



JULY 13-19, 1992

FULL BUCK MOON, JULY 14.

ST. SWITHIN'S DAY, JULY 15

St. Swithin was a beloved 9th-century bishop of Winchester who requested that he be buried in the churchyard, some say to be closer to the common people, whom he loved, some say so he could enjoy God's gift of rain for all eternity. When he died in 862 A.D. his request was honored. About 100 years later, it was deemed unseemly that so holy a man should rest in a common grave. On July 15th, the attempt was made to enshrine his remains in his church. However, legend says St. Swithin caused torrential rains to fall for 40 days until the intended transfer was abandoned. This is the source of the very old Scottish proverb:

*St. Swithin's day, if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain;
St. Swithin's day, if thou be fair,
For forty days 'twill rain na mair [no more].*



THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST



NORTHEAST:
Sunny, cloudy and showery south, then heavy rain and seasonable, sunny and hot south

SOUTHEAST:
Ramy, mild north, hot west, sunny with sprinkles south Florida, thunder-showers west

MIDWEST:
Sunny and warm with scattered showers north and east, then rain south

NORTHWEST:
Sunny and warm, showers in the mountains and east, turning clear and hot

SOUTHWEST:
Ramy and mild, sunny and hot inland California mild coast, turning clear and very hot

TIP OF THE WEEK

Prevent wicker furniture from yellowing by washing in a mild salt-water solution.

EARTHWISE

NORTH BEACH BROCCOLI

- 2 pounds broccoli, trimmed, cut in spears
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil

Cook broccoli until tender-crisp, then drain. Whisk together garlic, salt, pepper, and lemon juice, whisk in oil. Pour over warm broccoli. Allow to cool to room temperature before serving.

Makes 6 servings



Westminster Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.

July 7, 1992

Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: 68 HEAD, STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER. UTILITY 47.50-51.00; HIGH DRESSING 51.00-54.50; CANNERS 43.00-47.00; SHELLY 43.00-DOWN.

BULLS: FEW OFFERED. YG#2 1100-1700 LBS. 56.00-60.00.

FED STEERS: 3 HIGH CHOICE LIMOUSINS 1000-1100 LBS. 74.00-78.00; NO LOW CHOICE OFFERED; SELECT 1000-1250 LBS. 63.00-70.00.

FED HEIFERS: LOW CHOICE 900-1100 LBS. 66.00-68.00.

VEAL CALVES; CHOICE 180-300 LBS. 87.00-94.00, 1 AT 103.00; FEW RETURNING TO FARM 110.00-120.00; CULLS 85-115 LBS. 74.00-82.00; 50-80 LBS. 65.00-75.00; WEAK/ROUGH 65.00-DOWN.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-125 LBS. 130.00-151.00; #2 80-100 LBS. 97.00-130.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 95-120 LBS. 150.00-172.00; #2 85-110 LBS. 105.00-140.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 110.00-142.00.

BUTCHER HOGS; 75 HEAD. US#1&2 220-250 LBS. 45.00-46.00; #1&3 215-260 LBS. 43.00-45.00; #2&3 42.00-43.00; 270-285 LBS. 49.00; 290-300 LBS. 36.00-38.00; 300-450 LBS. 31.00-34.00.

SOWS: 35 HEAD. 300-500 LBS. 32.00-34.50; 500-700 LBS. 33.00-35.00. BOARS: 8 HEAD. 400-700 LBS. 28.00-29.50.

STOCK CATTLE: 101 HEAD. STEERS 300-500 LBS. 75.00-85.00; 500-700 LBS. 67.00-77.00; 700-900 LBS. 63.00-70.00.

HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 70.00-81.00; 500-700 LBS. 65.00-74.00; 700-800 LBS. 55.00-64.00.

BULLS: 300-500 LBS. 72.00-87.00; 500-700 LBS. 67.00-75.00.

LAMBS: 112 HEAD. CHOICE 90-100 LBS. 56.50; 70-90 LBS. 59.00-65.00; GOOD 50-70 LBS. 56.00-68.00; YEARLINGS 35.00.

SHEEP: 15.00-27.00.

