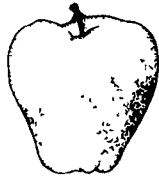


# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

SEPT. 24-30, 1990

Sept. 26, Moon runs low.

Sept. 25 1513, Vasco Nunez de Balboa crosses the Isthmus of Panama and discovers the Pacific Ocean  
 Sept. 26, 1774, Johnny Appleseed (Chapman) is born  
 Sept. 26, 1892, John Philip Sousa and his band perform "Liberty Bell March" at their first public concert  
 Sept. 28, 1850, Hogging is abolished in the U.S. Navy  
 Sept. 30, 1846, Dr. William Morton, a Massachusetts dentist, successfully uses ether as an anesthetic  
*He that plants trees loves others besides himself*



**Ask the Old Farmer:** I finally found my lost chamois cloth, but it has become permanently stiffened. Is there any way to soften it enough to use again? PN, Kan

*Try rinsing your cloth in a solution of 2 quarts lukewarm water with 1 teaspoon of olive oil added. That should do the trick.*

**Home Hints** Stop suds overflow when too much soap has been added to the washing machine by adding table salt to the water

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** The week begins showery and cool, but changes to heavy rain by midweek. September closes with a cold wave and some sprinkles.

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Cool temperatures with rain, becoming heavier as the week progresses. By week's end it's very cool, and the rain is intermittent.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Mostly wet this week. First rain then clearing briefly around midweek. Heavy rain and cooler temperatures end the month.

**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** The week begins sunny and warm, changes to rain and cooler. Watch for a possible tropical storm. Sunny on Sunday.

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## Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

Tuesday, September 18, 1990

Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE** 189 PDA Compared with last Tuesday's market. Slaughter steers mostly 1.00 higher, Cows mostly steady. Choice slaughter steers 73.00-77.50, Select 67.50-73.00, few Choice Holsteins 69.00-72.40, few Standard 62.00-67.50. Choice sl. heifers 70.00-74.00, Select 65.00-70.50, Standard 59.50-63.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 50.00-54.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 48.00-52.25, Canner & low Cutter 40.50-48.50, Shells down to 27.00. One Choice sl. bullock 71.00, few Select 64.10-66.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1500/1700 lbs. sl. bulls 63.75-65.00, few No. 2, 1000/1600 lbs. 60.00-63.00. Feeder Cattle Medium No. 1, 340/560 lbs. steers 75.00-81.00, Medium & Large #1, 760/1050 lbs. 65.00-71.00; Medium #1 420/700 lbs. heifers 60.00-65.00, one 390 lbs. 81.00, Large #1, 700/860 lbs. 68.00-77.

00, few Medium #1, 400/540 lbs. bulls 64.00-69.00

**CALVES** 108. Few Standard and Good 90/120 lbs. 64.00-80.00, few Utility 50/70 lbs. 35.00-53.00. Farm Calves: No. 1, Holstein Bulls 90/130 lbs. 120.00-180.00, No. 2, 85.00-115.00, few Hol. Heifers few 90/180 lbs. 110.00-186.00. Few Beef cross 85/120 lbs. bulls and heifers 95.00-165.00.

**HOGS** 94...US No. 1-2 225/245 lbs. barrows and gilts 54.85-55.60, two lots 56.25-56.75, 1-3 215/235 lbs. 53.10-54.50, two lots 1-3 204/210 lbs. 50.00. One US No. 1-3 600 lbs. sows 45.00, one 2-3 380 lbs. 42.00. Couple Boar 32.00&36.50.

**FEEDER PIGS** 0...No market test.

**SHEEP** 31...High Choice & Prime 88/95 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 52.00-57.00, lot 109 lbs. 48.00, Choice 75/85 lbs. 48.00-50.00; Good & Choice 60/75 lbs. feeder lambs 40.00-50.00, few Utility 30/40 lbs. 20.00-30.00. One Slaughter sheep 18.00 - all cwt.

**GOATS** 7...Few Large 31.00-34.00, few Small 8.00-11.00 --- all per head.

## Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Wednesday, September 19, 1990

\*\*\* ATTENTION DODGE CITY \*\*\*

OKLAHOMA NATIONAL STOCKYARDS WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY COMPARED WITH LAST WEEK'S CLOSE: STEERS OVER 650 LB. STEADY TO \$1.00 HIGHER; HEIFERS OVER 600 LB. CLOSING WEAK TO \$1.00 LOWER. LIGHTER WEIGHT STEERS AND HEIFERS \$1.00-\$3.00 LOWER. FEEDER CATTLE OVER 700 LB. BECOMING RATHER SCARCE IN THIS AREA. BULK SUPPLY IS CALVES AND 600-700 LB. YEARLINGS. WEIGH CONDITIONS FOR THE WEEK WERE AVERAGE TO FULL. OVERALL QUALITY WAS FAIRLY GOOD ON CALVES BUT ONLY FAIR FOR LIMITED SUPPLY OF FEEDER CATTLE. RECEIVING SOME RAINS IN THE TRADE AREA. NEED MORE MOISTURE BUT WEATHER PATTERN LOOKS CONDUCIVE TO THUNDERSTORMS. SLAUGHTER COWS STEADY TO \$1.00 LOWER. SLAUGHTER BULLS \$1.00-\$2.00 LOWER. RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 10,300; LAST WEEK 13,505; LAST YEAR 6,763. RUN CONSISTED OF 50% YEARLINGS; 41% CALVES; AND 9% COWS & BULLS BULK RANGES:

