

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

AUG 14-20, 1989  
Cat Nights commence, Aug. 17

August 14, 1911, Irving Berlin's "Alexander's Ragtime Band" begins ragtime craze . . . Aug. 15, 1948, The Independent Republic of Korea is proclaimed with Seoul as its capital . . . Average length of days for the week 13 hours 50 minutes . . . Aug. 18, 1587, Virginia Dare is born at Roanoke Island, N.C., the first child born in America of English parents . . . *Once on shore we pray no more.*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** What can be done for stains on china cups to restore the original pure white? S. M., Neb.  
*Wet the stains with vinegar, then rub with salt and a cloth. Use baking soda and soap powder for coffee stains.*  
**Home Hints:** A too large thimble might hold tighter if you wet your finger first.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Showers and cool temperatures, at first. Then the week turns sunny and warm for a mid-August treat. Get out the barbecues!

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Sunny and warm with just a few showers to keep you guessing. Then turning cool, with intermittent shower activity.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Clearing and warm; showers in the east; milder; then thundershowers complete with sound effects, and turning hot.

**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Showers and milder temperatures, overall. Clearing and hot for the end of this mid-August week; enjoy it now!

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## Mercer Livestock

Mercer, PA  
August 8, 1989

**CATTLE 239...**PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers \$0 to \$1 higher; Cows \$1 to \$1.50 higher. Choice slaughter steers 68.85-73.00, few High Choice 73.00-74.40, Select 64.50-69.00, Standard 58.50-63.50, few Utility 53.00-56.00. Choice sl. heifers 67.00-71.00, Select 63.50-67.20, few Standard 54.00-59.00, few Utility 51.00-55.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 48.25-53.10, couple 55.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 46.00-50.25, Canner & Low Cutter 39.00-46.50, Shells down to 29.00. Couple Choice sl. bullock 68.10, few Stan-

ard 62.00-63.50. Yield Grade No. 1, 1200/1700 lbs. sl. bulls 58.00-65.85. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 500/750 lbs. steers 67.00-78.50. Couple Medium Frame No. 1, 780 lbs. at 62.00, few Large Frame No. 1, 650/770 lbs. heifers 70.00-76.00, one 255 lbs. 100.00.

**CALVES 98...**One Choice vealers 95.00, few Good 79.00-87.00, Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 70.00-80.00, 60/85 lbs. 59.00-72.00, few Utility 45/60 lbs. 40.00-50.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 90.00-124.00.

**HOGS 134...**Barrows and gilts \$1 to \$1.50 higher. US No. 1-2 220/265 lbs. 47.00-48.25, one lot 49.00, 1-3 220/260 lbs. 45.00-46.50, 2-3 230/265 lbs. 44.50-45.10, 2-4 250/270 lbs. 37.25-43.60.

Few US No. 1-3 300/550 lbs. sows 33.00-35.00. Few Boars 23.00-25.50.

**FEEDER PIGS 8...**Lot US No. 1-3/40 lbs. feeder pigs 20.00 --- per head.

**SHEEP 23...**Few High Choice 75/100 lbs. feeder lambs 60.00-67.00; few Good & Choice 40/70 lbs. feeder lambs 45.00-60.00. Few Slaughter sheep 15.00-25.00.

**GOATS 0...**No Market Test.

## Leesport Livestock

Leesport, PA  
August 9, 1989

**CATTLE 196...**PDA... Supply included 13 Feeder Cattle...Compared to last Wednesday's market: Slaughter steers grading Choice \$1 to \$1.75 higher; Cows \$1 to \$2 higher. Choice 1050/1300 lbs. sl. steers 68.50-73.50, Select & low Choice 64.50-69.50; few Choice Holsteins 64.25-67, few Select 62.00-63.25. Breaking Ut. & Commercial sl. cows 48.75-54, couple 56.00, Cutter & Bon. Utility 48.50-53.25, Canner & Low Cutter 44.75-48.75, Shells down to 41.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 925/1725 lbs. sl. bulls 57.25-62.25, couple 64.50.

**CALVES 207...**Few Choice 93.00-104.00, Standard & Good 70/100 lbs. 75.00-83, few 85.00, Utility 60/90 lbs. 65.00-75, few down to 50.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls No. 1, 90/130 lbs. 90.00-117.00, No. 2, 85/130 lbs. 80.00-105.00, Holstein 75/135 lbs. heifers 80.00-116.00.

