



MARCH 4-10, 1996

FULL SAP MOON, MARCH 5.

TOWN MEETING DAY

March 5, besides being the Full Sap Moon, also marks Town Meeting Day in Vermont, among other places. In rural communities across New England, Town Meeting Day is a chance to get out and about in the name of democracy and shed a bit of our winter cabin fever. Local scuttlebutt is considered, sides are taken, and the not-so-silent majority has an opportunity to sound off. Mud season seems a suitable time for this foray into the community, although snow jobs are still possible, windiness is sometimes rampant, and there's danger of icy glares.

"Is it not possible that an individual may be right and a government wrong?"



- Henry David Thoreau

TIP OF THE WEEK

To avoid cracking, leather boots should be dried away from direct heat, then grease applied to the leather.

PEAR GINGER CHUTNEY

- 5 cups peeled, chopped pears
- 1/3 cup chopped gingerroot
- 1 lemon, seeded and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup currants
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 2 red peppers, seeded and chopped
- 2 cups cider vinegar



Combine all ingredients and simmer until sauce thickens, about 2 hours, stirring frequently. Put hot chutney into sterilized jars and seal. Process 15 minutes in a boiling water bath. Makes 3 pints.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A wet March, a sad autumn.

Watch out for weather-breeders (a day of unseasonable fineness, coming suddenly after a series of damp ones). Such a day is generally followed by foul weather.

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

MIDDLEBURG, PA
FEBRUARY 27, 1996

CATTLE 463.. PDA ...Compared with last week's sale...steers uneven, mostly steady to strong, cows about steady.
STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 1250/1450 lbs. 63.00-63.50, Choice 1075/1400 lbs. 58.00-63.00, Select 54.00-57.75, few Standard 42.75-48.00.
HOLSTEINS: Choice 1265/1570 lbs. 54.00-57.75, Select 49.00-54.00, few Standard 38.50-44.50.
HEIFERS: Choice 1025/1300 lbs. 57.00-60.75, few Select 48.00-56.25, few Standard 39.00-44.50.
COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 33.00-37.25, couple 38.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 31.50-35.00, Canner and Low Cutter 25.50-31.25, few down 23.00. Shells down to 15.00.
BULLOCKS: few Choice 1200/1300 lbs. 53.75-56.00.
BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1190/1875 lbs. 38.75-45.00, few No. 2 1100/1728 lbs. 32.00-37.75.
FEEDER CATTLE: **STEERS:** Medium Frame No. 1 300/800 lbs. 41.00-56.00, few Large Frame No. 2 350/825 lbs. steers & bulls 31.00-35.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium Frame No. 1 300/820 lbs. 34.00-46.00; **BULLS:** Medium Frame No. 1 300/700 lbs. 36.00-46.00.
CALVES 193...VEALERS: one Choice 59.00, Standard and Good 75/105 lbs. 36.00-40.00, Utility 55/85 lbs. 20.00-36.00.
FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs. 65.00-85.00, few 90.00, No. 2 85/120 lbs. 40.00-60.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 85/110 lbs. 70.00-122.50, few No. 2 70/85 lbs. 45.00-65.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 75/115 lbs. 39.00-67.00.
HOGS 316...(02/26 & 27/96). Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. Barrows and gilts and sows were steady.
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 230/260 lbs. 47.50-48.50, US 1-3 215/265 lbs. 46.25-48.00, US 2-3 215/265 lbs. 45.50-47.50.
SOWS: US 1-3 425/480 lbs. 32.00-34.00, 480/600 lbs. 33.00-35.50, Medium 300/425 lbs. 33.00-38.00.
BOARS: all weights 25.00-27.50.
FEEDER PIGS 33...NONE ON OFFER!
SHEEP 43...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 85/135 lbs. 75.00-94.00.
NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 25/55 lbs. 125.00-155.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 30.00-43.00.
GOATS 20...Large 45.00-85.00, Medium 30.00-47.00. --- per head.

Dewart Livestock

DEWART, PA
FEBRUARY 26, 1996

CATTLE 95... (PDA)
STEERS: Holstein: few Choice 1280/1425 lbs 53.75-57.75, few Select 46.50-50.50.
HEIFERS: couple Choice 1300/1400 lbs 56.00 & 60.50, few Select 50.25-52.00.
COWS: few Breaking Utility and Commercial 32.75-34.50, Cutter and Boning Utility 30.00-34.50, one 45.50, Canner and Low Cutter 25.75-28.75. Shells down to 21.50.
BULLS: couple Yield Grade No. 1 1245/1545 lbs. 37.25 & 40.00, one Yield Grade No 2 1150 lbs 35.50.
FEEDER CATTLE: **STEERS:** Large Frame No. 2 600/900 lbs. 34.00-41.00; **HEIFERS:** few Medium Frame No. 1 300/350 lbs. 56.00-70.00.
CALVES 137...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75/105 lbs. 35.00-39.00, Utility 55/85 lbs. 25.00-35.00.
FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/120 lbs. 70.00-87.50, No. 2 85/110 lbs. 40.00-70.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 95/125 lbs. 107.50-142.50. Beef cross bulls and heifers 75/100 lbs. 45.00-90.00.
HOGS 20...BARROWS AND GILTS: few lots US 1-3 220/270 lbs. 45.25-50.25.
SOWS: few US 1-3 380/570 lbs. 30.00-35.25.

FEEDER PIGS 74...US 1-3 25/45 lbs. 19.00-31.00, one lot 90 lbs 33.00 --- per head.
SHEEP 5...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: couple Choice 80/115 lbs. 70.00 & 82.50, few New Crop 55/65 lbs 80.00-90.00.
GOATS 0...

St. Louis Cattle, Hogs
SPRINGFIELD, IL
FEBRUARY 26, 1996

This weeks receipts 600 head, last week 550, and last year 600 head.
Cattle and Calves: Compared to last week slaughter steers and heifers steady, except holstein steers weak to 1.00 lower. Cows and bulls steady. Supply mainly Choice and Select and Choice steers and heifers. Light supply holstein steers. Around 15% cows.
Slaughter steers: Choice 2-4 1050-1375 lbs. 60.00-61.50; 2-3 1100-1400 lbs. 61.50-61.75, part load 62.00; Select and Choice 2-3 975-1300 lbs. 57.00-60.00; Select 2-3 950-1225 lbs. 54.00-57.00. Holstein steers: Few Choice 2-3 1350-1500 lbs. 54.00-56.00; Select and Choice 2-3 1175-1450 lbs. 52.00-54.00. Select 2-3 975-1350 lbs. 48.00-52.00.
Slaughter heifers: Choice 2-4 900-1250 lbs. 59.50-61.00; 2-3 975-1275 lbs. 61.00; Select and Choice 2-3 875-1200 lbs. 56.00-59.50; Select 2-3 850-1150 lbs. 53.00-56.00.
Mixed steers and heifers: Choice 2-4 975-1200 lbs. 60.00-61.50.
Slaughter cows: Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-4 29.00-32.00. Cutter and Boning Utility 1-2 29.00-32.00, high yielding 32.00-33.00, few 34.00. Canner and low cutter 1-2 27.00-30.00. Shelly Canner 1-2 23.00-27.00.
Bulls: Yield grade 1-2 1200-1800 lbs. 36.00-42.00. Individual yield grade 1 1600 lbs. 43.00.

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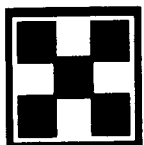


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