

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

SEPT. 18-24, 1989  
Woodchucks hibernate.

Sept. 18, 1851, the first issue of *The New York Times* is published... Sept. 19, 1928, Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse first introduced in *Steamboat Willie* cartoon... Herring spawn only once a year, just before the autumnal equinox, Sept. 22... Average length of days for the week 12 hours 14 minutes... Babe Ruth makes his farewell appearance with the New York Yankees, Sept. 24, 1934... One of these days is none of these days.



Ask the Old Farmer: When something unusual happened, my grandmother would say, "My goodness, cut a notch in the crane." What did she mean? N. C., Conn. Whaling boats carried smaller boats which were lowered from wooden davits, known then as cranes. The crews would notch the crane to keep track of the number of whales killed.  
Home Hint: Mix salt and vinegar into a paste to clean stained marble. Rinse with water.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** This and that. Cloudy and cool, that's the rule. By mid-week, though, expect a change: clear and warm is the new rule of thumb.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Cloudy and cool, just like in New England. Then it's clearing and unseasonably warm. Who wants seasonable anyway?  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Clear and pleasant for the first part of the week. Then intermittent rain takes over, locally heavy, but it's warmish.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Showers are heavy in the south; cool temperatures predominate. Then more rain, heavy in the east, then the west.

## Morrisons Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.  
Monday, September 11, 1989  
Report supplied by auction

**CATTLE:** 193 STEERS: HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 68.50-70.25; CHOICE 64.50-67.75; GOOD 61.50-63.75; STANDARD 54.50-60.25.  
**HEIFERS:** CHOICE 65.50-68.50; GOOD 53.50-62.75.  
**COWS:** UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 49.10-53.75; CUTTERS 46.75-49.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 39.50-46.50.  
**BULLOCKS:** GOOD & CHOICE 60.50-64.75.  
**BULLS:** YIELD GRADE NO. 1 59.00-63.75.  
**FEEDER CATTLE:** STEERS GOOD 65.00-84.50; STANDARD 60.00-64.75; BULLS GOOD 62.00-78.50; STANDARD 56.00-62.50; HEIFERS GOOD 61.00-76.50; STANDARD 52.50-60.00.

**CALVES:** 289. PRIME 114.00-121.00; CHOICE 101.00-108.50; GOOD 92.00-98.50; STANDARD & GOOD 82.00-91.50, 90-110 LBS. 82.50-96.50, 65-90 LBS. 68.50-92.50; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 105.00-142.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 92.50-134.00.  
**HOGS:** 145. US#1-2 42.00-44.25; US #1-3 40.00-41.75.  
**SOWS:** US#1-3 32.50-38.25.  
**BOARS:** 30.00-32.50.  
**FEEDER PIGS:** 47. 16.50-26.50 PER HEAD. 35-50 LBS. 28.00-34.50.  
**SHEEP:** 16. SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE 60.00-63.50; GOOD 55.00-59.50; SLAUGHTER EWES 14.00-28.50.  
**GOATS:** 21.00-64.00 PER HD. 7 LOADS OF HAY.  
**ALFALFA:** 141.00.  
**ALFALFA MIXED:** 92.00-106.00.  
**TIMOTHY:** 60.00-66.00.

## Westminster Livestock Auction

Hagerstown, Md.  
Tuesday, September 12, 1989  
Report supplied by auction

**COWS:** UTILITY 47.00-51.00; HIGH DRESSING 51.00-53.00; CANNERS 44.00-48.00; SHELLY 44.00 DOWN.  
**BULLS:** YG#1 59.00-62.75; YG#2 54.00-59.00.  
**FED STEERS:** LOW CHOICE 950-1100 LBS. 65.00-68.50; SELECT 60.00-65.00; STANDARD 53.00-59.00.  
**FED HEIFERS:** 900-1075 LBS. CHOICE 64.00-68.50; SELECT 60.00-64.00.  
**VEAL CALVES:** 150-325 LBS. CHOICE 89.00-99.00; GOOD 80.00-90.00; STANDARD 70.00-82.00; CULLS 85-120 LBS. 85.00-94.00; 50-80 LBS. 72.00-84.00; WEAK AND ROUGH 68.00 DOWN.  
**FARM CALVES:** HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 90-125 LBS. 120.00-140.00; #2 85-110 LBS. 95.00-120.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 110.00-140.00; BEEF X BULLS 95.00-125.00.  
**BUTCHER HOGS:** US#1 AND 3 215-260 LBS. 41.00-42.00; US#2 AND 3 40.00-41.00; 195-210 LBS. 38.00-40.00; SOWS US#1 AND 3 300-650 LBS. 33.00-35.50; US#2 AND 3 31.00-33.00; BOARS 400-700 LBS. 31.50-32.25; 860 AND 975 LBS. 29.50 AND 30.50.  
**STOCK CATTLE:** STEERS, 400-500 LBS. 80.00-92.00; 500-600 LBS. 70.00-84.00; 600-700 LBS. 63.00-73.00; 900-1050 LBS. 57.00-68.50.  
**HEIFERS:** 300-400 LBS. 72.00-83.00; 400-600 LBS. 66.00-77.00; 600-800 LBS. 58.00-69.00; 800-900 LBS. 50.00-60.00; 4 HOLSTEINS 188 LBS. 115.00.  
**BULLS:** 300-500 LBS. 80.00-93.00;

