

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JULY 2-8, 1990  
July 7, Full Buck Moon.

July 2, 1867, America's first elevated railroad is opened in New York City ... July 4, 1776, John Hancock signs the Declaration of Independence ... July 6, 1885, Louis Pasteur inoculates the first human, a little boy, in Paris ... July 8, 1835, the Liberty Bell cracks while tolling during the funeral of Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall ... *Make today yesterday's pupil.*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** Is there any way I can kill a patch of poison ivy without using a lot of toxic chemicals? S.S., Ky.  
*Sure there is — smother it! Wear protective clothing and cut down the biggest branches, then cover the whole area with heavy black plastic. Wait several weeks and check to see that the roots are dead. Pull up the plants and discard safely.*

**Home Hints:** Bigger and better blooms will be produced if pansies are pinched back in July

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Clear and warm through the Fourth with showers in the north; a couple days of light rain are followed by a couple days of bright sun  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Sunny and warm, showers in the southern regions, changes to rain for the Fourth. Clearing and warmer to end the week.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Wet all week, starting with thundershowers and diminishing to showers, heavy in the north, and milder temperatures.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Showers fill the skies, heavy in the west. Then a hot spell, followed by more showers, this time in the east. Finally sunny.

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### Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.  
Tuesday, June 26, 1990  
Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 308...**PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers .50 lower; Cows steady. Few High Choice sl. steers 76.00-77.50, Choice 73.75-77, few high yielding up to 77.50, Select 67.25-73.50, high yielding 74.50; Choice Holsteins 70.00-72.00, Standard 63.25-67.50. Choice sl. heifers 73.00-76.75, Select 65.50-71.00, Standard 59.50-64, Utility 54.00-60.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 51.00-56.00, few 58.00, couple 61.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 49.50-55.00, Canner & low Cutter 41.50-50.00, Shells down to 26.00. Few Select sl. bullocks 65.00-67.35, few Standard 62.00-63.25. Yield Grade No. 1, 1100/1850 lbs. sl. bulls 63.00-69.25, No. 2, 1000/1180 lbs. 58.00-62.85. Feeder Cattle: Medium Frame No. 1, 600/900 lbs. steers 66.00-77.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 300/500 lbs. heifers 75.00-88.00, few Large No. 1, 650/790 lbs. 74.00-82.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 450/700 lbs. bulls 75.00-85.00.  
**CALVES 110...**Few Good vealers

92.00-97.00, few Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 82.00-90.00, few Standard & Good 60/85 lbs. 70.00-83.00, few Utility 50/65 lbs. 40.00-60.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90/120 lbs. 120.00-181.00, No. 2, 90.00-112.00; few Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 110.00-150.00. Few Beef cross 80/115 lbs. bulls and heifers 100.00-140.00.

**HOGS 124...**Barrows and gilts .50 to 1.00 lower. US No. 1-2 205/250 lbs. 60.00-61.75, lot (15 head) 63.25, 1-3 215/280 lbs. 59.00-60.00, 2-3 250/265 lbs. 57.50-59.00. US No. 2-3 380/600 lbs. sows 50.00-54.00, few 2-3 400/725 lbs. 48.00-50.00. Few Boars 45.00-47.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 0...**No sales on offer --- all per head.  
**SHEEP 18...**Choice 63 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 50.00. Slaughter sheep 12.00-20.00 - all cwt.

**GOATS 14...**Medium 40.00-50.00, Small 16.00-30.00 - all per head.

### Lebanon Valley Livestock Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa.  
Tuesday, June 26, 1990  
Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 102...**PDA...Compared with last weeks market: Slaughter cows uneven. Few Choice slaughter steers 74.00-75.00,

few Select 66.00-69.75; few Choice Holsteins 69.75-72.00, few Select 65.25-68.75, few Standard 55.75-62.75. Few Select & Choice sl. heifers 64.00-70.00; few Select & Choice Holsteins 64.00-68.75, two Standard 53.25&53.50. Few Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 54.00-57.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 50.25-54.75, few high dressing 56.00, Canner & Low Cutter 49.00-55.75, few Shells down to 37.00. One Select sl. bullock 64.00, one Standard 62.75. Two Yield Grade 1365 and 1410 lbs. sl. bulls 60.00 and 61.00.

**CALVES 209...**Few Choice vealers 330/360 lbs. 79.00-103.00, Standard & Good 70/105 lbs. 79.00-87.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls No. 1, 85/130 lbs. 130.00-169.00, few to 185.00, No. 2, 80/120 lbs. 100.00-162.00; Hol. Heifers 85/115 lbs. 125.00-192.00, few down to 83.00. Beef cross 75/130 lbs. bulls 84.00-145.00.

