

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JUNE 4-10, 1990

June 6, 8, and 9, Ember Days.

June 6, 1944, D-Day the Allied troops begin landing on the beaches of Normandy  
 June 8, Full Strawberry Moon June 9, 1943, Congress authorizes employer-withheld income tax payments with the Pay-As-You-Go Act June 10, 1652, America's first mint issues the pine tree shilling in defiance of British law *Better ride an ass that carries us than a horse that throws us*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Do you know an easy way to remove the white scaly deposits inside teakettles without using dangerous chemicals? D.K., Ill

**Try boiling a weak solution of cider vinegar in the teakettle for a few minutes. This should loosen the scale and make it easy to wash out. Very thick deposits may require more than one treatment.**

**Home Hints** Keep lawnmower blades sharp so they cut rather than tear grass — especially important for new, young grass

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Cool weather for June (around 65°F — 3° below average) brings heavy rain in its wake before finally clearing and turning warmer  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Sunny and pleasant until midweek, then scattered showers for the flowers, and turning cooler  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Off-and-on rain all week. First rain, heavy in the west, cool. Then clearing and warmer, more rain, and finally clearing  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Clearing and much cooler to start the week. Then rain, heavy in the west, seasonable, partly cloudy (partly not), clear and hot

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## Leesport Livestock

Leesport, PA  
 May 30, 1990

**CATTLE 199...PDA...**Supply includes 40 head feeder cattle...Compared to last Wednesday's market: Slaughter steers .50 to 1.50 higher; Cows steady to 1.50 higher. Few Choice 1025/1435 lbs. sl. steers 75.25-77.50, Select 69.00-75, few down to 66.00, few High Choice & Prime 1200/1500 lbs. Holsteins 71.50-74.75, Choice 1150/1560 lbs. 67.00-70.00, few Select 65.25-68.00. Few Choice sl. heifers 73.50-76.00, one Select 69.75. Breaking Ut & Commercial sl. cows 54.25-55.85, Shells down to 41.75. Select & Choice sl. bullocks 64.00-69.25, few Standard 58.75-63.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1050/1660 lbs. sl. bulls 63.50-66.50. Feeder Cattle: Few Large Frame No. 2, 330/375 lbs. steers 90.00-91.00, few 450/600 lbs. 74.00-77.00. Few Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 550/580 lbs. heifers 75.00-76.00.

**CALVES 141...**Couple Choice vealers 120.00-121.00, one Prime 136.00, couple Good 100.00&104.00, few Standard and Good 75/95 lbs 84.00-92.00, few Utility 70/75 lbs 65.00-80.50. Farm Calves. No. 1, Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 165.00-204.00, few 130/145 lbs. 130.00-163.00, No. 2, 90/125 lbs.

155.00-145.00, few down to 95.00, few 80/85 lbs. 100.00-135.00; No. 1, Holstein heifers 90/145 lbs. 110.00-142.50, few No. 2, 80/95 lbs. 100.00-107.50. Few Beef cross 75/105 lbs. bulls 130.00-200.00; few Good 350/530 lbs. slaughter calves 72.00-79.00.

**HOGS 576...**Barrows and Gilts .75 to 1.25 higher. US No. 1-2 225/245 lbs. 65.00-66.00, small lot 67.00, 1-3 210/250 lbs. 64.00-65.25, 2-3 230/265 lbs. 62.75-64.25, few 2-4 270/315 lbs. 54.00-59.50, few 1-3 165/190 lbs. 54.00-58.25. Sows steady to 1.00 lower. US No. 1-3 300/475 lbs. sows 51.50-54.00, 500/650 lbs. 54.75-56.00, few Medium 260/450 lbs. 43.00-50.50. Boars 51.00-52.25, lt. weights 48.00-50.50.

**FEEDER PIGS 329...**US No. 1-3 20/25 lbs. feeder pigs 152.50-180.00, lot 192.50, 35/55 lbs. 110.00-132.50, few lots 145.00, few 2-3 55/60 lbs. 95.00-97.50 --- all per hundredweight; few 1-3 15/20 lbs. 27.00-28.00 - per head.