**FEEDER STEERS** MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 1, 300-350 LB. \$111.00-\$120.00; 350-450 LB. \$105.00-\$114.50; 450-500 LB. \$100.00-\$106.00, 500-600 LB. \$94.50-\$101.00; 600-700 LB. \$92.00-\$95.75, FLESHY CALVES \$90.75-\$92.00; 700-750 LB. \$92.00-\$95.00; 750-825 LB. \$87.75-\$91.00; 825-875 LB. \$85.00-\$87.50; FEW 900-925 LB. \$81.00-\$84.00. LARGE FRAME 2 HOLSTEINS, 475-550 LB. \$84.00-\$84.50; 675-825 LB. \$75.50-\$80.00; 850-925 LB. \$70.25-\$72.00.

**FEEDER HEIFERS** MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 1, 225-275 LB. \$108.00-\$115.00; 300-400 LB. \$94.00-\$103.50; 400-600 LB. \$87.50-\$94.00, CLOSING \$88.00-\$91.00; 600-700 LB. \$85.00-\$88.75; 700-800 LB. \$83.00-\$86.75.

**SLAUGHTER COWS** CUTTER, BONING AND BREAKING UTILITY Y.G. 1-3 AVERAGE DRESSING \$52.25-\$54.75; HIGH DRESSING \$55.00-\$56.50, INDIVIDUAL VERY HI DRESSING \$58.00. CANNER AND LOW CUTTER \$46.50-\$49.50; LO DRESSING OR LIGHT WEIGHT CANNERS \$43.00-\$44.75.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS** Y.G. 1-2 1350-2000 LB. AVERAGE DRESSING \$63.00-\$66.00; HIGH DRESSING \$66.00-\$68.00; HIGH DRESSING/HIGH BONING INDIV. \$71.75. Y.G. 1-2 1300-1950 LB. LOW DRESSING \$57.00-\$62.00.

**REPLACEMENT COWS** PRE-TESTED FOR BANGS, PREGNANCY, AND AGE MEDIUM FRAME NO. 1 MUSCLED AVERAGE QUALITY: HEIFERS 725-800 LB. 4-8 MONTHS BRED \$74.50-\$76.50/CWT 2-3 YR OLD 850-1050 LB. 3-5 MONTHS BRED \$66.50-\$70.75/CWT 6-7 YR OLD 1000-1050 LB. 5-7 MONTHS BRED \$60.50-\$68.00/CWT 8-10 YR OLD 950-1050 LB. 3-7 MONTHS BRED \$55.50-\$58.50/CWT.

**PAIRS** AVERAGE QUALITY 850-1000 LB. BRAHMA CROSS OR ENGLISH 4-8 YR OLD COWS WITH 250-350 LB. CALVES \$730.00-\$845.00, MOSTLY \$750.00-\$785.00 PER PAIR. ENGLISH COWS SHORT BRED 900-1150 LB. 5-6 YEAR OLD WITH 300-350 LB. CALVES \$855.00-\$935.00 PER PAIR. LOW QUALITY 800-950 LB. 6-8 YEAR OLD COWS WITH 275-300 LB. CALVES \$720.00-\$755.00 PER PAIR.

## Central U.S.

Carlot

Beef Report

Sept. 19, 1990

Report supplied by USDA

CENTRAL U.S. CARLOT BEEF REPORT (INCLUDES THE MAJOR PRODUCTION AREAS IN THE MIDWEST, TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA) AS OF 3 P.M.

COMPARED TO TUESDAY'S 3:00 P.M. REPORT: BREAKING UTILITY COW CARCASSES MOSTLY 2.00 LOWER, BONING UTILITY 1.00 LOWER, CUTTER 1.00-2.50 LOWER, BULLS 1.00 LOWER. DEMAND LIGHT TO MODERATE, SUPPLIES AND OFFERINGS MODERATE.

**COW AND BULL CARCASSES**

FOB OMAHA BASIS

26 LOADS REPORTED

UT, BRK 2-4, 6 LOADS, 88.00-89.00 RANGE, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 88.00.

UT, BNG 1-3, 400 & UP, 8 LOADS, RANGE 93.00-94.00, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 93.00-94.00.

CUTTER 1-2 350 & UP, 7 LOADS, RANGE 100.50-102.00, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 100.50-102.00.

BULLS 500/UP YG1, 5 LOADS, RANGE 112.00, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 112.00; YG1-3, UNQUOTED.

**BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/ BEEF TRIMMINGS**

139 LOADS REPORTED

90% LEAN BEEF 5.00 TO MOSTLY

6.00 LOWER THAN LAST TEST, OTHERWISE MARKET NOT WELL ESTABLISHED. DEMAND MODERATE, SUPPLIES AND OFFERINGS MODERATE TO HEAVY. 50% TRIMMINGS FIRM ON MODERATE DEMAND AND OFFERINGS.

FOB OMAHA BASIS

90% FRESH, 10 LOADS, RANGE 134.0-134.5, WT. AVG. 134.05.

90% FROZEN, UNQUOTED.

85% FRESH, 3 LOADS, RANGE 124.0-127.5, WT. AVG. 126.33.

85% FROZEN, UNQUOTED

75% FRESH, RANGE 104.0, WT. AVG. 104.0 B.

75% FROZEN, UNQUOTED.

65% FRESH, 84.0, WT. AVG. 84.0 A

65% FROZEN, UNQUOTED.

50% FRESH, 97 LOADS, RANGE 56.00-58.00, WT. AVG. 57.00.

50% FROZEN, 1 LOAD, RANGE 61.00, WT. AVG. 61.00.

50% BOX, UNQUOTED.

BULL 92-94, RANGE 151.5, WT. AVG. 151.50 E

FOB EAST TX AND OK

90% FRESH, 16 LOADS, RANGE 133.5-134.5, WT. AVG. 134.06.

90% FROZEN, 6 LOADS, RANGE 137.5-138.0, WT. AVG. 137.75.

85% FRESH, UNQUOTED.

85% FROZEN, UNQUOTED.

75% FRESH, UNQUOTED.

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CAF NORTHEAST AREAS

90% FRESH, 5 LOADS, RANGE 134.0-137.0, WT. AVG. 134.60

90% FROZEN, UNQUOTED

85% FRESH, 1 LOAD, RANGE 124.5, WT. AVG. 124.50

85% FROZEN, UNQUOTED

75% FRESH, UNQUOTED

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\*\*ABCDE AFTER QUOTES REPRESENTS DAYS SINCE LAST ACTUAL MARKET TEST. QUOTES ARE DROPPED AFTER 5 DAYS OF NO TEST OR BEFORE IF THEY NO LONGER REFLECT CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS.\*\*

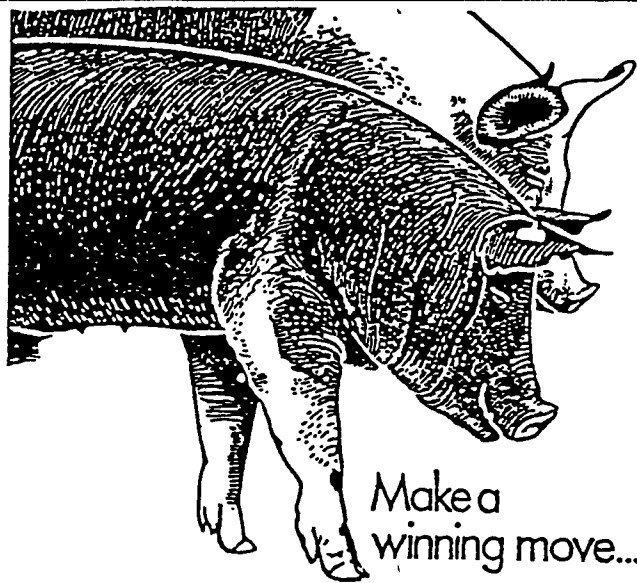
## East Coast Carlot

Wed., Sept. 19, 1990

Report supplied by USDA

EAST COAST CARLOT MEAT TRADE DELIVERED PRICES (CAF) BOSTON TO WASHINGTON AREA INCLUSIVE.

COMPARED TO LAST WEEK: NO SALES REPORTED ON SPRING LAMB CARCASSES



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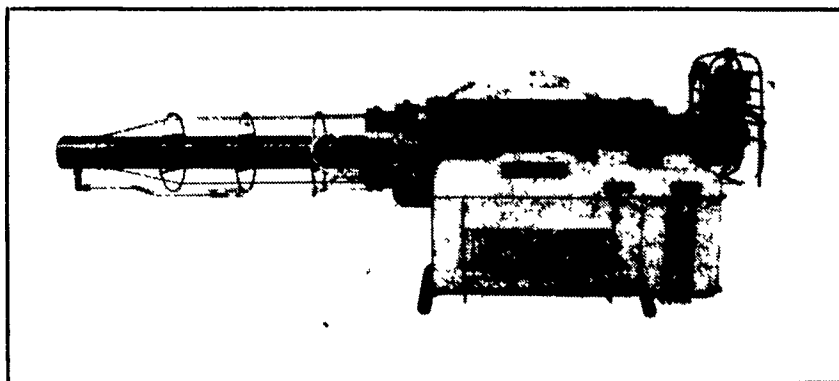
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