**HOGS 437...**Barrows and Gilts .25 to \$1 higher. US No. 1-2 220/245 lbs. 48.25-48.75, 1-3 210/240 lbs. 47.00-48.50, 2-3 220/240 lbs. 45.00-46.75, lot 300 lbs. 41.00, few lots 1-3 190/205 lbs. 44.00-44.75. US No. 1-3 285/560 lbs. sows

32.50-36.50, few to 39.00. Boars 29.00-32.50, few Light Weights 34.00-38.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 276...**US No. 1-3 30/50 lbs. feeder pigs 47.00-59.00, lot 95 lbs. 50.00 --- all per hundredweight.

**SHEEP 27...**Good & Choice 35/65 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 65.00-82.00, one 45 lbs. 113.00. Few Slaughter sheep 13.00-27.00.

**GOATS 16...**Few Large 40.00-75.00, few Medium 24.00-42.00 --- all per head.

## Keister's Middleburg

Auction  
Middleburg, PA  
August 8, 1989

**CATTLE 413...**REPORT SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION...High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 72.00-75.25, Choice 68.00-73.25, Select 65.00-68.00; Choice holsteins 65.00-68.75, Select 60.00-64.75, Standard 55.00-59.75. Choice sl. heifers 65.00-69.75, one 74.25, Select 63.00-64.75, Standard 55.00-62.75. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 48.00-54.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 48.00-53.25, Canner & low Cutter 45.00-48, Shells down to 40.00. Choice sl. bullocks 63.50-66.75, Select 59.00-63.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1200/2295 lbs. sl. bulls 60.50-64.75, No. 2, 800/1200 lbs. 56.00-60.00. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Medium Frame No. 1, 300/750 lbs. steers 65.00-84.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 300/700 lbs. heifers 58.00-76.00.

**CALVES 214...**Choice vealers 99.00-102.00, Standard and Good 90/110 lbs. 85.00-90.00, 60/90 lbs. 70.00-85.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls No. 1, 90/125 lbs. 95.00-130.00, Hol. Heifers 90/125 lbs. 100.00-136.00.

**HOGS 254...**US No. 1-2, 220/245 lbs.

barrows and gilts 49.00-50.50, 1-3 222/245 lbs. 48.00-49.25, 1-3 200/230 lbs. 45.00-47.75, 2-3 190/280 lbs. 42.00-45.00.

**US No. 1-3 300/650 lbs. sows** 32.50-38.00, 2-3 300/600 lbs. 31.00-34.75. Boars 29.00-33.75.

**FEEDER PIGS 310...**US No. 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 12.00-32.00, 35/50 lbs. 25.00-34.00, 50/75 lbs. 36.00-39.00 --- all per head; 100/175 lbs. 38.00-52.00 - Cwt.

**SHEEP 85...**Choice 80/120 lbs. spring slaughter-lambs 60.00-78.00, few 30/40 lbs. 80.00-115.00. Slaughter ewes 16.00-34.00.

## Belleville Livestock

Belleville, PA  
August 9, 1989

**CATTLE 104...**REPORT IS SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION...Standard slaughter heifers 55.00-68.00. Breaking Utility and Commercial sl. cows 49.85-53.85, top 55.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 48.25-50.75, Canner & low Cutter 44.75-48.00, Shells down to 41.50. Yield Grade No. 2, slaughter bulls 52.10-60.10.

**CALVES 142...**Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. vealers 70.00-89.00, Utility 66.00-71.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 95/115 lbs. 100.00-132.00, 85/90 lbs. 90.00-103.00.

**HOGS 97...**US No. 1-2 215/260 lbs. barrows and gilts 48.50-50.35, 1-3 190/325 lbs. 41.25-48.00. US No. 2-3 sows 26.00-32.50.

**FEEDER PIGS 275...**US No. 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 8.00-16.50, 35/50 lbs. 20.00-27.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 15...**Good spring slaughter lambs 43.00-59.00. Slaughter sheep 15.00-21.00.

**GOATS 14...**28.00-83.00 --- all per head. **HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS** - \$550.00-\$1400.00 - PEP HEAD.

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