

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 14-20, 1990

Cape Cod alewives hatching.

May 14, 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition sets out from St. Louis to explore the Louisiana Territory. May 15, 1918, air mail service begins between New York City and Washington, D.C. May 18, 1980, Mt. St. Helens erupts. May 20, 1873, Jacob Davis, a Reno tailor, and Levi Strauss, a San Francisco dry goods merchant, are granted a patent for riveted pocket pants. *Diligence is the mother of good luck.*



Ask the Old Farmer: Horses used to wear "caulks." What are they? JH, RI
Caulks are blunt metal pieces. Four were inserted into each horseshoe to prevent slipping.
Home Hints: Wash sides of windows with liquid wax and they will open and close with ease, even in humid weather. One treatment should last a year.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

New England: A cold snap starts the week with a bang. Clearing and warm by midweek. Bask fast — it won't last! Showers and cooler weather end the week.
Greater New York-New Jersey: Can it be? Are those blue skies I see? Clear and very warm through midweek. Will it stay? No way! Rain and cold by week's end.
Middle Atlantic Coastal: Surprise! The week dawns clear and hot. Don't delay, get out and play, this weather won't stay. Showers drop, cold snap pops.
Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: A sunny cold wave (that's the best kind) begins the week, warming, with showers in the west, ending up hot and cloudy.

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Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, PA
 May 9, 1990

CATTLE 188...PDA... Supply include 17 head feeder cattle...Compared to last Wednesday's market: Slaughter steers 1.00 to 2.00 higher; Cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher. Choice 1000/1500 lbs. sl. steers 77.00-79.25, few 80.75, few Select 68.75-75.25; few High Choice & Prime 1400/1500 lbs. Holsteins 72.00-73.75, Choice 1225/1400 lbs. 68.50-72, Select 64.00-68, few Standard 60.75-63.50. Few Choice sl. heifers 72.50-76.75, few Select 65.75-72, couple Standard 56.00&56.25. Breaking Ut. & Commercial sl. cows 56.25-58.00, couple 60.00, few low dressing 50.75-54.50, Cutter & Bon. Utility 52.50-57.00, Canner & Low Cutter 50.00-55.50, Shells down to 42.50. Few Choice sl. bullocks 68.75-77.00, few Select & Choice Holsteins 66.00-69.25. Yield Grade No. 1, 1300/1700 lbs. sl. bulls 63.25-69.00, couple 70.25. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 690/700 lbs. steers 75.50-79.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1-2, 435/550 lbs. heifers 63.50-71.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1-2, 360/600 lbs. bulls 67.00-69.50, one lot Large No. 2, 450 lbs. 67.00.
CALVES 132...Few Choice 145/285

lbs. vealers 120.00-131.00, few Good 91.00-112.50, few Standard and Good 75/105 lbs. 79.00-93.00. Farm Calves: No. 1, Holstein Bulls 85/125 lbs. 190.00-202.00, No. 2, 90/120 lbs. 140.00-191.00, few 92.00, few 75/85 lbs. 120.00-150.00; No. 1, Holstein heifers 95/135 lbs. 167.50-200.00, No. 2, 80/110 lbs. 97.50-125.00. Few Beef cross 70/145 lbs. bulls and heifers 130.00-187.50.
HOGS 403...Barrows and Gilts .75 to 1.25 higher. US No. 1-2 220/255 lbs. 58.75-60.10, lot 61.10, 1-3 220/240 lbs. 57.50-58.85, few 205/210 lbs. 55.00-56.25, 2-3 225/260 lbs. 57.00-58.00, few 2-4 250/295 lbs. 50.25-53.25. Sows strong to 1.50 higher. US No. 1-3 300/480 lbs. sows 50.00-53.75, few down to 47.00, 490/670 lbs. 54.50-57.75, few Medium 210/375 lbs. 40.00-49.00. Boars (all weights) 49.00-51.00.
FEEDER PIGS 210...US No. 1-3 20/30 lbs. feeder pigs 125.00-170.00, lot 40/50 lbs. 99.00-117.00, 50/60 lbs. 94.00-97.00 --- all per head.
SHEEP 54...Choice 60/100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 70.00-81.00, one 86.00, 25/55 lbs. 82.50-107.50, one small lot 25 lbs. 117.50. Slaughter sheep 9.00-32.00, mostly 13.00-22.00.
GOATS 33...Large 57.50-72.50, few 86.00, few Medium & Thin 40.00-55.00, few Large Kids 37.00-60.00, few Small 23.00-28.00 --- all per head.

