



MARCH 27-APRIL 2, 1995

DOCTORS' DAY, MARCH 30.

**ALL FOOLS DAY**

Nearly everyone has been caught on the receiving end of an April Fool's joke at least once. Young and old alike enjoy playing practical jokes and sending others on foolish errands. It seems the custom has been around forever. Although its origins are hazy, many folklorists believe the tradition may stem from France in 1582 when the Gregorian calendar moved New Year's Day from March 25 to January 1. Those first April Fools got caught by the calendar, rather than friends. In France, the person fooled is called a *poisson d'avril*, literally, an April fish. Anyone who has ever been "fished in" by a practical joke will know how they feel.



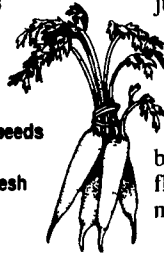
*He is not a wise man who cannot play the fool on occasion.* — English proverb

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Check birdhouses for damage and see to their spring cleaning before the tenants arrive for the season.

**SNOWPEA AND CARROT SALAD**

- 2 cups fresh snowpeas, cut diagonally
- 2 medium carrots, cut in matchsticks
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sunflower seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh mint



Summer vegetables in water for 3 to 5 minutes, until barely done. Drain and rinse under cold water. Dry on paper towel. Combine lemon juice, sesame oil, and soy sauce; mix well. Toast sunflower seeds in oven at 300° F until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Dress vegetables and toss with sunflower seeds and chopped mint. Serve hot or cold.

Makes 6 servings.

**The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*Snow in April is manure; snow in March devours.*

*If the first three days in April be foggy,*

*Rain in June will make the lanes boggy.*

*If it thunders on All Fools' Day, It will bring good crops of corn and hay.*

*Thunder in spring, Cold will bring.*

**New Wilmington Livestock Auction**  
NEW WILMINGTON, PA  
March 20, 1995

CATTLE 217... PDA ...cows 1.00 to 3.00 lower. STEERS: two Choice 1165/1225 lbs. 67.00. HOLSTEINS: few Select 55.00-59.00. HEIFERS: few Choice 1225/1325 lbs. 65.00-65.75, Standard 50.00-55.00. COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 37.75-42.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 35.00-41.75, Canner and Low Cutter 32.75-36.75. Shells down to 26.00. BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 950/1755 lbs. 45.75-53.00, few No. 2 1150/1400 lbs. 40.25-45.00. FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium Frame No. 1 350/700 lbs. 60.00-84.00; HEIFERS Medium Frame No. 1 350/650 lbs. 56.00-66.00, few 84 00, Large Frame No. 2 560/850 lbs. 44.00-50.00; BULLS: few Medium Frame No. 1 400/600 lbs. 58.50-63.00, few Large Frame No. 2 200/225 lbs. 65.00-114.00.

CALVES 211... VEALERS: few Good and Choice 160/235 lbs. 88.00-99.00, Standard and Good 75/105 lbs. 30.00-50.00, Utility 50/105 lbs. 10.00-32.50. FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 120/135 lbs. 85.00-97.50, 90/115 lbs. 104.00- 115.00, 80/85 lbs. 47.00-95.00, No. 2 90/115 lbs. 60.00-95.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 85/105 lbs. 150.00-181.00, No. 2 75/185 lbs. 75.00-125.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 85/135 lbs. 80.00-151.00.

HOGS 314...Barrows and gilts .50 to 1.25 lower. BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 220/260 lbs. 36.50-38.50, US 1-3 220/260 lbs. 35.00- 36.00, US 2-3 200/240 lbs. 32.00-34.25, US 1-3 170/190 lbs.

28.00-30.00. COWS: US 1-3 450/550 lbs. 28.50-33.00. BOARS: few 320/575 lbs. 25.50-25.75.

FEEDER PIGS 32...Few US 1-3 40/50 lbs. 22.00-31.00. --- per head.

SHEEP 113...NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 40/95 lbs. 83.00-99.00, few 75.00. OLD CROP LAMBS: Choice 90/120 lbs. 60.00-79.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 15.00-37.00.

GOATS 40...Large 51.00-84.00, few Small & Medium 21.00-34.00, few Large Kids 23.00-36.00, Small Kids 6.00-15.00 mostly 8.00-13.00. --- per head.

**Eighty-Four Livestock**  
Eighty-Four, Pa.  
Monday, March 20, 1995

Report Supplied by Auction

STEERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME, NONE; SELECT 60.00-62.00; STANDARD 54.00-59.50, UTILITY 52.00 DOWN.

HEIFERS: CHOICE AND SELECT, NONE; STANDARD 53.00-57.00, UTILITY 52.50 DOWN.

COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 39.00-43.00; CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 36.00-40.50; CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 32.00-35.50; SHELLS DOWN TO 31.00 DOWN.

BULLS: YG#1 53.00-62.50; YG#2 45.00-52.00.

FEEDER STEERS: 200-300 LBS. 61.00-80.00, 300-500 LBS. 53.00-83.00,

500-800 LBS. 51.00-74.50; HEIFERS 200-300 LBS. 60.00-86.00, 300-500 LBS. 50.00-66.00, 500-800 LBS. 48.00-69.50; BULLS 200-300 LBS. 57.00-83.00, 300-500 LBS. 50.00-84.00, 500-800 LBS. 50.00-65.00.

VEALERS: GOOD 69.00-72.00, STANDARD AND GOOD 60.00-67.50, UTILITY 57.00 DOWN.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 102.50-117.50; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90.00-175.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS #2 85.00-100.00; BEEF BULLS 80.00-160.00; BEEF HEIFERS 90.00-122.50.

HOGS: US#1-3 240-260 LBS. 36.50-39.50.

SOWS: UNDER 500 LBS. 29.00-31.00, OVER 500 LBS. 31.25-32.50.

BOARS: 23.00-24.50.

FEEDER PIGS: US#1-3 40-60 LBS. 19.00-20.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 20-40 LBS. 104.00-114.00; 40-60 LBS. 94.00-110.00; 60-80 LBS. 90.00-106.00; CHOICE AND PRIME 80-100 LBS. 84.00-95.00; FEEDER LAMBS GOOD AND CHOICE 63.00-79.00, UTILITY 60.00 DOWN; EWES 20.00-40.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE 54.00-56.00; MEDIUM 40.00-65.00; SMALL 24.00-26.50.

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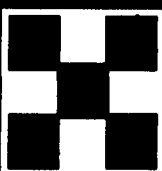
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