



MARCH 13-19, 1995

FULL SAP MOON, MARCH 16.

"BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH"

The Ides of March was certainly calamitous for Julius Caesar, who was assassinated on March 15, 44 B.C., and the concept of unlucky days has survived into modern times. Ancient Romans regarded the ides (the 13th or 15th depending on the month) as ill-fated, as well as the calends (first of the month) and the nones (nine days before the ides). In the 1816 *Old Farmer's Almanac* we find these days transformed into old women whose breath is poisonous.



"To whatsoever was true, honest, or of good report, their breath was as blasting and mildew. These monsters are now no more; but they so leavened the world with their abominable practices that their influence will never be eradicated."

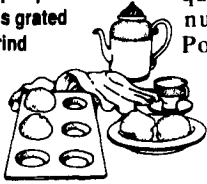
Do not be born good or handsome, but be born lucky.

TIP OF THE WEEK

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

YAM AND PECAN MUFFINS

- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 cup cooked, mashed yams
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 2 teaspoons grated orange rind



Combine flour, salt, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and nutmeg in a separate bowl, beat eggs and add melted butter, milk, and mashed yams. Combine liquid ingredients with dry ingredients with a few quick strokes and fold in nuts and orange rind. Pour batter into well-greased muffin tins and bake at 400° F for 20 to 25 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



*March damp and warm
 Will do farmer much harm.*

A bushel of March dust is worth a king's ransom.

*If the Moon rises clear,
 expect fair weather.*

*The winds of the daytime
 wrestle and fight
 Longer and stronger than
 those of the night.*

Leesport Livestock Auction
 LEESPORT, PA
 March 8, 1995

CATTLE 270... PDA ...Holsteins steers steady to 2.00 lower, cows uneven. Supply included 122 sl. steers & heifers and 22 feeder cattle.

STEERS: Choice 1125/1335 lbs. 68.50-71.75, Select 63.50-67.50.

HOLSTEINS: few High Choice and Prime 1435/1555 lbs. 64.50-66.25, Choice 1300/1600 lbs. 60.00-65.25 mostly 62.50-64.25, Select 56.50-61.00, Standard 52.00-55.25.

HEIFERS: few Choice 1105/1380 lbs. 67.25-69.25, few Select 60.75-64.25, Choice Holsteins 1100/1395 lbs. 58.00-63.75, few Select 54.25-57.25.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 42.00-44.50, few 45.75, Cutter and Boning Utility 39.00-43.00, Canner and Low Cutter 35.00-42.50. Shells down to 25.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1380/2595 lbs. 50.50-53.50, one 55.75, No. 2 1130/2100 lbs. 49.50-51.75. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers: few Large Frame No. 2 515/580 lbs. 65.00; Heifers: Medium Frame No. 1 & 2 395/460 lbs. 62.00-64.00, few Large Frame No. 2 620/737 lbs. 43.50-50.00; Bulls: few Medium Frame No. 1 600/620 lbs. 54.00-64.00, few Large Frame No. 2 675/905 lbs. 43.75-44.50.

CALVES 106...VEALERS: few Standard and Good 80/95 lbs. 45.00-50.00, Utility 45/80 lbs. 27.50-40.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls 10.00 to 15.00 lower, heifers mostly steady. No. 1 Holstein bulls 85/120 lbs. 80.00-107.00, few 110.00, No. 2 80/120 lbs. 60.00-90.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 90/110 lbs. 162.50-187.50, few No. 2 70/120 lbs.

70.00-150.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 60/140 lbs. 75.00-135.00.

HOGS 138...Barrows and gilts 1.00 to 1.50 lower, sows mostly steady. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 1-2 210/255 lbs. 36.50-37.25, one 39.00, US 1-3 215/260 lbs. 34.00-35.25, US 2-3 225/280 lbs. 32.50-33.60, few US 1-3 180/210 lbs. 32.50-34.00. **SOWS:** US 1-3 355/635 lbs. 25.00-31.50 mostly 29.75-31.00. **BOARS:** 275/750 lbs. 19.00-21.00.