**HOGS 96...**Barrows and gilts 2.00 to 3.00 higher. US No. 1-3 225/240 lbs. 59.00-59.10, 2-3 220/250 lbs. 57.00-58.75, few 1-3 155/200 lbs. 52.00-55.00. US No. 1-3 315/510 lbs. sows 49.00-51.50, few 52.25, few Medium 245/410 lbs. 44.50-49.00. Few Boars light weights 45.00-48.00, one 57.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 0...**No sales on offer.  
**SHEEP 5...**Two Choice & Prime 95 and 145 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 61.00 and 51.00. Few Slaughter Rams 16.00-19.00 - all cwt.

**GOATS 5...**Small Kids 12.00 --- all per head.

### Keister's Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa.  
Tuesday, June 26, 1990  
Report Supplied By Auction

**CATTLE 376...**REPORT IS SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION...Compared with last weeks market: High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 76.50-78.75, Few 79.60, Choice 73.00-77.50, Select 68.50-72.75; Choice Holsteins 70.00-73.60, Select 65.00-69.85, Standard 62.00-64.75. Choice sl. heifers 72.00-74.75, Select 68.50-71.75, Standard 63.00-68.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 54.00-58.75, Cutter & Boning Utility 53.00-58.75, Canner & low Cutter 48.00-52.75, Shells down to 45.00. Choice sl. bullocks 72.00-76.25, Select 66.85-71.75. Yield Grade No. 1, 1200/2080 lbs. sl. bulls 66.00-75.35, No. 2, 800/1200 lbs. 58.00-65.50. Feeder Cattle: Steers 350/750 lbs. 72.00-87.00. Heifers 350/700 lbs. 65.00-78.00. Bulls 350/800 lbs. 62.00-85.50.  
**CALVES 195...**Choice vealers 105.00-112.00, Good 90.00-100.

Standard & Good 90/110 lbs. 80.00-90.00, Utility 60/90 lbs. 65.00-80.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls No. 1, 90/125 lbs. 140.00-192.00; Hol. Heifers 90/120 lbs. 135.00-177.50.

**HOGS 389...**US No. 1-2 220/250 lbs. barrows and gilts 59.00-60.00, No. 1, 220/245 lbs. 60.00-61.50, 2-3 200/250 lbs. 58.00-59.00, 2-4 190/270 lbs. 55.00-58.00. US No. 1-3 275/650 lbs. sows 49.00-52.75, 2-3 280/575 lbs. 45.00-48.75. Boars 46.00-48.75.

**FEEDER PIG 534...**US No. 1-3 20/35 lbs. feeder pigs 33.00-42.00, 35/60 lbs. 40.00-59.00, Utility 80/160 lbs. 55.00-82.00 --- all per head.

**SHEEP 84...**Choice 80/110 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 49.00-54.00, Good 40/80 lbs. 48.00-62.00, few 70.00. Slaughter sheep 12.00-22.00; Yearlings 25.00-37.00 - all cwt.

**GOATS 38...**Large 45.00-91.00, Small 15.00-35.00 --- all per head.

### Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.  
Wednesday, June 27, 1990  
Report supplied by Auction

**SLAUGHTER COWS: UTILITY 52.00-58.00; LOW DRESSING 49.00-52.00; HIGH DRESSING 58.00-61.75; CANNERS 50.00-55.00; SHELLY 50.00 DOWN.**

**BULLS: YG#1 1400-1900 LBS. 69.00-73.25; YG#2 UP TO 67.00.**

**FED STEERS: CHOICE #3'S 1150-1300 LBS. 74.00-76.25; SELECT 1000-1200 LBS. 68.72. SELECT HOLSTEINS 1200-1400 LBS. 61.00-64.00.**

**FED HEIFERS: CHOICE 900-100 LBS. UP TO 72.00; SELECT UP TO 67.25.**

**VEAL CALVES: CHOICE 180-300 LBS. 100.00-115.00; GOOD 88.00-100.00; CULLS 85-120 LBS. 75.00-90.00; 60-80 LBS. 68.00-78.00; WEAK AND ROUGH 65.00 DOWN.**

**FARM CALVES, HOLSTEIN BULLS: #1 90-125 LBS. 135.00-159.00; #2 85-110 LBS. 100.00-130.00; 130-140 LBS. 115.00-130.00.**

**HOLSTEINS HEIFERS: 100-125 LBS. 150.00-190.00, 2 AT 225.00; 80-95 LBS. 120.00-150.00.**

**BEEF CROSS BULLS/HEIFERS: UP TO 120.00.**  
**BUTCHER HOGS: US#1 AND 3 215-260 LBS. UP TO 59.25; 290-350 LBS. 52.00-54.25.**

