

The OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC

JULY 12-18, 1993

BASTILLE DAY, JULY 15.

NEW FOREIGN MARKETS

When Commodore Matthew Perry arrived in Tokyo Bay the Japanese demanded that he move on. By July 14, 1853, possibly due to Perry's well-armed force anchored in Tokyo Bay, the Japanese were convinced to meet with him. Perry presented the Emperor's representatives with a letter from former President Millard Fillmore requesting protection for shipwrecked American sailors, the opening of additional ports to foreign trade, and establishment of coaling stations for American steamships. Since the mid-seventeenth century, Japan had pursued a policy of isolation, with only one port, at Nagasaki, open to foreign ships. Perry's efforts resulted in ports being opened to American commercial interests for the first time in history, in less than a year.

History is clarified experience. - J. R. Lowell

TIP OF THE WEEK

Old shower curtains make good ground cloths under sleeping bags when camping.

EARTHWISE



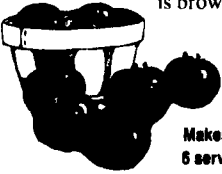
If bugs are bugging your garden and you're tempted to reach

for chemicals, try an insecticidal soap (available at nurseries) instead. Or try this recipe: 6 cloves of garlic, mashed, 1 chopped onion, 1 tablespoon red pepper sauce, and 1 teaspoon liquid soap (not detergent). Mix everything in a 1-gallon jar of hot tap water. Let it steep for a day then strain out the chopped bits. Use a pump spray bottle to spray this on your plants.

SCALLOPED TOMATOES

- 3 cups sliced tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon basil
- 2 tablespoons parsley salt and pepper
- 3 cups bread crumbs
- 3 green olives, chopped
- 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons butter, cut up

Summer tomatoes and seasonings until tomatoes are tender. Add 2 1/2 cups bread crumbs and olives. Pour into buttered 2-quart dish and top with remaining crumbs, cheese and butter. Bake at 375° F until topping is browned.



Makes 4 to 6 servings.

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST



NORTHEAST: Hot and sunny then cooling; cloudy, some showers.

SOUTHEAST: Clear and warm, rainy coast and Florida, then showers, locally heavy, turning hot Florida.

MIDWEST: Showery and cool, sunny and warm north and east, clearing and warming, rainy and cooler north and east.

NORTHWEST: Cool, light rain, then sunny and warm, scattered showers.

SOUTHWEST: Showers and cool, heavy rain in the mountains, thundershowers desert, clearing and turning hot.

National Grain Market

St. Joseph, Mo.

Wednesday, July 7, 1993

DAILY NATIONAL GRAIN SUMMARY WHEAT AND CORN PRICES DECLINED, WEDNESDAY, PRESSURED BY PROFIT TAKING AND SHORT COVERINGS ON THE BOARD; SOYBEAN PRICES CONTINUED SHARPLY HIGHER BOUYED BY WIDESPREAD FLOODING AND ONGOING RAINFALL IN MIDWEST AREAS. WHEAT 3 TO 8 CENTS LOWER EXCEPT MINNEAPOLIS FELL 31 CENTS. CORN UNCHANGED TO 2 CENTS LOWER. SORGHUM MIXED. SOYBEANS 9 TO 19 CENTS HIGHER. WHEAT PRICES LOWERED DESPITE CONTINUED RAIN DELAYED HARVEST IN KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA. HOWEVER, HARVEST PROGRESS MADE BETWEEN SHOWERS AND FIELDS UP INTO SOUTHERN IOWA READY, ONCE DRY ENOUGH. REPORTS HARD RED SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION IS ESTIMATED HIGHER THAN EXPECTED, AS WELL AS ALL WHEAT PRODUCTION. VERY GOOD YIELDS FROM DRY AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN HARVESTED. GOOD EXPORT DEMAND PAST COUPLE DAYS LIMITED LOSSES. PROFIT TAKING ON THE BOARD PRESSURED CORN PRICES SLIGHTLY LOWER. TRADERS IDEAS ACREAGE CUT BACK DUE TO FLOODS, BUT RAINS MAKE CORN. ADDITIONAL PRESSURE STEMMED FROM LACK OF NEW EXPORT DEMAND. STILL TRYING TO DO SOMETHING WITH LAST YEARS BUMPER CROP. SHARP GAINS AGAIN IN BEAN PRICES, FORCED HIGHER BY CONTINUED REPORTS OF RAINS AND HIGH WATER SPREADING AND ENGULF-

ING MORE ACRES. THERE'S VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF REPLANTING FLOODED FIELDS, TOO LATE.

