

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

JULY 15-21, 1991

National Ice Cream Week.

July 15, 1922, the duck-billed platypus is seen in America for the first time, on exhibit at the Bronx Zoo. July 17, 1850, the first photograph (a daguerrotype) of a star (Vega) is taken at the Harvard College Observatory. July 18, 1940, Russian immigrant Igor Sikorsky stays aloft for fifteen minutes, three seconds in his VS-300 test helicopter. *The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do* — Walter Bagehot. **Ask the Old Farmer:** Where does the saying "living high off the hog" come from? C.J., Canada. *Credited to Edgar Wilson (Bill) Nye but probably originated in ancient Rome where slaves ate pigs' feet and lower legs, but the gentry got their cuts high on the hog. Signifies good living.* **Home Hints** Unstick postage stamps from each other by placing them in the freezer for an hour.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST

**New England:** Clear and hot to kick off the week. Midweek has showers and more seasonable weather. Finally sunny, with a few showers to round out the week.  
**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Another changeable week. Sunny and warm followed by heavy rain and milder temperatures. The weekend is showery and seasonable.  
**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Sunny through midweek, then turning cooler with rain. 3-5 of rain is expected this month, 0.5 below average, 2 below south.  
**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Mild and cloudy throughout the region, with heavy rain in the west and south. Rain extends to all areas for the second half of the week.

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## Morrison Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa. July 8, 1991

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE: 159 STEERS H CHOICE & PRIME 72 50-73 25; CHOICE 71 25-72.50, GOOD 68 00-70 50; STANDARD 68.00-69 75  
 HEIFERS: CHOICE 70 50-72 25, GOOD 68 75-70 25

COWS: UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 51.00-57 00, CUTTERS 50.50-56 50, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 42 00-50 25

BULLOCKS: GOOD AND CHOICE 64 00-66 25.

BULLS: YG#1 58 00-66 00  
 FEEDER CATTLE STEERS 81 00-89 00, BULLS 75 00 79 00, HEIFERS 64 00-78 00

CALVES: 371. PRIME 100 50-106.00; CHOICE 96 00-102 00; GOOD 86 00-95 00, STANDARD AND GOOD 74 00-87.00, 90-110 LBS. 77 00-88 00, 65-90 LBS 64 00-82.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 160 00-191 00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS 140 00-175.00.  
 HOGS: 156. US#1-2 53 00-54.25,

US#1-3 52.00-53 25.

SOWS: US#1-3 41.00-44 50.

BOARS: 36.00-40.25.

FEEDER PIGS. 14. US#1 20-35 LBS 23 00-29 00 PER HD; 1-3 35-50 LBS 31 00-39 00

SHEEP. 83 CHOICE 50 00-60 00; GOOD 45 00-49 00, SLAUGHTER EWES 12.00-26 00

GOATS 19 00-81.00  
 8 LOADS OF HAY 91 00-132 50, STRAW 70 00, EAR CORN 79 00

## Isennock Auction

New Park, PA

Monday, July 8, 1991

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SLAUGHTER COWS: LOW TO GOOD 54.00 AND DOWN.

VEAL CALVES (MOST TO FARM) 120-135 LBS. 137 00-168 00; 105-115 LBS. 130.00-172 00, 90-100 LBS. 110 00-174.00; 70-85 LBS. 79.00-122.00.

HEIFERS: 75-95 LBS. 75.00-100.00; 140 LBS. 140.00.

HOLSTEIN BULLS 160-250 LBS. 93 00-98.00.

SOWS: 440-630 LBS. 40 00-41.50.  
 FEEDER PIGS: 35 00-40 00 HEAD.  
 GOATS: 22 00-52.00 HEAD.

## Frederick Livestock Auction

Frederick, Md.

Monday, July 8, 1991

Report Supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: 80 HEAD, \$1 LOWER. UTILITY 49 00-54.00; HIGH DRESSING TO 55.00; CANNERS 47 00-50.00; SHELLY 46 00 DOWN.

BULLS: STANDARD 1365 LBS. TO 59.50.

FED STEERS: FEW OFFERED.  
 FED HEIFERS: MAINLY STANDARD 53 00-60 00.

VEAL CALVES CHOICE, NONE; GOOD 190-225 LBS. 90.00-97.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 72.00-83.00; 50-80 LBS. 60.00-70.00; WEAK/ROUGH 60.00 DOWN.

FARM CALVES: #10 LOWER. HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 90-120 LBS. 160.00-175.00; #2 120.00-155.00; 75-85 LBS. 110 00-150 00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 75-90 LBS. 110.00-155.00; 95-120 LBS. 150.00-185.00, BEEF X BULLS 120.00-175 00; HEIFERS 110 00-142.00  
 BUTCHER HOGS: US#1-3 LIGHT RUN, 215-260 LBS. TO 53.50.  
 SOWS: 500-650 LBS. 42 00-42.75.

STOCK CATTLE: STEERS, 500-700 LBS. 77.00-90.00; 700-900 LBS. 65 00-73 00.

HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. TO 83.00; HOLSTEINS 300 LBS. 78 00-88.00.

BULLS 1 725 LB. AT 71.50.

DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: BRED HOLSTEIN 450 00-625 00.

LAMBS: CHOICE 81 LBS AT 54.50; GOOD 70-98 LBS. 45.00-50 50, 1 YEARLING EWE 31.00.

GOATS: SMALL 19.00-23 00  
 PIGS AND SHOATS. 75 HEAD.

