

THE OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC

APRIL 13-19, 1992

FULL PINK MOON, APRIL 16

EASTER LORE

Easter, as currently celebrated in most households, is a curious blend of religious observance, ethnic tradition, and pagan customs. Since earliest times this most holy day in the Christian calendar has included ancient traditions. Eggs, an early symbol of seasonal regeneration and fertility, became a resurrection symbol as well. Other aspects of the seasonal rites which were transferred to Easter include dawn celebrations, lighting new fires, and adorning alters and homes with a profusion of flowers. Even the word Easter was borrowed from the Old High German by way of the dawn-goddess Ostara, whose festival (Ostern) was celebrated at the spring equinox. But Ostara gave us more than her name. Her escort was another fertility symbol, the rabbit, thereby providing one more tradition for modern times, the Easter Bunny.

A pleasant Easter Sunday means a bountiful harvest.

TIP OF THE WEEK

☞ Clean dirty, streaking windshield wipers by scrubbing with baking soda and water.

EARTHWISE

Reducing the amount of waste that comes into our homes and diligently recycling is only half a solution. It's like trying to use half a pair of scissors — nothing is accomplished without the other half. The other half of recycling is using recycled products. If you recycle all your newspapers, but buy only virgin, bleached notebook paper for your kids it's one step forward and two steps back for the environment. As more and more people buy "recycled," the demand increases, the cost comes down, and everybody benefits, including Mother Earth.

CREAM OF TARTAR BISCUITS

- 2 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup lard
- ¼ cup cold milk

Combine first three ingredients. Cut in lard with pastry blender. Add milk and toss with fork. Knead 5 or 6 times on lightly floured board. Roll to ½-inch thickness. Cut out biscuits and top each with a bit of butter. Bake at 475° F for 5 minutes. Turn off heat and leave in oven for 5-10 minutes longer, until golden. *Makes 8-10 biscuits*

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST



NORTHEAST: Clearing and milder; rain New England; sunny, warm, then rain; colder west

SOUTHEAST: Sunny and warm; cold northeast; rain, sunny and warm; rain south Florida.

MIDWEST: Cloudy, cold; clear and warm north; clearing and milder; cold with rain and snow.

NORTHWEST: Clear and warm; colder, rain, snow mountains, then clear and warm.

SOUTHWEST: Clear and warm, cold and cloudy desert and east, then cloudy coast.

Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle

Oklahoma City, Okla. Wednesday, April 8, 1992

**** ATTENTION DODGE CITY ****
OKLAHOMA NATIONAL STOCKYARDS WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY: Compared with last week: Feeder steers over 700 lbs. steady to \$2.00 lower, closing at full decline; lighter weight steers steady. Calves not well tested but weak. Heifers opened steady to \$2.00 higher but closed steady to \$2.00 lower. Demand moderate to good Monday, closed light to moderate Tuesday. Quality of supply average to attractive with average to full weigh-ups. Flesh conditions increased overall with most cattle carrying average to fleshy condition. Bulk of supply was steers over 600 lbs. with those over 750 lbs. most prevalent. Replacement heifer buyers remain active. Heifers comprised only 28 percent of feeder supply. Large percentage of good quality Brahma cross feeders noted. Slaughter cows \$2.00-\$3.00 lower with fleshy cows \$3.00-\$4.00 lower. Slaughter bulls \$3.00 lower. Cow and bull demand light. Receipts this week 12,900; last week 10,390; last year 8,911. Supply includes 88 percent yearlings; 8 percent calves and stockers under 600 lbs.; 4 percent slaughter cows and bulls. Bulk price ranges follow with weighted average in parenthesis.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large Frame 1, few 400-500 lbs. \$98.00-\$114.00 (\$104.07); 500-550 lbs. \$93.25-\$98.25 (\$96.35); 550-600 lbs. \$88.00-\$94.25 (\$91.53); 600-650 lbs. \$83.00-\$89.00 (\$85.80); 650-700 lbs. \$81.00-\$87.75 (\$83.53); 700-800 lbs. \$76.00-\$80.50 (\$78.73); 800-900 lbs. \$73.75-\$78.00 (\$76.07); 900-1000 lbs. \$71.50-\$76.00 (\$73.81). Large Frame 2 Holsteins, lot 290 lb. \$99.00; 475-500 lbs. \$80.50-\$83.50; 500-550 lbs. \$75.25-\$83.25 (\$79.75); 575-650 lbs. \$74.25-\$79.00 (\$76.00); 650-800 lbs. \$67.50-\$73.75 (\$68.50); 800-900 lbs. \$63.00-\$68.00 (\$66.50).

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large Frame 1, 450-500 lbs. \$85.50-\$90.25 (\$88.20); 500-600 lbs. \$83.00-\$87.25 (\$85.44); 600-650 lbs. \$79.50-\$84.25 (\$81.27); 650-700 lbs. \$75.00-\$80.00 (\$77.93); 700-800 lbs. \$73.00-\$77.75 (\$75.61); 800-850 lbs. \$71.50-\$76.00 (\$74.32). Replacements: 500 lbs. \$92.00; 575-725 lbs. \$85.00-\$88.50 (\$86.75); load 775 lbs. \$79.50.

Slaughter Cows: Cutter and Boning Utility Y.G. 1-2 average dressing \$44.50-\$47.00; high dressing \$47.00-\$51.50. Breaking Utility Y.G. 3-5 average dressing \$43.75-\$46.50. Canner

\$39.00-\$41.75.

Slaughter Bulls: Y.G. 1 1200-2400 lbs. average dressing \$57.75-\$60.50; high dressing \$60.50-\$65.25; low dressing or fleshy \$52.75-\$57.00.