**SHEEP 81...**Few Choice 55/100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 69.00-75.00, few 30/50 lbs. 78.00-100.00, Good & Choice 35/60 lbs. 61.00-71.00. Slaughter sheep 30.00-43.00

**GOATS 30...**Few Large 45.00-50.00, one 82.50, Medium 25.00-40.00, few Large Kids 28.00-42.50, few small Kids 21.00-30.00 --- all per head.

## Belknap Livestock

Dayton, PA  
 May 30, 1990

**CATTLE 50...PDA...**Compared with last Wednesday's market: Few Select 985 lbs. slaughter steers 68.75. One Choice sl. heifer 72.25. Few Breaking Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 51.25-54.00, few Cutter & Boning Utility 50.25-53.00, few high dressing 57.00-57.75, Canner & low Cutter 45.00-48.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1770 lbs. sl. bulls 68.25. Feeder Cattle: Few Large Frame No. 2, 805/945 lbs. Holstein steers 56.50-60.50. Few Large Frame No. 2, 560/870 lbs. Holstein heifers 53.00-66.50.

**CALVES 101...**One Choice vealer 104.00, few Good 90.00-97.00, few Standard and Good 90/110 lbs. 90.00-97.00, 60/85 lbs. 80.00-98.00. Farm Calves: No. 1, Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 150.00-200.00, 75/85 lbs. 120.00-170.00, No. 2, 100/135 lbs. 102.50-140.00; one Hol. Heifer 110 lbs. 150.00. Few Beef cross 80/150 lbs. bulls and heifers 101.00-167.50.

**HOGS 199...**US No. 1-2 230/260 lbs. barrows and gilts 64.90-65.25, small lot 66.50, 1-3 225/265 lbs. 63.00-64.40, 2-3 235/265 lbs. 62.80-63.50. US No. 1-3 315/720 lbs. sows 51.00-55.00, few 2-3 410/715 lbs. 47.25-50.75, couple Medium 335/400 lbs. 48.00. Few Boars 49.50-54.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 30...**Small lot US No. 1-3 20 lbs. feeder pigs 34.00, 35/50 lbs. 40.00-52.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 10...**Slaughter sheep 12.00-28.00.

**GOATS 8...**Few Large 59.00-90.00, one Medium 36.00, few Medium & small Kids 29.00 -38.00 --- all per head.

## Mercer Livestock

Mercer, PA  
 May 29, 1990

**CATTLE 213...PDA...**Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers steady to weak; Cows 1.00 to 2.00 lower. Choice sl. steers 75.00-78.50, one 79.10, low yielding down to 73.00, Select 68.00-74.00, few high yielding up to 75.00, Standard 64.00-68.50. Few Choice sl. heifers 72.00-74.80, Select 66.00-71.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 50.50-57.85, Cutter & Boning Utility 49.00-53.00, Canner & low Cutter 40.00-49.00, Shells down to 30.00. Few Select sl. bullocks 67.00-69.50. Yield Grade No. 1, 1300/1850 lbs. sl. bulls 63.00-66.00. Feeder Cattle: One Small Lot Holsteins 738 lbs. steers 67.00. Few Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 400/510 lbs. heifers 74.00-86.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 400/780 lbs. bulls 61.00-79.00.

**CALVES 128...**Couple Choice vealers 115.00&125.00, few Good 94.00-100.00,

Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 84.00-96.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/140 lbs. 140.00-210.00, No. 2, 98.00-140.00; few Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 100.00-160.00. Beef cross 80/115 lbs. bulls and heifers 130.00-195.00.

**HOGS 95...**Barrows and gilts 2.00 to 3.00 lower. US No. 1-2 225/250 lbs. 61.50-62.10, 1-3 220/245 lbs. 61.25-61.60, 2-3 240/260 lbs. 58.00-59.00, lot 2-4 270 lbs. 53.50. Few US No. 1-3 400/690 lbs. sows 44.00-46.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 0...**No Market Test. **SHEEP 11...**Few Choice 58/68 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 57.50-63.00. Few Slaughter sheep 16.00-21.00.

