



MAY 1 - 7, 1995

MAY DAY, MAY 1

MAY BASKETS

You've probably heard of hanging May baskets on the door to welcome Spring, but did you know that dew collected on May Day is reputed to wash away freckles? As you gather flowers for your May basket, keep in mind that floral bouquets were once more articulate than the fountain pen. Some signifying flowers included: apple blossoms for temptation; buttercups for childishness and riches; chamomile for energy in adversity; white daisies for innocence; purple lilacs for early love; white lilacs for modesty; mountain ash for prudence; narcissus for self-esteem; yellow tulips for hopeless love; sweet peas for respect; and blue violets for faithfulness.



"... these stars of earth — these golden flowers."

— H W Longfellow

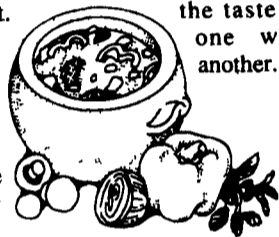
TIP OF THE WEEK

Oil of lavender, diluted with greater parts of water and wiped on your tablecloth, will drive flies away.

SPRING SOUP

When the new vegetables begin to appear in the marketplace, make a delicate soup broth of veal or chicken, then add a handful of each vegetable in the market. Green peas, young carrots, a small turnip, a few green beans, and some pearl onions can be cooked together just until soft. Before serving, sprinkle over

the top a sprig of parsley, a bit of lettuce, and a stalk or two of celery, all chopped fine. The trick is not to overcook the vegetables, or overpower the taste of one with another.



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Rain on Jacob's Day (May 1), expect a fertile year.

When the perfume of flowers is unusually strong, expect rain.

If flowers stay open all night, the weather will be wet the next day.

Special Offer: Handy chart full of interesting weather proverbs. Send \$3 to Weather Chart, Dept. UF, The Old Farmer's Almanac, Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444.

Middleburg Livestock Auction

MIDDLEBURG, PA
April 25, 1995

CATTLE 484... PDA ...Compared to last Tuesday's sale...sl. steers .75 to 2.25 lower, cows .25 to 1.50 lower. **STEERS:** few High Choice and Prime 1300/1400 lbs. 65.50-67.25, Choice 1075/1450 lbs. 61.25-66.50, few down 60.00, Select 56.00-60.00. **HOLSTEINS:** High Choice and Prime 1250/1450 lbs. 59.50-62.00, Choice 1150/1500 lbs. 57.00-59.75, Select 49.00-55.00. **HEIFERS:** few Choice 1040/1300 lbs. 55.00-62.50, few Select 50.50-53.50. **COWS:** Breaking Utility and Commercial 40.50-43.25, couple Beef cross to 46.50, Cutter and Boning Utility 39.75-43.75, couple 44.75, Canner and Low Cutter 35.00-39.25. Shells down to 30.00. **BULLOCKS:** one lot Choice 1080 lbs. 59.75. **BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1 1100/1955 lbs. 45.75-53.50, one 56.00, few No. 2 1050/1910 lbs. 42.25-46.75. **FEEDER CATTLE:** **STEERS:** Medium Frame No. 1 450/785 lbs. 57.00-71.00, few Large Frame No. 2 450/700 lbs. 52.00-62.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium Frame No. 1 400/725 lbs. 48.00-58.00. **CALVES** 153...**VEALERS:** one Choice 94.00, Standard and Good 70/100 lbs. 60.00- 70.00, Utility 55/85 lbs. 40.00-55.00. **FARM CALVES:** No. 1 Holstein bulls 85/130 lbs. 80.00-107.50, couple 115.00, No. 2 75/120 lbs. 62.50-80.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 75/125 lbs. 150.00-225.00, few No. 2 75/100 lbs. 100.00-145.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 75/120 lbs. 77.50-135.00. **HOGS** 377...(04/24 & 25/95)...Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. Barrows and gilts steady to 1.50

lower, sows steady. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 1-2 220/260 lbs. 36.50-37.85, US 1-3 220/260 lbs. 36.00- 36.50, US 2-3 220/260 lbs. 32.00-35.00, US 1-3 265/290 lbs. 31.75-33.00. **SOWS:** US 1-3 400/480 lbs. 23.50-27.00, 500/600 lbs. 28.75-30.00. **BOARS:** 20.00. **FEEDER PIGS** 159...US 1-3 35/55 lbs. 29.00-41.50. --- per head. **SHEEP** 36...**NEW CROP LAMBS:** Choice 35/80 lbs. 83.00-111.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 19.00-37.00. **GOATS** 11...One Large 60.00, Small Kids 20.00-36.00. --- per head.

