



APRIL 24-30, 1995

WALPURGIS NIGHT, APRIL 30.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROBERT B!

The founder of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, Robert Bailey Thomas, was born in Grafton, Massachusetts on April 24, 1766 — 229 years ago. The first of 12 editors and 23 publishers to concern themselves with *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, now in its 203rd anniversary issue, Robert B. put out 54 editions before he died in 1846. The *Old* was added to the title from 1832 to 1835, and then permanently from 1848, to reduce confusion with competing almanacs. Now collector's items, the old issues still crop up in attics, backhouses, and barns around New England. The original issue cost sixpence (about nine cents).



Everything has a beginning.

— French proverb

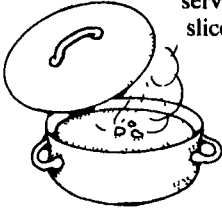
TIP OF THE WEEK

Freshly-cut cucumber rinds will discourage crickets and cockroaches from taking up housekeeping.

DANIEL WEBSTER'S CHOWDER

- 4 tablespoons chopped onion, fried in salt pork
- 1 quart boiled potatoes, mashed
- 1-1/2 pounds sea biscuit
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon summer savory
- 1/2 bottle mushroom catsup
- 1 bottle claret or port wine
- 1/2 nutmeg, grated
- some cloves, mace, and allspice
- 6 pounds sea bass or cod, sliced
- 25 large oysters
- black pepper, to taste
- lemon slices for garnish

Put all ingredients except lemons in a pot, cover with an inch of water, and boil for one hour, stirring occasionally. (Reputedly, boatmen prepare it better than others.) Garnish each serving with a slice of lemon.



Serves a crowd!

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

When leaves show their undersides, Be sure that rain betides.

If the oak comes out, There has been or will be drought.

When the goose bone exposed to air turns blue, it indicates rain.

Many gnats in spring indicate that the autumn will be warm.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md. April 19, 1995

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SLAUGHTER COWS: STEADY PRICES. UTILITY 39.00-43.00; HIGH DRESSING 43.50-46.25; CANNERS 36.00-40.00; SHELLY 36.00 DOWN.
BULLS: YG#1 1400-1850 LBS. 53.00-58.75; 2 2200 LBS. 48.00 AND 49.00; YG#2 1400 LBS. 45.00-48.00.
FED STEERS: 2.00-3.00 LOWER. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1100-1400 LBS. 63.00-65.00; 1450-1550 LBS. 59.00-63.00; AVG. CHOICE 1100-1400 LBS. 60.00-63.00; SELECT 57.00-60.00.
FED HEIFERS: HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1050-1350 LBS. 60.00-62.50; LOW CHOICE 900-1150 LBS. 55.00-59.00.
VEAL CALVES: CHOICE, NONE; CULLS FEW 60-100 LBS. 52.00-62.00; WEAK/ROUGH 45.00 DOWN.
FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 90-120 LBS. 105.00-126.00; #2 80-110 LBS. 70.00-100.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 180.00-200.00; #2 75-110 LBS. 130.00-175.00; BEEF X BULLS TO 112.00; HEIFERS TO 90.00.
BUTCHER HOGS: US#1&3 225-260 LBS. TO 35.25; 1 LOT 269 LBS. AT 34.00; 1 LOT 215 LBS. AT 30.25.
STOCK CATTLE: STEERS MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 70.00-77.00; 400-600 LBS. 68.00-78.00; 600-800 LBS. 60.00-71.00; 800-950 LBS. 52.00-58.00.
HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 57.00-67.00; 500-700 LBS. 54.00-67.00; 700-900 LBS. 49.00-57.00.

BULLS: 300-500 LBS. 65.00-72.00; 500-700 LBS. 60.00-68.00; 700-900 LBS. 49.00-60.00.
DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: LARGE FRESH AND SPRINGING 800.00-985.00; MEDIUM 700.00-800.00; SHORT BREDS 635.00-775.00; OPEN HEIFERS 400-600 LBS. 360.00-585.00; SMALL 200.00-400.00; BY THE POUND TO 115.00.
SHEEP: 28.00-36.00, FEW TO 47.00.
LAMBS: 1 CHOICE 85 LBS. AT 101.00; FEW 50-65 LBS. 117.00-127.00.
GOATS: MEDIUM TO 39.00.
PIGS AND SHOATS: 38 HEAD. BY THE HEAD FROM TESTED HERDS, 30-40 LBS. TO 20.00; 40-55 LBS. 24.00-27.00.
SOWS: 300-450 LBS. 21.00-25.50; 450-600 LBS. 26.00-30.50.
BOARS: 235 LBS. TO 25.75.
NEXT WED., APRIL 26: SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE. PROMISED: 1 PUREBRED ANGUS BULL, 900 LBS. CAN BE REGISTERED.

HEIFERS: 11 HEAD. CHOICE 980-1065 LBS. 58.25-61.75, SELECT 980-1225 LBS. 54.50-58.00.
COWS: 50 HEAD. BRKBAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 42.00-44.75, CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 39.25-42.75, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 36.50-39.25, SHELLS 36.50 AND DOWN.
BULLS: 6 HEAD. YG#1 1020-1070 LBS. 50.25-53.25; YG#2 1040-1700 LBS. 44.25-46.75.
FEEDER CATTLE: HEIFERS 265 LBS. 64.00.
CALVES: 57 HEAD. STANDARD AND GOOD 70-95 LBS. 40.00-50.00, UTILITY 60-65 LBS. 20.00-30.00; FARM CALVES, HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-125 LBS. 110.00-120.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS #2 85-95 LBS. 70.00-92.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 85 LBS. 155.00-157.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #2 75 LBS. 100.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 80-85 LBS. 50.00-57.00; 115 LBS. 120.00.
HOGS: 39 HEAD. US#1-3 253-260 LBS. 33.00-34.00.
SOWS: 22 HEAD. US#1-3 485-595 LBS. 28.00-30.00; #2-3 435-480 LBS. 24.00-27.00.
BOARS: 2 HEAD 250 LBS. 22.00; 415 LBS. 20.00.
SHEEP: 9 HEAD. SLAUGHTER SHEEP 23.00-28.00.
GOATS: 4 HEAD. LARGE 65.00-76.00, MEDIUM 27.00-52.00.

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, PA Tuesday, April 18, 1995

Report supplied by Auction
STEERS: 24 HEAD. CHOICE 1395 LBS. 64.00; HOLSTEINS CHOICE 1335-1580 LBS. 58.25-61.50, SELECT 1245-1620 LBS. 54.50-57.25, STANDARD 1110-1285 LBS. 48.75-53.25.

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