



APRIL 10-16, 1995

FULL PINK MOON, APRIL 15.

THE BIG WIND

Generally, blustery spring days are a welcome sign of the season. However, the wind becomes a damaging force at about 39 miles per hour. According to Beaufort's Scale of Wind Speeds (used by the National Weather Service) wind speeds of more than 75 mph are classified as a hurricane. Although extreme wind speeds in tornadoes and hurricanes have never been fully measured, they have been estimated at around 200 mph. One spring day the wind broke its own record. On April 12, 1934, a gust of wind on Mount Washington in New Hampshire, was measured at 231 mph. It was "the strongest natural wind ever recorded on the earth's surface."



*No weather is ill,
If the wind be still.*

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A wet Good Friday and a wet Easter Day, Make plenty of grass, but very little hay.

If the robin sings loudly from the topmost of trees, expect a storm.

If the wind increases during a rain, fair weather may be expected soon.

Rain on Good Friday foreshows a fruitful year.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Before painting, run a comb through the paintbrush to remove loose bristles.

LAMB WITH CAPER SAUCE

- 1 5-pound leg of lamb
- 1 clove garlic, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- salt and pepper

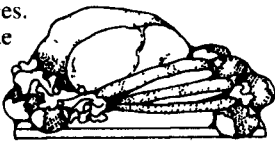
Sauce:

- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup light cream
- 3 tablespoons capers, drained

Trim excess fat and cut slits in side of lamb; insert garlic slices. Place meat, fat side up, on rack in roasting pan. Top with onion and

season with salt and pepper. Roast at 325° F until meat thermometer registers 170° to 180° F, about 3 1/2 hours. To make sauce: Strain pan juices and measure a half cup into a saucepan. Stir in the flour and salt. Add water and cream and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Stir in capers. Serve with lamb.

Makes 10 to 12 servings.



Middleburg Livestock Auction

MIDDLEBURG, PA

April 4, 1995

CATTLE 384... PDA ...Compared to last Tuesday's markets...Choice sl. steers 2.00 higher, bulls 2.00 to 3.00 lower. STEERS: Choice 1150/1450 lbs. 62.75-67.00, few Select 56.75-61.75, few Standard 50.00-53.50. HOLSTEINS: one Prime 62.50, Choice 1280/1600 lbs. 57.75-61.00, few Select 51.75-57.75. HEIFERS: Choice few Choice 1070/1370 lbs. 60.75-64.75, few Choice Holsteins 55.25-59.00. COWS: few Breaking Utility and Commercial 39.00-42.00, one 42.75, Canner and Boning Utility 38.50-42.75, Canner and Low Cutter 34.00-38.25. Shells down to 30.00. BULLOCKS: few Choice 50.50-54.25, few Select 47.00-48.50. BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1300/1790 lbs. 41.00-47.50, one 50.50, few No. 2 1150/1270 lbs. 40.00-41.00. FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS & BULLS: Medium Frame No. 1 400/675 lbs. 57.00-70.50, few Large Frame No. 2 300/850 lbs. 44.00-64.00; HEIFERS: Medium Frame No. 1 360/640 lbs. 50.00-62.00.

CALVES 199...VEALERS: one Choice 107.00, Standard and Good 75/100 lbs. 60.00- 63.00, Utility 50/85 lbs. 45.00-60.00. FARM CALVES: No. 1

Holstein bulls 85/130 lbs. 95.00-118.00, No. 2 70/120 lbs. 65.00-95.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 85/115 lbs. 175.00-217.50, No. 2 75/115 lbs. 95.00-150.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 70/100 lbs. 75.00-107.00.

HOGS 444...(04/03 & 04/95)...Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 210/260 lbs. 37.00-38.00, US 1-3 210/260 lbs. 36.00- 37.50, US 2-3 210/265 lbs. 33.50-36.50, US 1-3 270/315 lbs. 32.00-35.50. SOWS US 1-3 400/480 lbs. 26.50-28.50, 450/525 lbs. 28.00-29.50. BOARS: 19.00-21.00.

FEEDER PIGS 127...US 1-3 35/55 lbs. 24.00-34.00. --- per head. SHEEP 76...NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 25/35 lbs. 130.00-167.50, 40/60 lbs. 85.00- 110.00. WOOLED LAMBS: few Choice 85/110 lbs. 63.00-81.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 17.00-45.00. GOATS 44...Large 40.00-63.00, one 117.00, few Medium 40.00-60.00, few Large Kids 28.00-46.00, Small Kids 17.00-38.00. --- per head.

Belleville Livestock Auction

BELLEVILLE, PA

April 5, 1995

CATTLE 389... PDA .. Supply included 275 Dairy cows and heifers ...sl. cows steady to 1.00 higher. STEERS: few Select 59.60-60.35. COWS: Breaking Utility and

Commercial 36.50-41.00, Cutter and Honing Utility 38.00-41.75, one 43.60, Canner and Low Cutter 34.75-37.25. Shells down to 30.00. BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 930/1690 lbs. 42.00-45.75. FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Large Frame No. 2 615/995 lbs. 47.50-54.00.

CALVES 65...VEALERS: few Standard and Good 70/100 lbs. 58.00-63.00, few Utility 50/80 lbs. 38.00-47.00. FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 85/120 lbs. 95.00-121.00, No. 2 80/115 lbs. 65.00-85.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 90/95 lbs. 165.00-175.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 70/90 lbs. 65.00-102.50. HOGS 71...BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 230/260 lbs. 33.60-35.00, few US 2-3 260/270 lbs. 32.25-33.10. SOWS: few US 1-3 340/350 lbs. 25.00-29.50. BOARS: one 19.00.

FEEDER PIGS 91...US 1-3 25/50 lbs. 32.00-46.00. --- per head. SHEEP 275...NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 25/35 lbs. 125.00-185.00, 40/55 lbs. 105.00- 145.00, 60/85 lbs. 80.00-96.00. WOOLED LAMBS: few Choice 85/130 lbs. 63.00-73.00, Good 25/50 lbs. 60.00-85.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 19.00-41.00.

GOATS 63...Large 40.00-69.00, Large Kids 40.00-65.00, Small Kids 21.00-39.00, couple 68.00. --- per head. DAIRY COWS...\$650.00-\$1300.00. --- per head.

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