



MARCH 11-17, 1996

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17.

APPLE JOHN

Our American folk hero, Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman) died on March 11, 1847. In celebration of his fruitful travels, we ponder a few apples including the apple-john, which is reputed to keep for two years and taste best when shriveled. There's also the apple-pie bed, another name for a short-sheeted bed, with its linen folded so one's legs cannot stretch out. This deviates from a bed in apple-pie order, which is prim and perfect. Both phrases may come from *nappe pliée*, French for folded linen.



"I am withered like an old apple-john." - Shakespeare, *Henry IV*

TIP OF THE WEEK

Never stretch pie dough to fit a pan, as the dough shrinks when baking.

MAPLE APPLE CARAMEL

- 4 large apples
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 cup cream
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup water

Immerse apples in the syrup and simmer until tender, about 20 minutes, turning several times. Remove apples and keep them warm. Boil down the syrup to about 1/2 cup. Add butter and let it melt, then add cornstarch mixed with the cream. Let thicken over low heat. Add brandy and salt, then pour warm syrup over apples and serve.



Put water and maple syrup in a saucepan just large enough to hold the four whole apples. Boil this while coring and peeling the apples, about 3 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



The March Sun causes dust and the winds do blow it about.

So many mists in March, so many frosts in May.

A peck of March dust and a shower in May, Makes the corn green and the fields gay.

A Kerry shower is for 24 hours.

- Irish proverb

Middleburg Livestock Auction
MIDDLEBURG, PA
March 5, 1996

CATTLE 392.. PDA ...Compared with last week's sale...steers steady to 1.00 lower, cows .25 to 2.00 higher, heifers about steady. **STEERS:** Choice 1090/1490 lbs. 57.75-63.25, Select 53.00-57.00, few Standard 46.00-51.50. **HOLSTEINS:** Choice 1300/1600 lbs. 53.00-56.00, Select 48.00-51.50, few Standard 46.00-51.50. **HEIFERS:** Choice 1000/1325 lbs. 56.75-61.00, few Select 54.00-56.75, few Choice Holsteins 52.00-55.25. **COWS:** Breaking Utility and Commercial 34.00-37.50, couple 38.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 32.50-36.50, couple 37.75, Canner and Low Cutter 27.50-32.00. Shells down to 23.00. **BULLS:** few Yield Grade No. 1 1150/2030 lbs. 37.00-41.75, few No.

2 1470/1530 lbs. 30.00-33.25. **BULLOCKS:** few Select and Choice 1100/1485 lbs. 49.75-53.00. **FEEDER CATTLE:** **STEERS:** few Large & Medium Frame No. 1 385/715 lbs. 48.00-53.00, one lot Large Frame No. 2 590 lbs. 40.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium Frame No. 1 300/850 lbs. 37.00-44.00; **BULLS:** few Medium Frame No. 1 550/850 lbs. 40.00-49.00.

CALVES 183...**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 75/105 lbs. 36.00-39.00, Utility 55/85 lbs. 25.00-37.00. **FARM CALVES:** No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs. 65.00-85.00, couple 90.00, No. 2 85/110 lbs. 39.00-67.50; No. 1 Holstein heifers 90/105 lbs. 105.00-122.50, few No. 2 65/80 lbs. 35.00-50.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 65/95 lbs. 36.00-55.00.

HOGS 346...(03/04 & 05/96)...Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. Barrows and gilts 1.00 to 2.00 higher, sows steady. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 1-2 230/260 lbs. 49.50-50.75, US 1-3 220/260 lbs. 47.50-48.50, US 2-3 210/265 lbs. 43.50-47.50, US 1-3 270/300 lbs. 38.00-46.75. **SOWS:** US 1-3 450/500 lbs. 32.00-33.50, 500/650 lbs. 33.50-35.25, Medium 300/420 lbs. 32.00-38.00. **BOARS:** all weights 25.00-29.00.

FEEDER PIGS 109...US 1-3 25/45 lbs. 20.00-30.00.

SHEEP 12...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** few Choice 55/110 lbs. 74.00-117.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** few 28.00-55.00. **GOATS** 35...Large 40.00-102.00, Medium 32.00-46.00, Small Kids 19.00-37.00. --- per head.

Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle

Oklahoma City, OK

Wed Mar 6, 1996

USDA-OK Dept Ag Market News
Oklahoma National Stockyards - Weekly Cattle Summary

Compared to last Monday: Feeder steers 2.00-3.00 lower; stocker steers and calves steady to 2.00 lower. Feeder heifers and heifer calves 1.00-3.00 lower. Demand moderate. Quality continues average to many attractive. Weigh-ups gaunt to mostly average, few full. Bulk of feeder cattle in medium to moderate wheat flesh, few slightly thin. Stockers and calves medium to mostly thin fleshed. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher, advance on Utilities. Slaughter bulls .50-1.00 lower. Demand moderate for cows, rather light for bulls. 260 cows and bulls sold with 90 percent to packers. Oklahoma wheat land remains dry. Virtually no rain or heavy snows since early October. Some areas set up for a crop and can go another 2-3 weeks without rain. Other major producing areas need rain in next week or two. Receipts this week 15,500; last week 11,490; last year 11,712. Supply consisted of 79 percent yearlings over 600 lbs; 19 percent calves under 600 lbs; near 2 percent cows and bulls. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 few 350-400 lbs (375 lbs) 63.50-68.00 (64.88); 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 63.00-67.50 (64.66); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 58.00-64.75 (62.30); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 55.00-59.75 (56.81); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 55.00-58.00 (56.34); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 53.50-57.00 (55.11); 900-1000 lbs (950 lbs) 52.00-55.75 (53.34). Holstein: Large 2 500-600 lbs 33.75-35.50; 650-700 lbs 36.00-38.00; 825 lbs 39.50.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 50.00-56.50 (53.16);

500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 50.00-54.75 (52.16); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 50.00-54.50 (51.73); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 50.25-54.00 (52.41); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 48.25-52.25 (48.92). Slaughter Cows: Average dressing Utility 32.00-34.25, boning and breaking Utility 33.00-36.00; high dressing Cutter 34.00-36.50, Utilities 35.00-37.50; high dressing/high boning Utes 36.00-38.00; low dressing cows 28.00-32.00. Canners 24.00-28.50. Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutter 70.90; Boning Utility 67.85; Breaking Utility 63.95; Canner 67.50. Bulls 78.00; light bulls 74.70. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1350-1900 lbs average dressing 42.00-46.00; high dressing 46.50-47.75; low dressing 39.00-42.50. 1050-1300 lbs 36.00-38.50.

Source: USDA Market News Service, Oklahoma City, OK Robert Miles - Tina Colby Telephone (405) 232-5425.

North Jersey Livestock

Hackettstown, NJ

Report Supplied by Auction Tuesday, March 5, 1996

CALVES .05-.95.
COWS .11%-.42% .
EASY COWS .07%-.27% .
FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .08-.65.
HEIFERS .15%-.47.
BULLS .29-.50.
STEERS .33%-.59.
HOGS .32-.43% .
BOARS .10-.28.
SOWS .26-.29.
SHEEP: .11-.67.
LAMBS EACH 14.00-84.00.
LAMBS PER LB. 37-1.50.
GOATS EACH 37.00-97.00.
KIDS EACH 5.00-81.00.
HIDES EACH 19.00.
TOTAL: 927.

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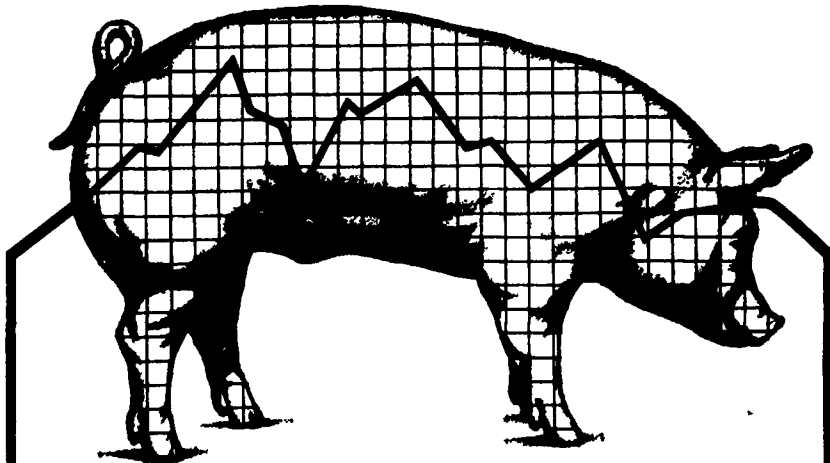
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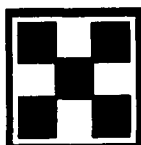
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