500-600 LBS. 70.00-78.00; 600-800 LBS. 60.00-69.00; HOLSTEINS 200-400 LBS. 71.00-83.00.  
**LAMBS:** CHOICE 80-120 LBS. 56.00-61.00; GOOD 50.00-55.00; FEEDERS 40-80 LBS. 52.00-62.00.  
**SHEEP:** 22.00-29.00; YEARLINGS UP TO 38.00.  
**GOATS:** LARGE 70.00-85.00; MEDIUM 45.00-65.00; SMALL 25.00-40.00.  
**PIGS AND SHOATS:** BY THE HEAD, 15-25 LBS. 9.00-16.00; 30-50 LBS. 14.00-25.00; 50-70 LBS. 25.00-35.00; 70-100 LBS. UP TO 40.00; BY THE POUND, 1 LOT, 102 LBS. AT 47.00.  
**STOCK BOARS:** 215-400 LBS. 31.00-32.75.

## Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland  
Sat., Sept. 9, 1989

**HOGS:** TOP BARROWS & GILTS 42.50-44.70; HEAVY BUTCHER 40.00-43.50; LIGHT BUTCHER 30.00-42.50; BUTCHER SOWS 30.00-35.00; FEEDER SHOATS 8.00-28.50.  
**VEAL:** GOOD .85.00-105.00; STANDARD 70.00-80.00; UTILITY 50.00-60.00; BULL CALVES 85.00-135.00.  
**SHEEP & LAMBS:** CHOICE 58.00-63.50; GOOD 52.00-55.00; SLAUGHTER EWES 18.00-24.00.  
**SLAUGHTER CATTLE:** STEERS GOOD 65.00-71.50; STANDARD 62.50-64.00; UTILITY 55.00-60.00. HEIFERS GOOD 62.50-68.50; STANDARD 58.50-60.00; UTILITY 52.50-58.00.  
**COWS:** COMMERCIAL 45.50-50.25; UTILITY 42.00-44.00; CANNER & CUTTER 38.00-40.00.

**BULLS:** COMMERCIAL & GOOD 55.00-64.25; CUTTER & UTILITY 48.00-52.00.  
**STOCK-FEEDER CATTLE:** GOOD 75.00-82.50; MEDIUM 60.00-70.00.  
**STEER CALVES:** GOOD 80.00-95.00; MEDIUM 65.00-75.00.  
**HEIFER CALVES:** GOOD 70.00-85.00; MEDIUM 60.00-65.00.  
**EGGS:** LARGE .70-.85; MEDIUM 50-.60

## St. Louis Cattle Hogs

Thursday, September 14, 1989  
OPENING MID-SESSION WEEKLY CLOSE  
**CATTLE AND CALVES:** 425 ( 25 SLTR, 400 FDRS)  
**RECEIPTS CONSISTS OF FEEDER CATTLE AND COWS FOR REGULAR THURSDAY AUCTION.**  
**TERMINAL NOT TESTED.**  
**COWS:** CUTT, UTIL, COMM BULK SALES HI-DRESS % LO-DRESS % BREAKING 2-4 NO TEST BONING 1-2 LOW TO AVG CUTTER.  
**RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 1,300; WEEK AGO 1,000; YEAR AGO 2,000**  
**FOR THE WEEK, SLAUGHTER STEERS .50-1.00 LOWER, EXCEPT HOLSTEIN STEERS**  
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