PRICES LOWER. BY THE HEAD, 30-40 LBS. 28.00-38 00, 50-70 LBS. 37 00-41 00; BY THE POUND, 8 HEAD 177 HEAD AT 50 75

## Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

Tuesday, July 9, 1991

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 222...PDA...Compared with last Tuesday's market: Slaughter steers and Cows about steady. Choice slaughter steers 69 00-73.50, high yielding up to 74.50, Select 66 50-70, few high yielding to 72 00, Standard 63.25-66.50; Choice Holsteins 63 00-66 00. Choice sl. heifers 67 50-72 25, low yielding down to 65 00, Select 65.00-67.50, few Standard 58 50-63.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 49.00-54.50, few 56.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 48 00-53 00, Canner & low Cutter 40 50-48.00, Shells down to 24.00. Couple Select sl. bullocks 65 00&68.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1100/1865 lbs sl. bulls 67 00-73 25, No. 2, 900/1100 lbs. 0.00-65.00 Feeder Cattle: Large Frame No. 2, 300/400 lbs. steers 69 00-74.50 Large Frame No 1, 700/880 lbs heifers 60 00-64.00, couple 275 lbs 93 00 Few Medium Frame No. 1, 235/290 lbs. bulls 90.00-106 00, 400/600 lbs. 66 00-72.00.

CALVES 94...Few Standard and Good wealers 80 00-92.00. Farm Calves: No. 1, Holstein Bulls 90/125 lbs. 140.00-186.00, No. 2, 80/120 lbs. 110.00-145.00; few Hol. Heifers 90/125 lbs. 120.00-189.00. Beef cross 80/120 lbs. bulls and heifers 100 00-200 00

HOGS 138...Barrows and Gilts: steady. US No 1-3 230/255 lbs. barrows and gilts 53 00-54 00, 1-3 220/260 lbs. 51.35-52 60, lot 1-3 214 lbs. 51 00 Few US No. 1-3 330/615 lbs. sows 48 00-48.75, few 2-3 500/700 lbs. 42 00-45 00.

FEEDER PIGS 0 .No market test - per head

SHEEP 8 .One High Choice 105 lbs spring slaughter lamb 65.00 Few Good 55/68 lbs feeder lambs 40.00-45 00 - all cwt.

## Belknap Livestock Auction

Dayton, Pa.

Wednesday, July 10, 1991

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 78...PDA...Compared with last weeks market: Individual Standard slaughter steer 63.00. Few Standard sl. heifers 56.75-60.50. Breaking Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 50.00-54.50, few 55.00-58.50, low dressing to 47.75, Cutter and Boning Utility 48.00-52.00, Canner and low Cutter 40.75-48.00, Shells down to 37.50. One Yield Grade No. 1, 1270 lbs. sl. bull 63.00, few No. 2, 1245/1770 lbs. 56.00-58.25. FEEDER CATTLE: Holstein heifers 500/940 lbs. 61.00-70 00. Few Medium Frame No. 1, 730/905 lbs. bulls 58.25-65.00.

CALVES 173... Supply included 85% return to farm...Standard and Good 60/115 lbs. wealers 60 00-86.00. Farm Calves: No. 1, Holstein Bulls 85/135 lbs. 130 00-170.00, 70/80 lbs. 94.00-136.00, No. 2, 85/125 lbs. 109.00-136.00; No. 1, Hol. Heifers 90/125 lbs. 128.00-155.00. Beef cross 75/130 lbs. bulls & heifers 125.00-200.00, few down to 90.00.

HOGS 261...Barrows and gilts: .50 to 1.00 lower. Couple Lots US No. 1-2 245 lbs. barrows and gilts 54.90, and 255 lbs. 54.30, 1-3 230/265 lbs. 52.00-53.50, 2-3 235/265 lbs. 50.50-52.50, lot 275 lbs 48.00, 1-3 190/205 lbs. 42.25-47, lot 225 lbs 51.00. Sows: US No. 1-3 320/615 lbs sows 38.00-42 00. Boars 32 50-36.50, few light wts. 36.00-39.50.

FEEDER PIGS 36...Lot US No. 1-2 35 lbs. feeder pigs 36.00, 1-3 30/45 lbs 23.00-41.00 - all per head.

SHEEP 37...Spring slaughter lambs: Lot Choice 80 lbs. spring sl. lambs 51 75; Good & Choice 35/75 lbs. feeder lambs 40.00-51.00. Slaughter sheep 10 00-20 00 - all Cwt.

GOATS 12...Few Medium & Large 25.00-38.00, Small 7.00-21.00 - all per head.

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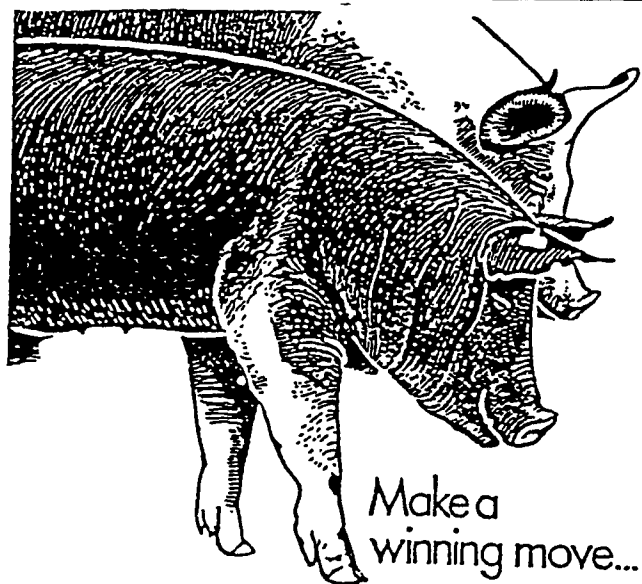
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