GOATS: LARGE 60.00-89.00; MEDIUM 32.00-60.00; SMALL 20.00-30.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 269 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 20-35 LBS. 15.00-20.00; 35-50 LBS. 20.00-25.00; 50-70 LBS. 25.00-33.00; 70-90 LBS. 30.00-37.00; BY THE POUND, 100 LBS. 37.00-43.50.

STOCK BOARS: 200-250 LBS. 35.00-39.50; 260-300 LBS. TO 36.00.

NEXT SPECIAL STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., JULY 17, 1:30 P.M.

Mercer Livestock

Mercer, Pa.

Tuesday, July 7, 1992

Report Supplied By Auction

CATTLE: 191. HIGH CHOICE & PRIME SLAUGHTER STEERS MOSTLY 73.50-75.00, 1 AT 76.50, CHOICE SLAUGHTER STEERS 72.50-74.00, SELECT STEERS 67.00-72.00, SELECT & CHOICE HOLSTEINS 62.00-66.00. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS CHOICE 69.50-73.00, SELECT 64.00-70.00.

COWS: BREAKING UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 45.00-49.00, CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 44.00-52.25, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 32.00-43.50, SHELLS LOW YIELD 22.00-36.00.

BULLOCKS: CHOICE 62.00-64.00, SELECT 56.00-61.75.

BULLS: YG#1 64.00-67.00, 1 AT 70.25.

CALVES, 114. CHOICE 185-250 LBS. 1.00-1.35; GOOD 100-150 LBS. .78-.90; STANDARD & GOOD 60-100 LBS. .50-.80; HOLSTEIN BULLS 85-110 LBS.

1.35-1.53 #2 80-130 LBS. 1.20-1.30; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 105-140 LBS. 1.20-1.82. TOP BEEF BULL AT 95 LBS. 1.45. TOP BEEF HEIFER AT 75 LBS. 1.22.

HOGS: 102. BARROWS AND GILTS US#1-2 230-250 LBS. 45.50-48.00; US#1-3 225-240 LBS. 44.50-46.75.

SOWS US#1-3 350-600 LBS. 30.00-34.00.

BOARS: 24.00-30.00.

LAMBS: 70-90 LBS. 55.00-70.00. DAIRY COWS: 34 HEAD.

Isennock Auction

New Park, PA

July 6, 1992

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SLAUGHTER COWS: 50.00 & DOWN.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: 1325 LBS. 61.00.

FEEDER STEERS 575 LBS. 57.00. FEEDER BULLS: 315 LBS. 70.00.

FARM CALVES: 120-130 LBS. 106.00-132.00; 105-115 LBS. 125.00-142.00; 90-100 LBS. 100.00-140.00; 80-85 LBS. 122.00-131.00; WEAK AND ROUGH 72.00 AND DOWN.

HEIFER CALVES: GOOD 115 LBS. 174.00-185.00; OTHERS 85-100 LBS. 130.00-137.00.

GOATS: SMALL 33.00-44.00 HEAD; KIDS 15.00-19.00 HEAD.

SHEEP: 205 LBS. 15.00.

LAMBS: 60-70 LBS. 56.00-61.00.

SOWS: 425-530 LBS. 34.00-36.00.

SWATHER'S CHOICE

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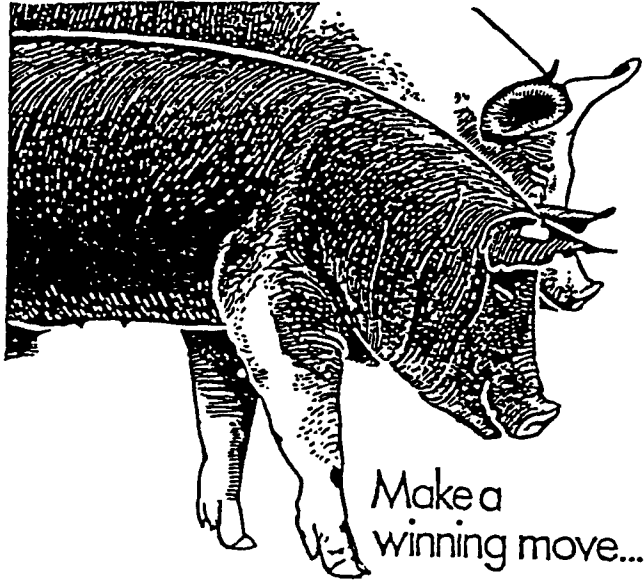
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