs. sl. bulls 57.00-64.00, one No. 2, 1600 lbs. 54.50. Feeder Cattle: Few Large Frame No. 2, 630/830 lbs. steers 55.00-62.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 500/700 lbs. heifers 59.00-73.00.

CALVES 136... Few Choice vealers 102.00-126.00, few Good 91.00-97.00, few Standard & Good 75/100 lbs. 85.00-98.00, Utility 60/85 lbs. 65.00-77.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 85/135 lbs. 100.00-168, mostly 125.00-160.00; Hol. Heifers 90/115 lbs. 105.00-137.00.

HOGS 57... Barrows and gilts .50 higher. S 1-3 210/235 lbs. barrows and gilts 37.90-39.50. Few US No. 1-3 400/500 lbs. sows 30.50-31.00. Few Boars 27.00-31.00. **FEEDER PIGS 55...** Few Lots US No. 1-3 45/75 lbs. feeder pigs 33.00-37.50 --- all per head.

SHEEP 5... Few Slaughter ewes 20.00-39.00.

GOATS 0... No Market Test.



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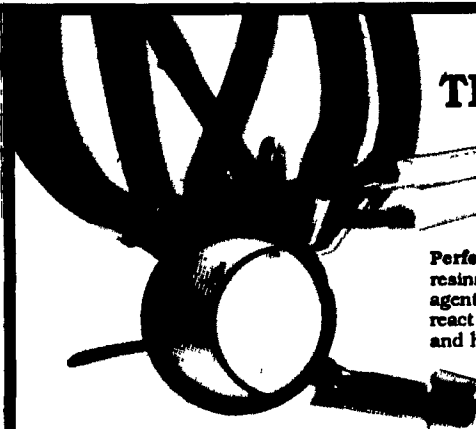
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