

**THE OLD FARMER'S**  
THIS WEEK WITH  
**ALMANAC**

**BOWDLER'S DAY, JULY 11.**

**BOWDLERIZED!**

Thomas Bowdler meant well. In his opinion, some literature was too impious and indecent to be read in front of children, so he "purified" the works of Shakespeare, Edward Gibbon's *History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, and even portions of the Old Testament, removing "those words and expressions which cannot with propriety be read aloud in a family." When his methods were criticized he countered that any words which gave "an impression of obscenity" should not be spoken or printed, and if printed they "ought to be erased." His censorship was so offensive that "bowdlerize" became a term of contempt, synonymous with self-righteous expurgation.

*Certitude is not the test of certainty. We have been cocksure of many things that were not so.*

— Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

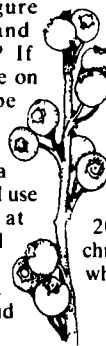
Replace a broken suitcase handle with a dog collar looped through the metal rings.

**EARTHWISE**

With water conservation a big summertime issue, many people opt to wash their cars at home with the garden hose. They figure they're saving water and money. But are they? If there's no shut-off nozzle on your hose, you could be using as much as 150 gallons of water to get your car clean! Even with a shut-off device, you'll still use 5 to 10 gallons more at home than at the local self-serve car wash. So, gather your bucket, sponge, and quarters, and head for the car wash.

**BLUEBERRY POSSET**

- 1 quart blueberries
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup sugar
- pinch of salt
- butter
- 8 slices thin white bread
- whipped cream



Stew berries in water with sugar and salt for 15 minutes. Butter bread slices. Place alternate layers of bread and blueberries in deep, buttered baking dish. Bake at 350° F for 15-20 minutes. Cool and chill. Serve very cold with whipped cream.

Makes 6 servings.

**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST**



**NORTHEAST:** Sunny and hot, then rainy, sunshine returns in the west.

**SOUTHEAST:** Hot and sunny, cloudy coast, then thunder-showers Florida and hot west.

**MIDWEST:** Sunny, hot, and humid, then showers and thunderstorms, and milder.

**NORTHWEST:** Sunny and hot, rain mountains, then cloudy, sprinkles, and cool coast, partial clearing mountains.

**SOUTHWEST:** Hot and sunny, light rain and mild desert and mountains, then clearing, hot inland, mild coast.

**Four States Livestock**

Hagerstown, Md.  
July 15, 1992

Report supplied by Auction  
SLAUGHTER COWS 68 HEAD. UTILITY 47.00-50.50; HIGH DRESSING TO 52.25; CANNERS 43.00-47.00; SHELLY 43.00 DOWN.  
BULLS: YG#1 1800 LBS. TO 65.00; YG#2 1500-1800 LBS. 57.00-60.00.  
FED STEERS: HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1200-1450 LBS. 73.00-76.25; CHOICE 69.00-72.50; SELECT 65.00-69.00.  
FED HEIFERS: HIGH CHOICE 1000 LBS. TO 73.00; LOW CHOICE 900-1100 LBS. 62.00-65.00.  
VEAL CALVES: CHOICE 200-300 LBS. 93.00; GOOD 140-200 LBS. 80.00-88.00; CULLS 85-115 LBS. 64.00-70.00; 50-80 LBS. 58.00-65.00; WEAK/ROUGH 50.00 DOWN.  
FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 135.00-157.00; #2 80-100 LBS. 110.00-130.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 95-120 LBS. 150.00-175.00; #2 75-90 LBS. 110.00-155.00; BEEF X BULLS TO 125.00.  
BUTCHER HOGS: US#1&3 215-260 LBS. 42.00-43.00.  
SOWS: 400-700 LBS. 28.00-30.00.  
BOARS: 400-800 LBS. 27.00-29.00.  
STOCK CATTLE: 146 HEAD. INCLUDING 35 COW-CALF PAIRS.  
STEERS: 200-400 LBS. 84.00-93.00; 400-500 LBS. 80.00-85.00; 600-700 LBS. 70.00-77.00; 700-800 LBS. 64.00-70.00.  
HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 68.00-76.00; FEW 80.00-84.00; 500-700 LBS. 62.00-70.00; 700-850 LBS. 58.00-63.00.  
BULLS: 300-500 LBS. 75.00-85.00.  
DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: 24 HEAD. STRONG DEMAND! LARGE SPRINGERS 1000.00-1375.00; MEDIUM

800.00-1050.00; SMALL 550.00-750.00; 2 FANCY FRESH 1200.00-1250.00; 1 HOLSTEIN BULL REGISTERED 1090 LBS. AT 95.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 400-600 LBS. 70.00-85.00; 650-900 LBS. 60.00-83.00.  
LAMBS: 70-110 LBS. 54.00-59.00; 50-60 LBS. 51.00-59.00.  
SHEEP: 17.00-29.00.  
GOATS: LARGE 50.00-70.00; MEDIUM 25.00-50.00; SMALL 10.00-25.00.  
PIGS AND SHOATS: BY THE HEAD, 20-30 LBS. 10.00-15.00; 35-50 LBS. 17.00-27.00; BY THE POUND, 100-125 LBS. 38.00-45.00; 180-200 LBS. 35.00-39.00.  
STOCK BOARS: 200-250 LBS. 33.00-36.00.  
SELLING NEXT WED., JULY 22, 10 CLOSE SPRINGING & BRED GILTS.

