

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

OCTOBER 5-11, 1992

FULL HUNTER'S MOON, OCTOBER 11

**AN ASTRONOMER AND A CLOCKMAKER**

**B**enjamin Banneker, whose death anniversary is October 9, was called the "first black man of science." He was an astronomer, clockmaker, mathematician, surveyor, and an almanac author. He was born near Baltimore, Maryland, in 1736 as a free man. He began making astronomical calculations for almanacs in 1773, and in 1789 he accurately predicted an eclipse. Between 1792 and 1802 he published a popular yearly almanac. He was part of the original survey of the city of Washington, wrote a dissertation on bees, played the violin, and built a clock out of wood. He also supported the peace movement and was a strong opponent of slavery. A fire on October 9, 1806, during his funeral, destroyed his home, and almost all of his belongings and documents.

*We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars...*—Oscar Wilde

**THE OLD FARMER'S**  
**WEATHER**  
**FORECAST**



**NORTHEAST:** Clear and pleasant, then warm with some showers.

**SOUTHEAST:** Sunny and cool; then cloudy and warmer, rain west and possible tropical storm Deep South.

**MIDWEST:** Clear and pleasant; then rain, heavy west, getting warmer.

**NORTHWEST:** Sunny and mild coast and mountains, intermittent rain east, then heavy rain and cooler, clear and warm east.

**SOUTHWEST:** Clear and warm, cold mountains, and sprinkles north; cloudy and much colder, heavy rain mountains.

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Put a few rusty nails in the soil around your African violet for a healthier plant.

**EARTHWISE**

With cooler weather you might be burning wood again and ending up with ashes. Do you know how useful ashes really are? Ashes contain 50% to 75% lime and also potash and phosphorous, so by spreading them in your garden during the fall and winter, you'll benefit in the spring. During the growing season sprinkle ashes around plants in your garden to keep slugs and snails away. Keep ashes in the trunk of your car in the winter in case you need extra traction under your tires on slick roads. Mix ashes with salt and water for tough stove cement.

**PUMPKIN SOUP**

1 tablespoon butter  
1 small onion, chopped fine  
1 pound fresh pumpkin, steamed, drained, and pureed  
2 cups chicken stock  
1/2 teaspoon thyme  
1 bay leaf  
1 cup cream  
1/2 cup dry sherry  
chopped parsley or chives

Melt butter in soup kettle. Sauté onion until golden. Stir in pumpkin, stock, thyme, and bay leaf. Cook over low heat 15 minutes, stir occasionally, until smooth. Remove from heat and cool. Stir in cream and sherry, and heat. Remove bay leaf and garnish with chopped parsley or chives. Serves 4-6 people.

**Central U.S. Carlot**

**Beef Report**  
Sept. 30, 1992  
Report supplied by USDA

**CENTRAL U.S. CARLOT BEEF REPORT (INCLUDES THE MAJOR PRODUCTION AREAS IN THE MIDWEST AND TEXAS) AS OF 3 P.M. COMPARED TO WEDNESDAY'S 3 P.M. REPORT: BREAKING UTILITY CARCASSES MOSTLY 2.00-3.00 LOWER; BONING UTILITY MOSTLY 1.00-1.50 LOWER; CUTTER NOT ESTABLISHED; BULLS STEADY. DEMAND LIGHT TO MODERATE FOR MODERATE OFFERINGS.**

**COW AND BULL CARCASSES FOB OMAHA BASIS**  
24 LOADS REPORTED  
UT, BRK 2-4, 450 & UP, 7 LOADS, RANGE 78.00-80.00, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 78.00.  
UT, BNG 1-3, 400 & UP, 16 LOADS, RANGE 82.00-84.00, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 82.00.  
CUTTER 1-2 350 & UP, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 95.00 A.  
BULLS 500/UP, YG 1, 1 LOAD, RANGE 100.00, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 100.00.

**BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/ BEEF TRIMMINGS**  
123 LOADS REPORTED  
FRESH 90% BONELESS BEEF IN THE MIDWEST 1.00-1.50 LOWER, AND IN TEXAS GENERALLY STEADY WITH LAST TEST; 65% STEADY. DEMAND AND OFFERINGS LIGHT TO MODERATE. BEEF TRIMMINGS STEADY TO FIRM ON MOSTLY MODERATE DEMAND AND OFFERINGS.

**FOB OMAHA BASIS**  
90% FRESH, 14 LOADS, RANGE 123.0-124.5, WT. AVG. 123.71.  
90% FZ, UNQUOTED.  
85% FRESH, RANGE 116.0, WT. AVG. 116.00 E.  
85% FZ, UNQUOTED.  
75% FR, RANGE 91.5, WT. AVG. 91.50 A.  
75% FZ, UNQUOTED.  
65% FRESH, 6 LOADS, RANGE 73.0, WT. AVG. 73.00.  
65% FZ, UNQUOTED.