**GOATS 3...**Three small Kids 14.00 -- all per head.

## Morrisons Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.  
 May 28, 1990

Report supplied by auction

**CATTLE 152. STEERS: H. CHOICE & PRIME 74.25-78.50, CHOICE 70.00-73.50, GOOD 64.00-69.50, STANDARD 58.00-63.50. HEIFERS: 71.00-74.50; GOOD 61.00-69.00.**

**COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 55.50-58.75; CUTTERS 52.00-54.75, CANNER & LOW CUTTER 44.50-51.25.**

**BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 66.50-69.25.**

**BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1 62.00-73.50.**

**FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 68.00-98.50, BULLS 65.00-92.50; HEIFERS 64.00-91.50.**

**CALVES 226. PRIME 106.00-124.00; CHOICE 98.00-105.00, GOOD 91.00-96.50, STANDARD & GOOD 84.50-90.00, 90-110 LBS. 86.00-102.00, 65-90 LBS. 78.00-94.50, HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 160.00-201.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 124.00-179.00.**

**HOGS 97. US NO. 1-2 64.00-65.50, US NO. 1-3 62.00-63.75.**

**SOWS: US NO. 1-3 49.00-55.00. BOARS 48.00-50.25.**

**FEEDER PIGS 24. US NO. 1-3 20-35 LBS. 18.00-38.50 PER HEAD, NO. 1-3 35-50 LBS. 39.00-54.00 PER HEAD.**

**SHEEP 44. CHOICE 66.00-71.00; GOOD 60.50-65.00; SLAUGHTER EWES 18.00-34.50.**

**GOATS: 24.00-61.00 PER HEAD.**

## Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, PA  
 May 29, 1990

**CATTLE 114...**PDA...Compared with last weeks market: Slaughter cows uneven, extremes .75 higher to 1.25 lower. Two Select slaughter steers 68.00&70.75, few

Standard 64.00-66.75; few Choice Holsteins 66.00-70.00, few Select 58.50-66.50, few Standard 54.50-60.50. One Choice Holstein heifer 66.75, few Select 61.00-66.00, few Standard 55.25-64.75, one Utility 50.25. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 53.00-55.75, few high dressing 58.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 52.25-54.75, few high dressing 56.75, Canner & Low Cutter 48.00-52.75, Shells down to 30.00. Few Yield Grade 1315/1630 lbs. sl. bulls 61.00-65.00.

**CALVES 204...**Vealers unevenly steady. One Choice vealers 107.00, Standard & Good 75/115 lbs. 82.00-90.00, Utility 55/100 lbs. 60.00-73.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls No. 1, 80/125 lbs. 160.00-202.00, No. 2, 80/115 lbs. 90.00-160, few down to 182.00; Hol. Heifers 80/105 lbs. 90.00-115.00. One Beef cross 85 lbs. bull 190.00.

**HOGS 114...**Small supply barrows and gilts weak to .50 lower. Two Lots US No. 1-2 245 lbs. 65.00 and 280 lbs. 64.00, 1-3 210/260 lbs. 63.00-64.10, two lots 2-3 230 lbs. 63.85, 1-3 135/200 lbs. 50.00-57.25. Sows steady to .50 higher. US No. 1-3 315/490 lbs. sows 51.00-53.50, 485/700 lbs. 52.50-54.50. Few Boars 51.00-51.25.

**FEEDER PIGS 0...**No Market Test. **SHEEP 23...**Slaughter sheep 95/240 lbs. 12.00-28.00, mostly 17.00-25.00. **GOATS 0...**No Market Test.

## Valley Livestock

Athens, Pa.

Monday, May 28, 1990

Report supplied by auction

**HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES TO 200.00.**

**VEAL CALVES TO 101.00.**

**VEALER BULL CALVES TO 200.00.**

**SLAUGHTER CALVES 99.00 AND DOWN.**

**GRASSERS & FEEDERS 50.00-80.00.**

**LAMBS 55.00-57.50.**

**SHEEP 14.00-28.00.**

**HOGS 200 TO 250 LBS. 55.00-60.00.**

**SOWS 42.00-47.50.**

**BOARS TO 46.50.**

**PIGS 30.00-45.00.**

**HEIFERS 48.00-59.50.**

**STEERS 58.00-67.50.**

**FEEDER STEERS 55.00-82.00.**

**BULLS 52.00-64.75.**

**COWS GOOD 54.00-57.00.**

**COWS MEDIUM 48.00-53.00.**

**COWS POOR OR SMALL 50.00 AND DOWN.**

**CATTLE MARKET ABOUT STEADY.**

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