EXPORT NEWS: TUNISIA BOUGHT 175,000 TONNES OF OPTIONAL-ORIGIN WHEAT. SUB-SAHARAN NATIONS BOUGHT 50,000 TONNES HARD RED WINTER WHEAT, UNDER EEP, FOR JULY/AUGUST SHIPMENT. THE PHILIPPINES BOUGHT 19,000 TONNES OF DARK NORTHERN SPRING WHEAT AND 6,000 TONNES WESTERN WHITE, UNDER EEP, FOR AUGUST SHIPMENT. LEBANON BOUGHT 1,700 TONNES HARD RED WINTER WHEAT, UNDER EEP, FOR JULY DELIVERY. USDA ACCEPTED BIDS FOR 30,000 TONNES SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT UNDER EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, TO MOROCCO FOR AUGUST SHIPMENT.

DATE CHANGE YEAR AGO TRUCK BIDS: 07/07/93 07/06/93 07/08/92 WHEAT: KANSAS CITY 3.13-3.15 DN 5-4 3.48-3.50 MINNEAPOLIS TRUCK BID 4.13 1/4 DN 31 1/4 3.58 PORTLAND 3.50-3.52 DN 3-4 4.20-4.25 ST. LOUIS NEW CROP BID 2.97-3.00 DN 8 3.39-3.42.

CORN, U.S. NO. 2 YELLOW: KANSAS CITY 2.43-2.44 DN 2 2.50-2.52 MINNEAPOLIS 2.32 3/4 DN 2 1/2 2.42 SO. IOWA 2.39-2.42 DN 2-1 2.48-2.50 OMAHA 2.31-2.33 DN 1-NC 2.36-2.39.

SOYBEANS, NO. 1 YELLOW: KANSAS CITY 7.00-7.03 UP 19 5.82-5.86 MINNEAPOLIS 6.91 3/4 UP 13 1/4 5.78 3/4 SO. IOWA 7.01-7.04 UP 13-15 5.81-5.86 C. ILL. PROCESSORS 6.96 3/4-7.09 3/4 UP 14 1/4-9 3/4 5.88 3/4-5.94 3/4.

*TRUCK BIDS FOR KANSAS CITY, US NO. 1 HARD RED WINTER WHEAT, ORDINARY PROTEIN. MINNEAPOLIS, US NO. 1 DARK NORTHERN SPRING WHEAT, 14% PROTEIN. PORTLAND, NO. 1 SOFT WHITE

WHEAT, ST. LOUIS, NO. 2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT.

FUTURES CLOSE: KANSAS CITY (SEPT) WHEAT 3.05 3/4 DN 6 1/2 3.40 MINNEAPOLIS (SEPT) WHEAT 3.13 1/4 DN 6 1/4 3.35 CHICAGO (SEPT) WHEAT 3.05 1/2 DN 7 1/4 3.42 1/2 (SEPT) CORN 2.47 3/4 DN 1 1/2 2.42 (DEC) CORN 2.57 3/4 DN 1 1/4 2.43 1/2 (AUG) SOYBEANS 7.09 3/4 UP 14 1/2 5.78 3/4 (NOV) SOYBEANS 7.15 UP 17 1/4.

EXPORT: BARGE OR RAIL, PORT OF NEW ORLEANS OR NORTH TEXAS GULF. NO. 1 HARD RED WINTER WHEAT ORDINARY PROTEIN 3.44 3/4 DN 6 1/2 3.76-3.77 NO. 2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT 3.25 1/2 DN 3 1/2-6 1/2 3.61-3.62 NO. 2 YELLOW CORN 2.63 3/4-2.66 DN 1/4-1 1/4 2.70-2.71 NO. 2 YELLOW SORGHUM RAIL 4.51 DN 2 BARGE 4.71 NC 4.31-4.60 **7/6 SORGHUM SHOULD HAVE BEEN 4.53 NO. 2 YELLOW SOYBEANS 7.28-7.29 UP 15-14 6.08-6.09 BIRD.

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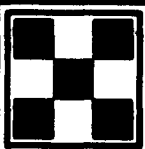
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