Frederick Livestock Auction

Frederick, Md. April 6, 1992

Report Supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: 1.00 LOWER. UTILITY 46.00-49.00; HIGH DRESSING 50.00; CANNERS 42.00-46.00; SHELLY 42.00 DOWN.

BULLS: YG#2 1300-1500 LBS. TO 59.25.

FED STEERS: NO CHOICE OFFERED. STANDARD TO LOW SELECT HOLSTEINS 900-1100 LBS. 55.00-59.00.

HEIFERS: FEW COMMERCIAL 54.00-56.00; 1 SELECT 800 LBS. 65.00.

VEAL CALVES: CHOICE, NONE; GOOD 130-180 LBS. TO 80.00; CULLS 85-120 LBS. 75.00-92.00; 50-80 LBS. 65.00-80.00; WEAK/ROUGH 60.00 DOWN.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1-90-125 LBS. 145.00-169.00; #2 85-110 LBS. 110.00-140.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 95-125 LBS. 140.00-177.00; #2 70-90 LBS. 100.00-142.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 120.00-145.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 20 HEAD, 2.00 HIGHER! US#1-3 215-260 LBS. 40.00-40.50; 1 LOT 202 LBS. AT 35.00. SOWS: 400-500 LBS. 32.00-35.00. BOARS: 500 LBS. TO 28.00.

STOCK CATTLE: STEERS 300-500 LBS. 88.00-93.00; 500-700 LBS. 75.00-88.00; 700-900 LBS. 65.00-72.00; 1 HOLSTEIN 800 LBS. AT 61.00.

HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 63.00-75.00; 500-700 LBS. 61.00-75.00; 7 ANGUS STOCK COWS 700-1000 LBS. 47.00-55.00.

BULLS: FEW 400-500 LBS. TO 83.00; HEREFORD 995 LBS. AT 56.50; PUREBRED HOLSTEIN 1295 LBS. AT 58.00.

LAMBS: FEW OFFERED. FEW CHOICE WOOLED 115-120 LBS. 71.00-74.00; MEDIUM 35-60 LBS. 60.00-66.00.

SHEEP: 20.00-26.00; YEARLINGS TO 40.00.

GOATS: NONE.

PIGS AND SHOATS: BY THE HEAD, 1 LOPT 40 LBS. AT 22.00; 1 LOT 10 LBS. AT 12.00; BY THE POUND, 5 HEAD 55 LBS. AT 53.00.

Morrison Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa. April 6, 1992

Report supplied by auction
CATTLE 377. STEERS CHOICE 74.25-77.00; GOOD 71.00-73.75. HEIFERS: CHOICE 71.50-74.25; GOOD 67.00-71.00.

COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 44.50-50.50; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 37.50-49.50.

BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 62.75-68.10.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1 55.00-64.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 71.00-85.00; BULLS 65.00-81.00; HEIFERS 60.00-77.00.

CALVES 238. PRIME NO MARKET TEST; CHOICE 95.00-101.00; GOOD 91.00-99.50; STANDARD 52.00-89.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 130.00-162.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 135.00-171.00.

HOGS 93. US NQ. 1-2 39.50-41.00; US NO. 1-3 38.00-39.25.

SOWS: US NO. 1-3 31.00-35.00. BOARS 26.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS 26. US NO. 1-3 20-50 LBS. 15.00-29.00.

SHEEP 282. SPRING LAMBS 70.00-131.00; GOOD 65.00-79.00; SLAUGHTER EWES 15.00-31.00.

GOATS: 15.00-57.00 PER HEAD.

68 LOADS OF HAY. TIMOTHY 91.00-130.00; ALFALFA 135.00-200.00; 7 LOADS OF STRAW 88.00-110.00; 4 LOADS OF CORN FODDER 78.00-99.00; BAR CORN 90.00-96.00.

North Jersey Livestock

Hackettstown, NJ Tuesday, April 7, 1992

Report supplied by auction

CALVES .49-1.75.

COWS .36-.55%.

EASY COWS .14-.44%.

HEIFERS .44-.65%.

BULLS .40-.68.

STEERS .57%-.70%.

HOGS .33-.40%.

SOWS .32.

ROASTING PIGS 16.00-36.00 EACH.

BOARS .26-.33.

SHEEP .15-.47.

LAMBS EACH 15.00-76.00.

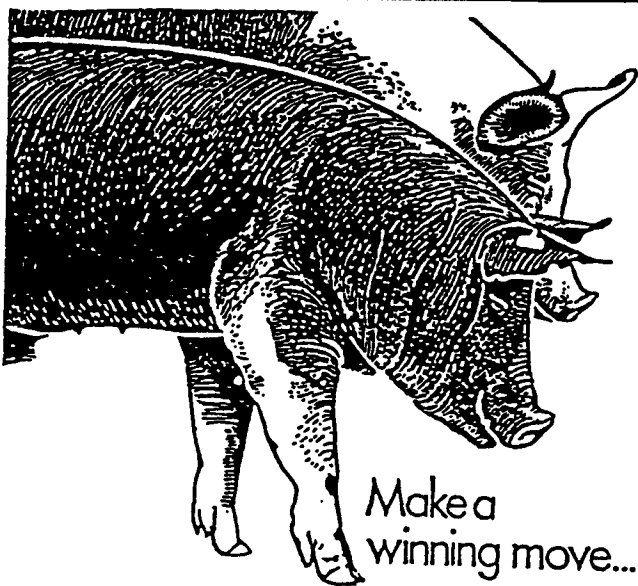
LAMBS PER LB. .22-.86.

GOATS EACH 30.00-73.00.

KIDS EACH 15.00-66.00.

HIDES 15.00 EACH.

TOTAL 1722.



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Items Needed For First Sale Are:

- Bedding Plants
- Easter Flowers
- Nursery Stock

The Produce Auction will be having sales every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 AM until further notice.

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