FEEDER PIGS 42...Few US 1-3 45/90 lbs. 50.00-87.50. --- per head.

SHEEP 27...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** few Choice 90/115 lbs. 78.00-82.50, few 140/175 lbs. 60.00-73.00. **NEW CROP LAMBS:** few Choice 40/60 lbs. 115.00-130.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 23.00-33.00.

GOATS 14...Few Medium 50.00-57.50, one Small 40.00, Kids 40.00-44.00, one 47.50. --- per head.

Mercer Livestock Auction
 MERCER, PA
 March 7, 1995

CATTLE 283... PDA ...Compared with last Tuesday's market...sl. steers steady, cows 1.00 to 2.00 lower. **STEERS:** few High Choice and Prime 1150/1425 lbs. 68.00-71.85, Choice 1100/1450 lbs. 66.75-70.85, one 72.10, Select 63.00-66.75, Standard 50.00-60.00. **HOLSTEINS:** few Choice 1350/1400 lbs. 60.00-65.75, few Select 55.00-57.50, few Standard 50.00-54.00. **HEIFERS:** few Choice 1000/1100 lbs. 67.00-69.00, few Select 58.00-65.00, few Standard

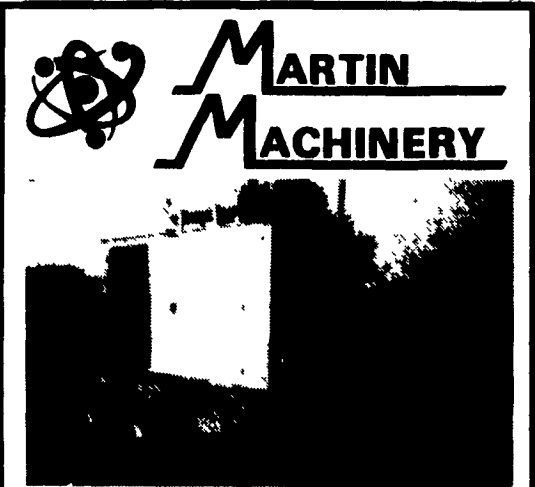
55.00-59.00. **COWS:** few Breaking Utility and Commercial 40.00-46.00, low yielding 32.00-35.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 35.00-42.00, Canner and Low Cutter 30.00-36.00. Shel's down to 25.00. **BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1 1145/2300 lbs. 49.75-54.00, No. 2 1050/2055 lbs. 39.00-47.25. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers: few Medium Frame No. 1 625/1100 lbs. 50.50-57.00, few 400/515 lbs. 63.00-65.50; Heifers: Large Frame No. 1 600/775 lbs. 65.00-68.00, Medium Frame No. 1 450/710 lbs. 53.00-60.00; Bulls: few Medium Frame No. 1 400/650 lbs. 48.50-71.00, few Large Frame No. 2 450/950 lbs. 40.00-46.00.

CALVES 126...**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 65/120 lbs. 30.00-50.00, Utility 50/95 lbs. 20.00-30.00. **FARM CALVES:** No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/140 lbs. 100.00-125.00, No. 2 90/130 lbs. 60.00-100.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 95/105 lbs. 165.00-185.00, few No. 2 80/90 lbs. 80.00-160.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 75/105 lbs. 65.00-135.00.

HOGS 113...Barrows and gilts 1.00 to 2.00 higher. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 1-2 240/260 lbs. 38.75-40.00, US 1-3 220/260 lbs. 36.50-38.50, few US 2-3 200/210 lbs. 35.50-6.50. **SOWS:** few US 1-3 350/675 lbs. 30.00-35.00. **BOARS:** one 505 lbs. 23.50.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!
SHEEP 6...**SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** few 20.00-32.00.

GOATS 3...Few Large 77.00. --- per head.



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