Bellknap Livestock Auction

Dayton, PA
 May 9, 1990

CATTLE 66...PDA...Compared with last Wednesday's market: Individual Select slaughter steer 69.00, few Standard 61.00-67.00. Couple low Choice sl. heifers 69.50&69.75, few Select and low Choice 800/900 lbs. 62.75-65.00. Few Breaking Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 53.75-55.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 50.25-54.25, Canner & low Cutter 40.00-49.00, Shells down to 34.75. Individual Standard sl. bullock 67.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1110/1740 lbs. sl. bulls 64.75-67.50. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame No. 1, 340/500 lbs. steers 89.00-95.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 385/645 lbs. heifers 67.00-77.50.

CALVES 77...Individual Choice vealers 110.00, few Standard and Good 70/125 lbs. 82.00-94.00. Farm Calves: No. 1, Holstein Bulls 90/130 lbs. 147.50-189.00, one 200.00, 75/85 lbs. 100.00-145.00, No. 2, 90/120 lbs. 100.00-145.00; few Hol. Heifers 85/110 lbs. 135.00-192.50. Beef cross 75/125 lbs. bulls and heifers 120.00-195.00.

HOGS 151...Barrows and gilts .50 to .75 higher. Lot US No. 1-2 240 lbs. 60.00, 1-3 220/265 lbs. 58.50-59.60, 2-3 260/270 lbs. 58.25-58.50, lot 2-4 280 lbs. 54.00, lot 1-3 190 lbs. 48.75. Few US No. 1-3 410/540 lbs. sows 52.25-55.25, one 2-3 435 lbs. 46.25. Boars 44.50-48.00.

FEEDER PIGS 28...Lot US No. 1-2 47 lbs. feeder pigs 63.50, 1-3 35/45 lbs. 40.00-52.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 15...Few Choice & Prime 70/75 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 70.25-70.50. Few Slaughter ewes 10.00-15.00.

GOATS 9...Few Medium 40.00-47.00, few Medium Kids 15.00-25.00 --- all per head.

New Wilmington Livestock Auction

N. Wilmington, Pa.
 Monday, May 7, 1990

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 262...PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows .50 to 1.00 higher. Few Choice slaughter steers 74.50-77.25, few Select & low Choice 70.00-74.25; couple Choice Holsteins 69.50, one Standard 62.75. Couple Choice sl. heifers 71.50&73.75, one high yielding 79.50, one Holstein 66.00, few Select &

low Choice 810/940 lbs. 65.50-69.50, one 62.50, few Standard 58.00-62.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 51.50-57.25, few 58.25-59.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 49.75-54.50, high dressing 56.75, Canner & Low Cutter 42.00-50.00, Shells down to 32.25. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1150/2030 lbs. sl. bulls 63.75-68.50, few No. 2, 1025/1515 lbs. 56.50-60.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame #1, 335/615 lbs. steers 80.00-93.00, few 98.00. Med. & Large Frame No. 1, 320/500 lbs. heifers 70.00-82.00, 520/800 lbs. 60.00-71.25.

CALVES 253...Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. vealers 80.00-99.00, 60/85 lbs. 65.00-87.50, lot Utility 50 lbs. 63.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls No. 1, 85/140 lbs. 140.00-178.00, No. 2, 90/130 lbs. 100.00-140.00; No. 1, Hol. Heifers 85/135 lbs. 112.50-165, No. 2, down to 92.50; Beef cross 70/145 lbs. bulls & heifers 100.00-235.00.

