

THE OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC

APRIL 20-26, 1992

EARTH DAY, APRIL 22.

AROUND THE WORLD

On April 22, 1884, Thomas Stevens embarked from San Francisco on his bicycle trip around the world. He spent the spring and summer pedaling across America and arrived in Boston 125 days later, on August 24th. (The current U.S. transcontinental record from west to east coast is 8 days, 9 hours, 47 minutes set by Pete Penseyres in July 1986. Of course, Pete's modern bike was quite different from the 50-inch front wheel model used by Mr. Stevens.) From there he took a boat to Europe and continued his journey, actually pedaling about 13,500 miles by December 17, 1886, when he arrived in Yokohama, Japan. Boarding the City of Peking in Yokohama, he continued on to San Francisco, completing his trip on January 4, 1887.

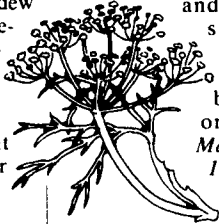
Well begun is half done.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Before painting, run a comb through the brush to remove loose bristles.

EARTHWISE

Starting your spring cleaning? Why not try a homemade cleaning solution instead of expensive and often toxic old standbys? A good all-purpose cleaner is 1/4 cup borax and 1/4 cup vinegar in 2 gallons hot water. Up to 1 tablespoon of liquid soap (not detergent) may be added. Vinegar cuts through mildew and borax disinfects and deodorizes. Borax is inexpensive, all-natural, non-toxic, and easily obtained. For more information call the Dial Corporation at 1-800-457-8739, and ask for their free booklet "Borax, The Magic Crystal".



DILL SAUCE

- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons fresh, chopped dill
- Salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter in small pan. Stir in flour and cook 1 minute, add chicken broth. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add sour cream and stir until smooth. Add dill. Serve over boiled beef or cod fish. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST



NORTHEAST: Cold, rain and snow, then sunny and warm, rainy and cool south coast.

SOUTHEAST: Sunny and warm; cold snap, some rain, then clear and warm, rainy and cool coast.

MIDWEST: Cold, sleet and snow, clearing and warmer, then rain, cooler.

NORTHWEST: Clear and warm, sleet and cold east, rainy and cooler, then clearing.

SOUTHWEST: Clear and warm, then showers and milder, finally sunny and warm.

Keister's Middleburg Auction
Middleburg, PA
April 14, 1992

CATTLE 360... PDA... Compared with last Tuesday's Market: Choice 1100/1400 lbs. steers 72.75-76.50, few Select and Low Choice 69.00-72.25, few Select 67.00-69.50, Choice Holsteins 66.00-69.25, Select 64.00-66.50. Choice sl. heifers 68.00-73.75, few Select 65.25-66.25. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 46.50-50.50, 10 head Dress Beef Cross 2.53.00-57.25. Cutter & Boning Utility 47.50-51.75, couple to 53.00, Canner & low Cutter 44.25-47.50. Shells down to 41.00, few Choice Bullocks 69.00-70.75, Good 64.50-69.75. Yield Grade No. 1, 1030/1780 lbs. sl. bulls 58.00-64.75, few No. 2 1065/2400 lbs. 54.25-56.25. Feeder Cattle: Medium No. 1 325/760 lbs. steers 68.00-81.50; Medium and Large No. 1, 325/760 lbs. heifers 55.00-70.50.

CALVES 193... Farm Calves: Holstein bulls No. 1, 90/125 lbs. 145.00-169.00, No. 2 80/125 lbs. 115.00-150.00, few down to 90.00; No. 1, Hol. Heifers 80/115 lbs. 155.00-192.50, Beef cross bulls and heifers 125.00-190.00.

HOGS 329... (4/13/92) - No. 1-2, 220/250 lbs. 40.00-41.00, US No. 2-3 215/270 lbs. 39.50-40.25, 2-4 200/280 lbs. 35.00-39.50, one 1-3 at 190.00. Sows: 1-3

280/650 lbs. 30.00-33.75, 2-3 270/575 lbs. 25.00-30.00, Boars 25.00-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 211... Couple lots 1-3 20 lbs. feeder pigs 15.00, 1-3 35/50 lbs. 28.00-37.00, 25/30 lbs. 25.00-27.00. --- all per head.

SHEEP 105... Choice 20/70 lbs. Spring Slaughter Lambs 60.00-87.00, 9 head 25/30 lbs. 90.00-132.00. Slaughter ewes 14.00-23.00. - all cwt.