50% FR, 81 LOADS, RANGE 49.00-51.00, WT. AVG. 49.93.  
50% FZ, UNQUOTED.  
50% BX, UNQUOTED.  
BULL 92-94, RANGE 145.00, WT. AVG. 145.00 A.

**FOB EAST TX AND OK:**  
90% FR, 22 LOADS, RANGE 123.0-123.5, WT. AVG. 123.25.  
90% FZ, 85% FR, 85% FZ, 75% FR, 75% FZ, 65% FR, 65% FZ AND BULL 92-94, UNQUOTED.

**CAF NORTHEAST AREAS:**  
90% FR, 90% FZ, 85% FR, 85% FZ, 75% FR, 75% FZ, 65% FR AND 65% FZ, UNQUOTED.

**\*\*ABCDE AFTER QUOTES REPRESENTS DAYS SINCE LAST ACTUAL MARKET TEST. QUOTES ARE DROPPED AFTER 5 DAYS OF NO TEST OR BEFORE IF THEY NO LONGER REFLECT CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS.\*\***

Frame 1 300-400 lbs. \$107.50-\$115.00 (\$111.36); 400-450 lbs. \$97.50-\$105.50, thin \$102.00-\$111.00 (\$104.50); 450-500 lbs. \$93.50-\$99.00 (\$97.04); 500-550 lbs. \$88.75-\$95.75 (\$93.64); 550-600 lbs. \$85.50-\$92.75 (\$88.42); 600-700 lbs. \$84.00-\$90.00 (\$86.64); 700-750 lbs. \$83.00-\$88.00 (\$86.00); 750-800 lbs. \$83.00-\$85.00 (\$83.63); 800-850 lbs. \$80.50-\$85.25 (\$83.42). Large Frame 2 Holsteins, 290-375 lbs. \$86.00-\$88.50; 700-775 lbs. \$70.50-\$72.75; 800-850 lbs. \$67.25-\$69.75.

**Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large**  
Frame 1, 300-375 lbs. slightly thin \$93.50-\$103.50; 400-450 lbs. \$84.00-\$93.00 (\$89.94); 450-500 lbs. \$83.00-\$90.00 (\$87.06); 500-550 lbs. \$84.00-\$89.25 (\$86.29); 550-600 lbs. \$82.00-\$86.00, very fleshy \$82.00-\$83.50 (\$82.41); 600-700 lbs. \$79.50-\$83.50 (\$80.83); 700-800 lbs. \$78.50-\$81.50 (\$80.73).

**Slaughter Cows: Cutter, Boning and Breaking Utility Y.G. 1-4 average dressing \$45.50-\$48.50; high dressing \$48.00-\$52.00; very high dressing or young \$52.25-\$55.00; low dressing \$40.50-\$44.50. Canner \$34.75-\$38.50.**

**Slaughter Bulls: Y.G. 1-2 1100-1875 lbs. average dressing \$57.50-\$61.00; high dressing \$60.50-\$64.50; low dressing fleshy or thin \$54.50-\$57.25.**

**Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle**

Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Wednesday, September 30, 1992

**OKLAHOMA NATIONAL STOCKYARDS WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY:** Compared to last week: Steers under 700 lbs. steady to \$2.00 lower; over 700 lbs. steady to \$1.00 higher. Feeder heifers and heifer calves steady. Demand moderate to good for yearlings, moderate for calves. Quality of run highly varied from plain through attractive. Increase noted in top quality calf numbers, however most very soft. Yearling cattle continue in attractive flesh carrying average to moderately thin condition. Weight-upte average to full on yearlings, mostly average on calves. Fall weather; cool nights 50 degrees, warm days 85 degrees. Slaughter cows \$.50-\$1.00 higher. Slaughter bulls \$1.00-\$1.50 higher. Cow and bull demand good. Receipts this week 9,900; last week 7,177; last year 10,468. Supply consisted of 55% yearlings and big calves over 600 lbs.; 39% calves under 600 lbs.; 6% cows and bulls. Bulk prices follow; weighted average prices in parenthesis: Feeder Steers: Medium and Large

**Dewart Livestock**

Dewart, Pa.  
Sept. 28, 1992  
Report Supplied by Auction

**STEERS: 60.00-70.00.**  
**HEIFERS: 55.00-65.00.**  
**GOOD COWS: 42.00-51.00.**  
**CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 36.00-42.00.**  
**BULLS: 56.50-64.75.**  
**VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 99.00-210.00; 70-90 LBS. 50.00-99.00.**  
**HOGS: 41.00-42.00.**  
**SOWS: 28.00-35.00.**  
**FEEDER PIGS: 12.00-21.00 HEAD.**

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