HOGS 394...Barrows and gilts fully 2.00 higher. US No. 1-2 220/255 lbs. 59.50-60.25, 1-3 225/265 lbs. 58.00-59.50, 2-3 260/290 lbs. 57.00-58.00, 1-3 200/215 lbs. 56.75-57.50, lot 180 lbs. 51.50. Sows fully 2.00 higher. US No. 1-3 350/620 lbs. sows 50.00-57.00, one 59.00. Boars 47.50-51.50.

FEEDER PIGS 16...Few US No. 1-3 30/40 lbs. 34.00-39.00 --- all per head.

SHEEP 124...High Choice & Prime 50/75 lbs. spring lambs 83.00-96.00, 85/95 lbs. 70.00-78.00, few 90.00; Choice 55/80 lbs. 74.00-83.00. Slaughter sheep 18.00-30.00.

GOATS 17...Few Large 48.00-58.00, Medium 30.00-47.00, Medium & Large Kids 20.00-30.00 --- all per head.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.
 Monday, May 7, 1990

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 227...PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows steady to strong. Select and low Choice slaughter steers 70.00-74.25, Standard 64.00-67.00, few Utility 60.00-63.00. Choice sl. heifers 71.50-73.00, Select 67.00-70.50, few Utility 54.50-59.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 51.50-56.50, few high yielding 58.50, one 59.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 49.50-54.00, Canner & Low Cutter 41.50-49.50, Shells down to 31.00. Yield

Grade No. 1, 1400/1885 lbs. sl. bulls 61.00-68.85, No. 2, 1000/1400 lbs. 54.00-59.00. Feeder Cattle: Medium & Large Frame #1, 250/350 lbs. steers 88.00-115.00, few up to 120.00, 400/650 lbs. 74.00-86.00. Medium & Large Frame #1, 240/325 lbs. heifers 75.00-100.00, 450/700 lbs. 65.00-76.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 250/350 lbs. bulls 74.00-102.00, 400/650 lbs. 64.00-75.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 250/350 lbs. bulls 80.00-110.00, 400/650 lbs. 70.00-82.00.

CALVES 175...Choice vealers 112.00-124.00, Good 93.00-108.00, Standard & Good 90/120 lbs. 75.00-82.00, 60/85 lbs. 66.00-79.00, few Utility 40/65 lbs. 35.00-60.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls #1, 90/130 lbs. 120.00-197.00, 75/85 lbs. 85.00-125.00; No. 1, Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 105.00-160.00. Beef cross 80/115 lbs. bulls and heifers 90.00-200.00.

HOGS 101...Barrows and gilts 1.50 to 2.00 higher. US No. 1-2 230/250 lbs. 58.50-59.75, 1-3 220/260 lbs. 57.00-58.50, lot 2-4 280 lbs. 53.00. US No. 1-3 300/600 lbs. sows 50.00-54.00, 2-3 325/550 lbs. 44.00-48.00. Few Boars 47.00-49.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...No Market Test.
SHEEP 264...High Choice & Prime 60/75 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 70.00-73.00, Choice 45/65 lbs. 64.00-70.00. Slaughter sheep 13.00-20.00.
GOATS 13...Few Large 35.00-55.00, Medium 20.00-36.00 --- all per head.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables
 Wednesday, May 9, 1990

Report supplied by auction

REPORTED RECEIPTS OF 111 COWS, 16 HEIFERS, AND 2 BULLS. MARKET STRONGER.

NY FRESH COWS: 1160 00-1300.00, SPRINGERS 985.00-1235.00.

PA FRESH COWS: 1010 00-1500.00. CANADA FRESH COWS: 890.00-1175.00, SPRINGERS 1020.00-1460.00.

HERD OF 47 HEAD, ALL STAGE COWS: 710.00-1450.00.

LOCAL SPRINGING HEIFERS: 900.00-1380.00.

PUREBREDS: 1200.00-2000.00.

VACCINATED HEIFERS BRING A PREMIUM.

BULLS: 470.00-930.00.

LOCAL COWS: 610.00-1400.00.

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