

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

APR. 8-14, 1991

Barbershop Quartet Day, April 11.

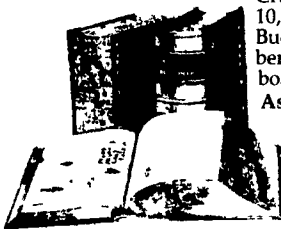
April 9, 1833, the nation's first town-supported free public library is established in Peterborough, N.H.

April 10, 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is chartered in New York. April 10, 1945, the U.S. 80th Division liberates the prisoners at Buchenwald. April 14, 1912, the Titanic strikes an iceberg and sinks the next day with over 1,500 people on board. *Learn wisdom by the follies of others.*

Ask the Old Farmer: My favorite pliers, lost last fall and found this spring as I raked leaves, are covered with rust. Can I make them usable again? M.G., Mass.

Rub the pliers over with vegetable oil and let soak a couple of hours or so. Scrub with steel wool followed by scrubbing with soapy water. Rinse and wipe dry.

Home Hints: Use silicone car wax on bathroom and kitchen fixtures to prevent water spotting.



## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Last week's cold is forgotten as this week begins with sunny skies and warm weather. The second half of the week changes to rainy and cold.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Cold with heavy rain, then clear and warm, followed by light rain and cool, and finally clearing with cold nights.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** The sun reappears through midweek, bathing all in its warmth. Light rain falls, but temperatures remain reasonable. Then cloudy and cool.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Clear at the very start of the week, and warm temperatures prevail, but April showers are falling as the week progresses.

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## Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.

Wednesday, April 3, 1991

Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 270...**PDA... Supply included 123 head steers and heifers... Compared to last Wednesday's market: Slaughter steers steady to strong; Cows steady to 1.50 higher. Choice 1100/1330 lbs. sl. steers 77.50-81, few 75.50, few Select 73.00-79.25, Standard 64.25-72.25; Choice 1250/1650 lbs. Holsteins 67.75-74.50, Select 64.00-68.75, few Standard 55.00-62.50. Couple High Choice & Prime 1340/1350 lbs. sl. heifers 80.25&81, Choice 1100/1300 lbs. 74.00-80.25, Select 65.00-73.25, few Standard 56.25-68.00. Breaking Ut. & Commercial sl. cows 52.50-55.75, few to 58.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 49.00-54.50, Canner & low Cutter 46.50-50.00, Shells down to 32.00. Select & Choice sl. bullocks 64.25-68.75; Select & Choice Holsteins 63.25-65, Standard 58.00-63.50. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1575/2070 lbs. sl. bulls 63.00-67.50. Feeder Cattle: Few Large Frame No. 2, 300/380 lbs. steers 90.00-103.00, few 500/750 lbs. 71.00-77.00. Few Medium Frame No. 1,

260/500 lbs. heifers 80.00-90.00, one 103.00, few 500/650 lbs. 78.00-79.00, Large No. 2, 230/350 lbs. 91.00-106.00. Few Large Frame No. 2, 240/310 lbs. bulls 106.00-108.00, few 340/425 lbs. 80.00-92.00.

**CALVES 186...**Few Choice vealers 114.00-131.00, one Good 71.00, few Utility 55/90 lbs. 40.00-62.00. Farm Calves: few No. 1, Holstein Bulls 130/140 lbs. 132.50-165.00, 85/125 lbs. 175.00-199.00, No. 2, 85/125 lbs. 162.50-180, few to 125.00, few 75/85 lbs. 120.00-145.00. Few Beef Cross 90/150 lbs. bulls and heifers 140.00-190.00.

**HOGS 395...**Barrows and gilts: 2.50 to 3.50 lower. US No. 1-2 220/245 lbs. 47.35-48.00, lot 48.50, 1-3 215/250 lbs. 45.75-47.50, few 44.00, 2-3 245/260 lbs. 45.00-46.00, few 2-4 235/275 lbs. 41.25-44.00, few 1-3 160/200 lbs. 42.50-44.00. **SOWS:** under 400 lbs. steady to weak, over 400 lbs. 2.00 to 3.50 higher. US No. 1-3 285/400 lbs. sows 41.50-45.00, few 430/460 lbs. 45.50-46, 480/650 lbs. 47.50-50.50, couple 52.00. One Boar 40.25, few lt. wt. 37.00-38.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 115...**One small lot US No. 1-3 20 lbs. feeder pigs 165.00, 30/50 lbs. 125.00-129.00, few 50/55 lbs.