**SOWS: 300-500 LBS. 48.00-51.00; 500-700 LBS. 50.00-52.00.**

**BOARS: UP TO 48.25.**  
**STOCK CATTLE, STEERS: 200-400 LBS. 93.00-105.00; 400-500 LBS. 77.00-87.00; 500-700 LBS. TO 82.00; 700 TO 1000 LBS. 65.00-68.00.**

**HEIFERS HOLSTEINS: 200-300 LBS. 102.00-127.00; 400-600 LBS. 78.00-94.00; BEEF TYPE 400-600 LBS. 75.00-84.00.**

**BULLS: 200-400 LBS. 90.00-101.00; 400-600 LBS. 78.00-88.00; 600-800 LBS. 65.00-72.00; LIMOUSINE CROSS 955 LBS. 66.25.**

**DAIRY REPLACEMENTS, SPRINGERS LARGE 1000.00-1110.00; MEDIUM 800.00-950.00; FRESH JERSEY 750.00; BRED HEIFERS UP TO 725.00.**

**LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 80-100 LBS. 51.00-54.00.**

**GOATS: LARGE UP TO 80.00; MEDIUM 35.00-55.00; SMALL 10.00-30.00.**

**PIGS AND SHOATS: BY THE HEAD, 20-30 LBS. 29.00-39.00; 30-50 LBS. 40.00-47.00; 50-60 LBS. UP TO 55.00; BY THE POUND, 100 LBS. UP TO 69.00; 140-170 LBS. 50.00-56.00.**

**NOTE: SALES AS USUAL NEXT WEDNESDAY JULY 4.**

### Central U.S. Carlot

Beef Report  
June 28, 1990  
Report supplied by USDA

**CENTRAL U.S. CARLOT BEEF REPORT (INCLUDES THE MAJOR PRODUCTION AREAS IN THE MIDWEST, TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA) AS OF 11:15 A.M.**

**COMPARED TO WEDNESDAY'S 3:30 P.M. REPORT, MARKET NOT ESTABLISHED, EXCEPT CHOICE 4 STEADY TO \$1.00 LOWER. DEMAND AND MOVEMENT LIGHT ON LIGHT TO MODERATE OFFERINGS.**

**SALES REPORTED ON 8 LOADS OF STEER AND HEIFER CARCASSES.**

**STEER CARCASSES FOB OMAHA BASIS 2 LOADS REPORTED CHOICE 4 600-900 LBS., 2 LOADS, RANGE 103.00.**

**HEIFER CARCASSES FOB OMAHA BASIS 6 LOADS REPORTED CHOICE 3 500-550 LBS., 1 LOAD, RANGE 106.00.**

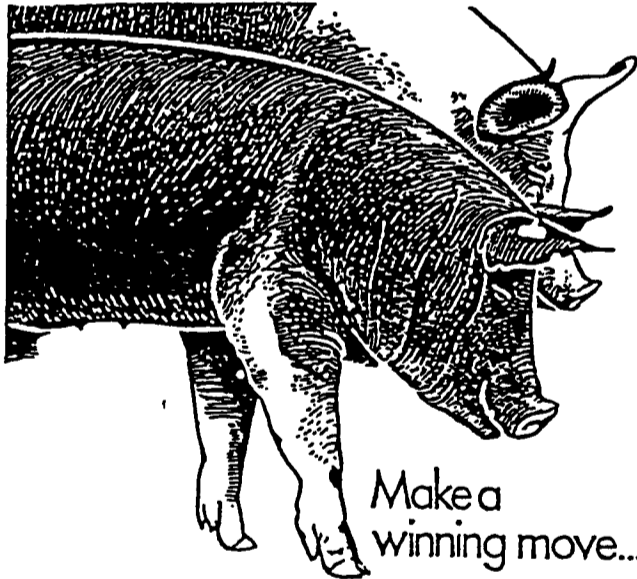
**400-500 LBS., 1 LOAD, RANGE 105.00.**

**CHOICE 4 500-800 LBS., 3 LOADS, RANGE 103.00.**

**SELECT 1-3 400-550 LBS., 1 LOAD RANGE 97.00**

**MIDWEST: COW AND BULL CARCASSES NOT FULLY ESTABLISHED ON LIGHT TO VERY LIGHT SUPPLIES AND OFFERINGS.**

**MIDWEST: BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF NOT TESTED ON LIGHT TO MODERATE SUPPLIES.**



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