



MARCH 15-21, 1993

VERNAL EQUINOX, MARCH 20.

HOME TO MOTHER

Not to be confused with Mother's Day, "Mothering Sunday" was originally designated for Mother Church in England. On this mid-Lent Sunday people were encouraged to return to the church of their baptism. Since this generally meant returning to the hometown of one's parents as well, it came to be a time of family gathering and of taking gifts to parents, especially mothers. It was also the custom to eat a traditional food on such a feast day. The special food for Mothering Sunday was furmenty, a porridgelike dish of wheat boiled in milk and variously flavored with nutmeg or cinnamon and sugar. One very old English recipe also includes egg yolks, salt, and saffron, with white sugar if served in the lord's house but "black" sugar for commoners.

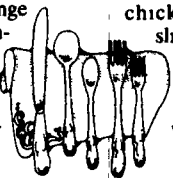
On Mothering Sunday, above all other, every child should dine with its mother. — English Proverb

TIP OF THE WEEK

Bread will stay fresh longer if you keep a piece of celery in the bag.

EARTHWISE

You can clean and add a warm luster to your wood paneling with this non-toxic, homemade solution: Mix 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) olive oil with 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) white vinegar and 1 quart warm water. Dampen a soft cloth with this and, working on one section of wall at a time, wipe the paneling, then wipe with a dry soft cloth. Change the dry cloth whenever it becomes too wet or soiled. Be sure to use nonsynthetic, lint-free cloths.



SUNDAY CHICKEN HASH

- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1/2 pound mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 small potatoes, peeled, boiled, and diced
- 2 1/2 cups chopped, cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup parsley
- 2 tablespoons toasted slivered almonds

Sauté onion and mushrooms in butter until tender. Add potatoes and cook until slightly browned, stirring occasionally. Stir in cream and parsley; heat through. Garnish with almonds. **Makes 2 to 4 servings.**

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST



NORTHEAST: Snow, heavy west and north, rain south; then cold with intermittent snow.

SOUTHEAST: Seasonable, cold north; rainy, snow north, turning colder.

MIDWEST: Very cold and snowy, then clearing and milder; rainy south.

NORTHWEST: Cold with light rain and snow; then turning slightly milder.

SOUTHWEST: Clear and milder, snowy and cold mountains; then clear and cool desert, rainy and seasonable California.

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa. Tuesday, March 9, 1993 Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 172.. PDA ..Compared with last Tuesday's market: sl. steers strong to 1.00 higher; sl. cows 1.00 to 2.00 lower. STEERS: Choice 1080/1600 lbs. 77.00-82.50, couple to 83.50, Select 75.00-77.00, few Standard 65.00-70.50. HOLSTEINS: Choice 1395/1415 lbs. 67.25-69.75, few Select 57.50-60.00. HEIFERS: Choice 1100/1365 lbs. 74.50-81.10, few Select 54.85-67.50. COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 46.85-52.

10, Cutter and Bon. Utility 44.00-49.85, Canner and Low Cutter 39.75-43.85. Shells down to 34.50. BULLOCKS: one Select 1290 lbs. 70.00. BULLS: Yield No. 1 1245/2025 lbs. 57.50-63.00, couple to 66.00, No. 2 990/1150 lbs. 55.50-66.50. FEEDER CATTLE: Steers: couple Medium No. 1 555 & 650 lbs. 69.00 & 74.00; Heifers: few Medium No. 1 565/845 lbs. 55.00-66.50; Bulls: few Medium No. 1 640/860 lbs. 65.00-71.50, one lot 313 lbs. at 88.00.

CALVES 107... VEALERS: Standard and Good 85/100 lbs. 40.00-41.00, couple to 62.50, Utility 60/95 lbs. 20.00-53.00. RETURNED TO FARM: No. 1 Holstein bulls 85/115 lbs. 135.00-166.00, 115/140 lbs. 110.00-150.00, No. 2 85/130 lbs. 60.00-145.00. No. 1 Holstein heifers 80/110 lbs. 140.00-195.00, few No. 2 205/210 lbs. 73.00-105.00, few 70/130 lbs. 50.00-120.00. Beef cross 90/110 lbs. bulls and heifers 80.00-157.50.

HOGS 118..Barrows and Gilts 2.00 higher. BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 230/260 lbs. 46.50-47.00, 1-3 230/260 lbs. 45.25-46.50, 2-3 220/260 lbs. 44.00-45.25. SOWS: few US 1-3 370/575 lbs. 37.00-38.00, few Medium 300/470 lbs. 32.00-33.75. BOARS: one 545 lbs. 26.00. FEEDER PIGS Not AvailableUS 1-3 123/155 lbs. 38.00-40.00. --- per cwt. one lot 30 lbs. 28.00. --- per head.