105.00-107.50, lot 147 lbs. 41.00, few Utility 35/50 lbs. 87.50-90.00 --- all per hundredweight; two lots 1-3 lot 15/20 lbs. 23.00-28.00 - per head.

**SHEEP 134...**Bulk of supply spring sl. lambs sold to the Greek Easter Trade Choice and Prime 25/40 lbs. spring sl. lambs 100.00-145.00, 40/60 lbs. 95.00-110, few 135.00, 60/80 lbs. 95.00-107.50, one 95 lbs. 70.00, Good & Choice 30/45 lbs. 75.00-95.00, lot Utility & Good 68 lbs. 47.00. Slaughter sheep 12.00-24.00. Yearlings 29.00-37.00 - all Cwt.

**GOATS 25...**Large 47.50-65.00, few Large Kids 41.00-69.00, few small Kids 16.00-41.00 --- all per head.

## Peoria Cattle

Peoria, Illinois

Thursday, April 4, 1991

FEDERAL-STATE CATTLE WEEKLY TRADING MODERATE. COMPARED WITH LAST MONDAY, SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS FULLY 1.00 HIGHER. COWS STEADY TO WEAK, INSTANCES 1.00 LOWER. BULLS FULLY STEADY. SUPPLY MAINLY SELECT TO AVERAGE CHOICE SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS WITH ABOUT 15% COWS. RECEIPTS THIS WEEK ABOUT 770 AS COMPARED WITH 1037 A WEEK AGO AND 986 A YEAR AGO.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** CHOICE 2-4 1050-1350 LBS. 78.50-81.00 MIXED SELECT & CHOICE 2-3 1000-1300 LBS. 75.50-78.50 SELECT 2-3 950-1200 LBS. 71.50-75.50.

**HOLSTEINS:** MIXED SELECT & CHOICE 2-3 1150-1350 LBS. 74.00-77.00.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** CHOICE 2-4 950-1200 LBS. 78.00-80.00 COUPLE PART LOADS 80.50-81.00 MIXED SELECT & CHOICE 2-3 900-1150 LBS. 74.50-78.00 SELECT 2-3 800-1050 LBS. 71.00-74.50.

**COWS:** BREAKING UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 2-4 50.00-55.00 FEW 56.00-57.00 CUTTER & BONING UTILITY 1-3 48.50-53.00 CANNER & LOW DRESSING CUTTER 1-2 42.00-46.00.

**BULLS:** YG 1-2 1200-2300 LBS. 57.00-67.00 FEW 68.00-69.00.

## Peoria Sheep

Peoria, Illinois

Tuesday, April 2, 1991

OPENING, MIDSESSION AND CLOSE SHEEP: 25 NOT ENOUGH FOR A MARKET TEST.

## Estimated Daily Livestock Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection

April 3, 1991

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
WED., 4/03/91 (EST)	114,000	6,000	322,000	21,000
WEEK AGO (EST)	109,000	6,000	310,000	21,000
YEAR AGO (ACT)	123,000	7,000	324,000	27,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	326,000	18,000	837,000	60,000
SAME PD LT WK (EST)	288,000	18,000	918,000	65,000
SAME PD LT YR (ACT)	346,000	22,000	935,000	76,000

## Friend's Stockyard Inc.

Accident, Md. 21520

April 1, 1991

**STOCK BULLS AND STEERS (200-400 LBS.)** 85.00-102.00.

**STOCK HEIFERS** 70.00-98.00.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE** 75.00-78.50, MEDIUM TO GOOD 67.50-75.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS HEAVY** 62.00-69.00, LIGHT 57.00-63.00.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE** 72.50-76.75, MEDIUM TO GOOD 64.00-72.00.

**BULLS HEAVY** 60.00-70.40, LIGHT 50.00-63.50.

**COWS FEW HIGH DRESSING** 54.50-57.50, UTILITY HOLSTEIN 47.00-53.50, CANNERS 42.50-50.00, COMMERCIAL TO GOOD 43.00-50.00, CULL COWS 42.00 AND DOWN.

**VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE** 85.00-105.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 65.00-73.00.

**BOB CALVES (40-50 LB. BUTCHER CALVES)** 85.00 AND DOWN.

**HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES, RETURN TO FARM (100-120 LBS.)** 120.00-180.00.

**HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES, RETURN TO FARM (100-120 LBS.)** 100.00-120.00.

**HOGS TOP QUALITY** 50.00-51.00, HEAVY 49.25-50.50, LIGHT 45.00-48.50.

**SOWS** 38.00-44.50.

**MALE HOGS:** 35.00-37.50.

**EGGS:** LARGE .65-.75, MEDIUM .60. **LIVESTOCK PRICES ARE ALL GIVEN PER HUNDREDWEIGHT!**

## Valley Livestock

Athens, Pa.

Monday, April 1, 1991

Report supplied by auction

**HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES** 125.00-167.50.

**VEAL CALVES** 85.00-104.00.

**VEALER BULL CALVES** 140.00-175.00, FEW TO 200.00.

**SLAUGHTER CALVES** 80.00 AND DOWN.

**GRASSERS & FEEDERS** 50.00-79.00.

**BABY LAMBS:** 100.00-145.00.

**SHEEP** 14.00-30.00.

**HOGS 200-250 LBS.** 45.00-52.00.

**SOWS** 40.00-43.00.

**BOARS NO MARKET TEST.**

**PIGS EACH** 30.00-42.50.

**HEIFERS** 50.00-54.50.

**STEERS** 55.00-64.50.

**FEEDER STEERS** 52.00-89.00.

**BULLS** 52.00-64.00.

**COWS GOOD** 50.00-55.00.

**COWS MEDIUM** 46.00-50.00.

**COWS POOR OR SMALL** 40.00 AND DOWN.

**CATTLE MARKET** STEADY.

**CALF MARKET** STEADY TO HIGHER.

**HORSES** 400.00-535.00.

**PONIES** TO 165.00.

**GOATS** TO 60.00.

**PRICES GOOD ON EVERYTHING.**

## New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables

Wednesday, April 3, 1991

Report supplied by auction

**93 COWS, 132 HEIFERS AND 13 BULLS.** HEIFER MARKET STEADY; COWS MARKET LOWER.

**PA FRESH COWS:** 800.00-1275.00.

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**PUREBRED FRESH** 2000.00.

**PERRY COUNTY FRESH COWS:** 660.00-1150.00.

**HERD OF 20 HEAD, ALL STAGE COWS:** 760.00-1310.00.

**LOCAL SPRINGING HEIFERS:** 775.00-1175.00.

**PUREBREDS:** 910.00-1410.00.

**SHORTBRED:** 625.00-920.00.

**OPEN BREEDING AGE:** 560.00-720.00.

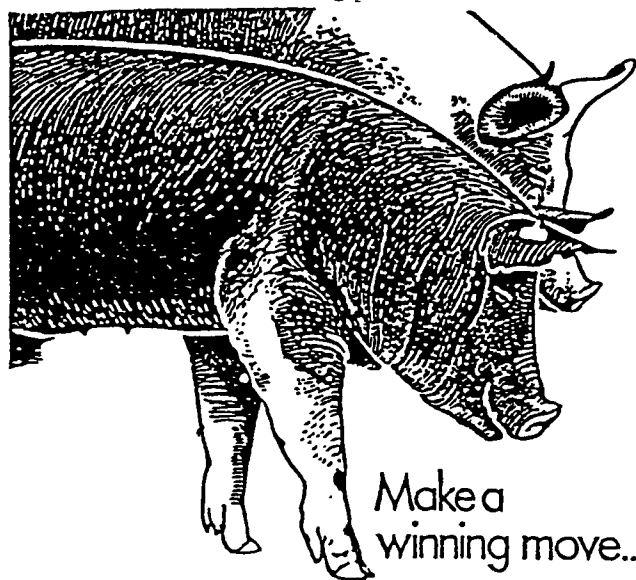
**PUREBRED OPEN:** 735.00-935.00.

**SMALL OPEN:** 255.00-485.00.

**VACCINATED HEIFERS BRING A PREMIUM.**

**BULLS:** 610.00-885.00.

**LOCAL CONSIGNED COWS:** 690.00-1110.00.



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