LBS. 100.00-130.00; FEW 80.00-100.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #195-125 LBS. TO 175.00; 80-95 LBS. 110.00-140.00; BEEF X BULLS 110.00-142.00; HEIFERS 85.00-130.00.  
BUTCHER HOGS: 20 HEAD. STEADY PRICES. US#1&3 215-260 LBS. 44.50-45.25; 1 350 LB. AT 32.00.  
SOWS: NONE.  
BOARS: NONE.  
STOCK CATTLE: STEERS, FEW OFFERED; COUPLE HOLSTEIN 150-300 LBS. 75.00-96.00.  
HEIFERS: 300-450 LBS. TO 75.50; FEW HOLSTEIN 250-300 LBS. 89.00-96.00.  
BULLS: 400-600 LBS. 76.00-80.00, 1 HOLSTEIN SPRINGER AT 950.00.  
LAMBS: NONE OFFERED.  
SHEEP: 19.00-25.00.  
GOATS: SMALL 19.00-23.00.  
PIGS AND SHOATS: BY THE HEAD, FEW OFFERED. COUPLE 65-95 LBS. 25.00-29.00.

**Frederick Livestock Auction**

Frederick, Md.  
July 13, 1992

Report Supplied by Auction  
SLAUGHTER COWS: 90 HEAD, 1.00 LOWER. UTILITY 46.50-50.00; HIGH DRESSING TO 51.50, CANNERS 43.00-47.00; SHELLY 43.00 DOWN.  
BULLS: YG#2 1100-1600 LBS. 55.75.  
FED STEERS: NONE.  
FED HEIFERS: NO CHOICE; FEW SELECT 900-1100 LBS. TO 63.00; SELECT HOLSTEINS TO 56.25.  
VEAL CALVES: LOW CHOICE 140-200 LBS. 87.00-97.00; GOOD 75.00-85.00; CULLS 5.00 LOWER; 85-110 LBS. 65.00-72.00; 50-80 LBS. 60.00-68.00; WEAK/ROUGH 55.00 DOWN.  
FARM CALVES: BULLS STEADY; HEIFERS LOWER. HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 90-120 LBS. 130.00-153.00; #2 80-110

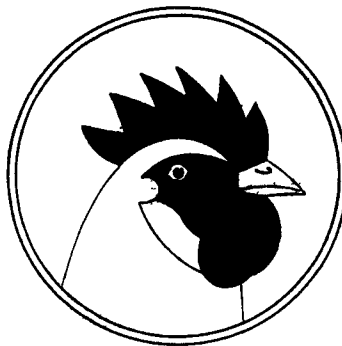
**North Jersey Livestock**

Hackettstown, NJ  
Tuesday, July 14, 1992

Report supplied by auction  
CALVES .40-1.82%  
COWS .32-52.  
EASY COWS .25-.47.  
HEIFERS .52%-.66%  
BULLS .56-.65%  
STEERS .57-.70%  
HOGS .29-.45.  
SOWS .30-.32.  
SHEEP .15-.74.  
LAMBS EACH 23.00-61.00.  
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GOATS EACH 17.00-106.00.  
KIDS EACH 5.00-65.00.  
TOTAL 1117.

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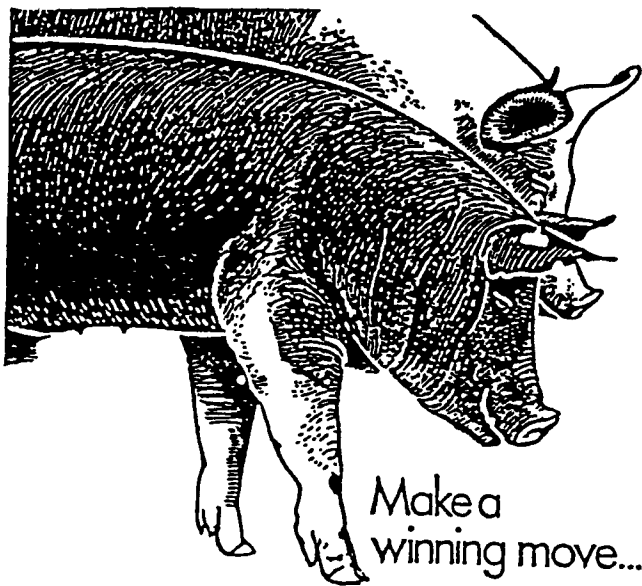
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