SHEEP 0....No market test. GOATS Not Availablecouple Large 30.00 & 50.00, couple Medium 28.00 & 35.00, few Small Kids 10.00-13.00.

Eighty-Four Livestock

Eighty-Four, Pa. Monday, March 8, 1993

Report Supplied by Auction

CATTLE 367. STEERS, SELECT 67.50-73.50; STANDARD 62.00-67.00; UTILITIES 60.00 AND DOWN.

HEIFERS: SELECT 67.00-72.50; STANDARD 60.00-66.00; UTILITIES 59.00 AND DOWN.

COWS: UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 49.00-52.00; CUTTERS, BONERS AND UTILITIES 45.00-49.50; CANNERS AND LOW CUTTERS 39.50-44.50; SHELLS 39.00 AND DOWN.

BULLS: #1 61.00-72.00; #2 52.00-61.50

FEEDER STEERS: 200-300 LBS. 80.00-118.00; 300-500LBS 69.00-112.00, 500-800 LBS. 60.00-89.50.

HEIFERS: 200-300 LBS. 75.00-117.00, 300-500 LBS. 60.00-90.00; 500-800 LBS. 52.00-82.50.

BULLS: 200-300 LBS. 76.00-110.00; 300-500 LBS. 62.00-91.00; 500-800 LBS. 50.00-84.00.

CALVES: 230 HEAD. VEALERS CHOICE 100.00-129.00, GOOD 85.00-98.00; STANDARD AND GOOD 61.00-82.50; UTILITIES 60.00 AND DOWN.

FARM CALVES, HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 125.00-170.00; #2 95.00-127.50; BEEF BULLS 89.00-180.00.

HOLSTEIN HEIFERS: 90.00-172.50. BEEF X HEIFERS 85.00-170.00.

HOGS: 70 HEAD. #1&2 220-260 LBS. 44.00-47.00; #1&3 260-300 LBS 39.75-42.00; 200-220 LBS. 38.50-39.50.

SOWS: UNDER 500 LBS. 35.00-36.25, OVER 500 LBS. 32.00-38.00.

BOARS: 32.50-33.75. FEEDER PIGS: 30 HEAD. #1&3 20-40 LBS. 19.00-34.00; 75-100 LBS. 31.40-44.50; 100-150 LBS. 26.00-42.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: 123 HEAD HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME, NEW CROP, 25-70 LBS. 94.00-115.00; 50-75 LBS. 78.00-91.00; 75-100 LBS 76.00-94.00; 100-125 LBS. 75.00-84.00; FEEDER LAMBS GOOD AND CHOICE 61.00-78.00; UTILITIES 60.00 AND DOWN; EWES 25.50-44.00.

GOATS: 23 HEAD. LARGE 50.00-79.00; MEDIUM 35.00-51.00; SMALL 20.00-37.00.

Frederick Livestock Auction

Frederick, Md. March 8, 1993

Report Supplied by Auction SLAUGHTER COWS: 1.00 LOWER. UTILITY 47.00-51.50; HIGH DRESSING TO 53.25; CANNERS 44.00-47.00; SHELLY 43.00 DOWN.

BULLS: YG#2 1435 LBS. TO 60.50; 1 LOW DRESSING 1160 LBS. 51.75.

FED STEERS: NONE. HEIFERS: FEW UTILITY 52.75-53.50 VEAL CALVES: CHOICE, NONE, GOOD 180-300 LBS. 75.00-85.00, CULLS 85-110 LBS. 55.00-65.00; 50-80 LBS. 50.00-60.00; WEAK/ROUGH 49.00 DOWN.

FARM CALVES: 15.00-20.00 LOWER HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS 145.00-160.00; 85-90LBS. 120.00-140.00; #2 110.00-135.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS FEW 95-120 LBS. TO 160.00; 80-90 LBS. 100.00-130.00; BEEF X HEIFERS TO 132.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: NO TOPS OFFERED; 215-260 LBS. #1&3 43.00-44.00; 1 LOT 217 LBS. AT 40.50; FEW 300 LBS. TO 45.00.

SOWS: 400-600 LBS. TO 37.75 BOARS: NONE.

STOCK CATTLE: STEERS 300-400 LBS. 75.00-88.00; 400-600 LBS 70.00-78.00; HOSLTEINS 300-400 LBS 70.00-83.00; 400-600 LBS. TO 65.00

HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 68.00-76.00; HOLSTEINS 78.00-83.00; 500-700 LBS 61.00-63.00.

BULLS: 300-500 LBS. 74.00-87.00. LAMBS: CHOICE WOOLED 95-110 LBS. 71.00-74.00.

SHEEP: 21.00-30.00. GOATS: 1 LARGE AT 96.00. PIGS AND SHOATS: NONE OFFERED.

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