GOATS 41... few Large Adult Goats 37.00-72.00, Small Mainly Kids 15.00-29.00, Large Kids 29.00-46.00. --- all per head.

Eighty-Four Livestock

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, April 13, 1992

Report Supplied by Auction

CATTLE 258. STEERS, SELECT 66.50-71.50; STANDARD 58.50-64.00; UTILITY 45.00-57.00.

HEIFERS: SELECT 67.00-69.50; STANDARD 52.00-61.50; UTILITY 45.00-53.00.

COWS: UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 47.50-51.00; CUTTERS AND BONERS AND UTILITY 42.50-47.00; CANNERS AND LOW CUTTERS 38.00-42.00; SHELLS 37.00 AND DOWN.

BULLS: GRADE #1 1300-1625 LBS. 58.00-67.00; #2 1000-1375 LBS. 48.00-56.00.

FEEDER STEERS: 200-300 LBS.

80.00-100.00; 300-500 LBS. 65.00-84.00; 500-700 LBS. 68.00-71.50; HEIFERS 200-300 LBS. 75.00-85.00; 300-500 LBS. 62.00-74.00; 500-700 LBS. 55.00-69.00; BULLS 200-300 LBS. 76.00-89.00; 300-500 LBS. 62.00-78.00; 500-700 LBS. 57.00-70.00.

CALVES: 163. CHOICE 90.00-125.00; GOOD 75.00-91.00; STANDARD AND GOOD 65.00-88.50; UTILITY 50.00-82.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 120.00-177.50; HOLSTEIN BULLS 200-300 LBS. 90.00-136.50; BEEF BULLS AND HEIFERS 85.00-185.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 100.00-175.00.

HOGS: 93. #1&2 225-260 LBS. 38.00-40.25; #1&3 265-285 LBS. 35.00-37.75; #1&3 300-325 LBS. 33.25-34.75.

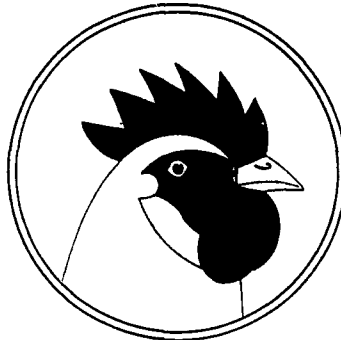
SOWS: UNDER 500 LBS. 30.00-36.50; OVER 500 LBS. 33.00-34.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: 759 HEAD. SPRING LAMBS CHOICE 25-50 LBS. 84.00-107.50; 25-50 LBS. GOOD 55.00-79.50; CHOICE LAMBS 50-60 LBS. 65.00-76.00; CHOICE LAMBS 65-80 LBS. 76.00-80.00; GOOD LAMBS 65-80 LBS. 68.00-73.00; WOOLED, CHOICE 80-100 LBS. 76.00-85.00; FEEDER LAMBS 50.00-65.00; EWES 10.00-25.00.

GOATS: 100 HEAD. LARGE 35.00-65.00, MEDIUM 25.00-45.00, SMALL 10.00-25.00 PER HEAD.

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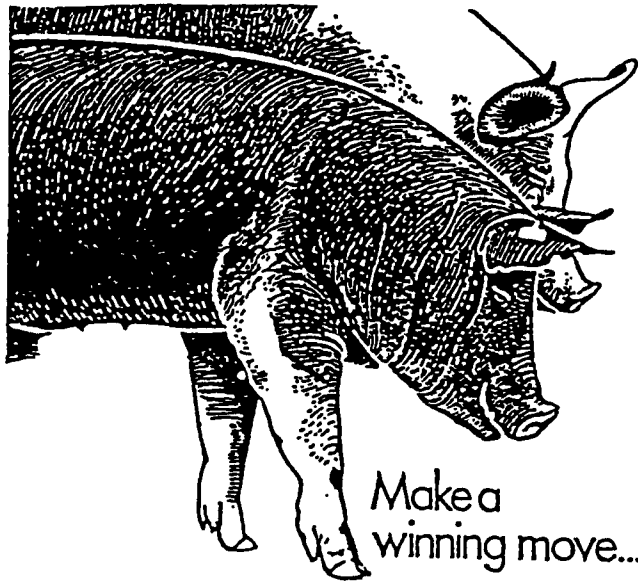
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