Leesport Livestock Auction

LEESPORT, PA
April 26, 1995

CATTLE 286... PDA
Supply included 113 slaughter steers & heifers and 48 feeder cattle. Compared with last week's sale...steers mostly steady, cows 1.25 to 2.50 lower, heifers steady, bulls 2.50 to 5.00 lower. **STEERS:** few Choice 1100/1210 lbs. 62.00-64.50, one 67.00, Select 55.75-61.75, Standard 46.75-53.75. **HOLSTEINS:** few High Choice and Prime 1210/1460 lbs. 58.00-62.00, Choice 1220/1490 lbs. 55.75-59.50, Select 51.00-56.50, Standard 43.00-48.50. **HEIFERS:** Choice 1045/1375 lbs. 60.00-64.25, few Select 54.50-59.25. **COWS:** Breaking Utility and Commercial 40.50-43.25, Cutter and Boning Utility 37.00-41.50, Canner and Low Cutter 34.00-40.50. Shells down to 30.00. **BULLOCKS:** few Select 50.75-57.00. **BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1 1020/2285 lbs. 44.50-47.00, few 51.00, few No. 2 1110/1635 lbs. 40.00-45.25. **FEEDER CATTLE:** **STEERS:** few Large Frame No.

2 315/500 lbs. 78.00-80.00, few Medium Frame No. 1 550/840 lbs. 61.00-63.00, few Large Frame No. 2 320/780 lbs. 55.00-67.00; **HEIFERS:** few Medium Frame 300/625 lbs. 53.00-71.00; **BULLS:** Large & Medium Frame No. 1 300/800 lbs. 53.00-60.00, one 78.00, Large Frame No. 2 300/600 lbs. 55.00-66.00. **CALVES** 114...**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 60/95 lbs. 80.00-65.00, Utility 55/80 lbs. 37.50-50.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls steady to weak, heifers steady. No. 1 Holstein bulls 85/120 lbs. 90.00-107.50, No. 2 70/120 lbs. 70.00-95.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 80/120 lbs. 165.00-220.00, few No. 2 70/100 lbs. 97.50-155.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 95/155 lbs. 120.00-125.00.

HOGS 183...Barrows and gilts steady, sows steady to 1.50 lower. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 1-2 220/265 lbs. 34.00-35.60, US 1-3 235/270 lbs. 32.00-34.00, US 2-3 260/315 lbs. 25.25-30.00. **SOWS:** US 1-3 320/460 lbs. 23.50-26.50, 500/820 lbs. 27.00-29.00, few Medium 300/515 lbs. 18.00-22.00. **BOARS:** 205/765 lbs. 19.50-22.00.

FEEDER PIGS 100...US 1-3 20/60 lbs. 69.00-80.00, few down 65.00. --- per cwt.

SHEEP 32...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice 30/55 lbs. 92.50-125.00, one 170.00, 60/100 lbs. 90.00-98.00, few 115/135 lbs. 71.00-78.00, few Good and Choice 45/80 lbs. 80.00-86.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 33.00-54.00.

GOATS 14...Few Large 52.50-70.00, one 155.00, few Medium 40.00-60.00, few Large Kids 39.00-42.00, few Small Kids 22.50-35.00. --- per head.

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Sow Contracts

- 300 Sows and Up

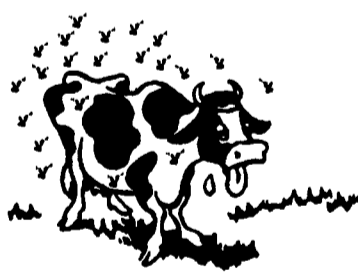

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