THE **OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC**

MAR. 5-11, 1990

Mar. 7, 9, and 10, Ember Days.

Crows at Williamstown, Mar 5, 1941 Cotton planting season in S Carolina Mar 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell Many birds return to New England receives a patent for his invention of the telephone Daffoduls that come before the swallows dare and take the winds of March with beauty - Shakespeare



Ask the Old Farmer: You own to 86 years in the vicinity of Cape Cod What was the worst northeaster? E R, N Y The Portland Gale of 1898 but the damage was chiefly on ship ping. There were 20 schooners sunk or ashore in our harbor Home Hints: Use rose petals cloves cinnamon allspice, mint, and orris root for a simple potpourri

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

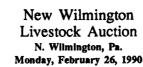
New England: The week starts with light snow, followed by a northeaster Heavy rains hit the east, snow caps the mountain areas

Greater New York-New Jersey: A snowstorm at first, then partly cloudy and cold Temperatures this month are 3 degrees F below average

Middle Atlantic Coastal: A snowstorm here, too Partly cloudy next and milder temperatures A cold snap changes all that, then rain and snow

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Rain and snow, don't va know? Heavy in the south, then sunny skies and milder temperatures Repeat the rain and snow

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Report Supplied by PDA CATTLE 134 ... PDA... One Choice slaughter steer 80.00, few Select 69.50-74.00, few Standard 63.50-68.00. Few Choice sl. heifers 70.00-73.25, few Standard 63.25-65.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 50.75-55.25, low yielding down to 47.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 48.00-52.25, Canner & Low Cutter 42.50-48.25, Shells down to 30.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1160/1840 lbs. sl. bulls 62.25-65.75. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Frame #1, 465/750 lbs. steers 69.00-76.00. CALVES 284...Couple Choice vealers 108.00&120.00, few Good 90.00-100.00, Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 73.00-80.00, 60/85 lbs. 67.00-75.00, lot Utility 55 lbs. 51.00, few down to 20.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 85/140 lbs. 100.00-145.00, No. 2 down to 80.00, 75/85 lbs. 75.00-112.50; Hol. Heifers 75/125 lbs. 75.00-160.00, one 181.00.

HOGS 521...US No. 1-2 225/250 lbs. barrows and gilts 49.50-50.10, 1-3 215/270 lbs. 48.50-49.50, 2-3 230/270 lbs. 47.00-48.00, 1-3 205/215 lbs. 46.00-48.50, 165/200 lbs. 40.00-44.85. US No. 1-3 310/585 lbs. sows 44.00-48.00. Boars 37.00-38.75.

FEEDER PIGS 8...Few US No. 1-3

25/35 lbs. feeder pigs 14.00-27.00 --- all per head

SHEEP 52 .. Choice & Prime 70/105 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 61.00-68.00. Slaugh-GOATS 0...No Market test.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction Eighty-Four, Pa. Monday, February 26, 1990 **Report Supplied by PDA**

CATTLE 135 ... PDA ... Few Choice slaughter steers 73.00-75.50, Select 67.00-73.50, few Standard 60.00-64.00, few Utility 57.00-60.50. Choice sl. heifers 71.00-74.50, few Select 65.00-69.00, few Standard 58.50-64.00, Utility 50.00-56.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 51.00-56, one 58.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 47.50-53.00, Canner & Low Cutter 41.00-48.00, Shells down to 30.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1200/1600 lbs. sl. bulls 60.00-65.00, No. 2, 900/1100 lbs. 55.00-59.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame #1, 350/500 lbs. steers 70.00-90.00. Medium Frame #1, 325/500 lbs. heifers 67.00-80.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 400/550 lbs. bulls 68.00-85.00.

CALVES 216...One Choice vealers 117.00, few Good 98.00-115.00, Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 70 00-86.00, 60/85 lbs. 60.00-74.00, few Utility 50/70 lbs. 40.00-60.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90/125 lbs. 105.00-170.00, No. 2 down to 85.00; Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 85.00-140.00. Beef cross 80/115 lbs. 85.00-130.00.

HOGS 67 ... Few US No. 1-3 240/250 lbs. barrows and gilts 48.50-49.00, small lot 50.00, 1-3 225/250 lbs. 47.00-48.00, lot 2-4 285 lbs. 35.00, lot 1-3 153 lbs. 40 00. US No. 1-3 300/500 lbs. sows 40.00-44.00. FEEDER PIGS 14...Couple US No. 1-3 37 lbs. feeder pigs 22.00, lot 62 lbs. 20.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 69...High Choice & Prime 85/98 lbs. wool slaughter lambs 65.00-71.00, lot Choice 95 lbs. 63.50; Good & Choice 50/65 lbs. feeder lambs 67.00-70.00. Slaughter ewes 18.00-24.00. GOATS 1...Large 42.50 --- per head.

Valley Livestock

Athens. Pa. Monday, Feb. 26, 1990 Report supplied by auction HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES TO

150.00. VEAL CALVES TO 90.00. VEALER BULL CALVES TO 170.00. SLAUGHTER CALVES 90.00 AND

DOWN. GRASSERS & FEEDERS 45.00-70.00. LAMBS 50.00-60.00, BABIES 172.50. SHEEP 14.00-28.00. HOGS 200 TO 250 LBS. 43.00-49.00. SOWS 25.00-40.00. BOARS 25.00-34.00. PIGS EACH 15.00-30.00. HEIFERS 45.00-57.00. STEERS TO 60.00. FEEDER STEERS 50.00-79.00. BULLS, 52.00-64.50. COWS GOOD 50.00-55.00, TOP 57.75. COWS MEDIUM 45.00-52.00. COWS POOR OR SMALL 45.00 AND DOWN. CATTLE MARKET: HIGHER.

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