



APRIL 8-14, 1996

ORTHODOX EASTER, APRIL 14.

*The* OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



*Fog in April foretells wheat crop failure.*

*No more frost after the mulberry tree leafs.*

*Thunder in April is the end of frost.*

*Expect rain when the bull leads the herd to pasture.*

*Better April showers than the breadth of the ocean in gold.*

- Irish proverb

**CUBISM, BUT NO COMPUTERS**

It's interesting that a cubist painter, dedicated to experimentation and change, would feel that, "Computers are useless. They can only give you answers." That was Pablo Ruiz y Picasso, who died on April 8 in 1973. He believed that to repeat oneself (by pursuing naturalism in art, as those who came before him) was to contradict "the constant flight forward of the spirit." His own flight forward embraced abstract painting and cubism, and he was also renowned as a potter, designer, sculptor, and graphic artist, working into his 90s.



*"Give me a museum and I'll fill it."* - Pablo Picasso

**CHEESE FONDUE**

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 pound Fontina cheese, shredded
- 1/2 pound provolone, shredded
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1-1/2 cups dry white wine
- 3 tablespoons kirsch (optional)
- pepper
- 1 large loaf French baguette, cut into cubes

Combine olive oil and garlic. Toss cheeses with the flour. A half hour before serving time, heat the wine in a fondue pot or heavy enamel pan. Do not boil. When wine is hot, gradually add the cheeses, stirring constantly. Add olive oil and garlic then the kirsch, still stirring. Add pepper to taste. Cook over low heat for about 10 minutes, then keep warm over a candle or warming tray. Dip bread cubes into cheese with long-handled forks.

Makes 6 servings.



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**CATTLE 341...** PDA ..Compared with last week's sale...steers steady, cows steady to 1.00 lower.

**STEEERS:** High Choice and Prime 1000/1475 lbs. 62.50-64.00, Choice 975/1400 lbs. 59.00-64.00, Select 53.85-58.95, few Standard 50.00-53.25.

**HOLSTEINS:** High Choice and Prime 1225/1425 lbs. 56.25-59.25, Choice 1175/1500 lbs. 54.00-57.00, few Select 51.75-52.00, few Standard 42.00-48.25.

**HEIFERS:** few Choice 950/1150 lbs. 59.10-62.75, few Select 52.00-57.50, few Standard 40.00-50.00.

**COWS:** few Breaking Utility and Commercial 33.00-38.50, Cutter and Boning Utility 28.50-36.00, Canner and Low Cutter 23.50-28.00. Shells down to 17.00.

**BULLS:** few Yield Grade No. 1 1425/2000 lbs. 37.75-40.75, No. 2 1375/2050 lbs. 35.50-36.50.

**FEEBDR CATTLE:** STEEERS: few Medium Frame No. 1 350/550 lbs. 55.00-58.00, few Large Frame No. 2 500/1025 lbs. 30.00-34.00; HEIFERS: few Medium Frame No. 1 300/700 lbs. 34.00-42.00, Large Frame No. 1 500/725 lbs. 39.00-50.00, Large Frame No. 2 350/675 lbs. 33.50-40.00, Medium Frame No. 2 250/650 lbs. 29.00-38.00; BULLS: few Large Frame No. 1 250/400 lbs. 44.00-59.00, Medium Frame No. 1 325/900 lbs. 35.00-45.00, few 53.00, few Large Frame No. 2 250/650 lbs.

31.00-32.00, Medium Frame No. 2 300/475 lbs. 34.00-38.00.

**CALVES 72...** VEALERS: Standard and Good 70/130 lbs. 25.00-30.00, few Utility 50/80 lbs. 10.00-18.00.

**FARM CALVES:** No. 1 Holstein bulls 85/130 lbs. 60.00-80.00, No. 2 80/120 lbs. 33.00-60.00; one No. 1 Holstein heifer 95 lbs. 130.00, few No. 2 80/100 lbs. 40.00-67.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 60/100 lbs. 30.00-82.50.

**HOGS 49...** BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 230/260 lbs. 48.10-50.00, few US 1-3 225/240 lbs. 47.00-48.00, US 2-3 230/290 lbs. 45.25-46.30, few US 1-3 170/185 lbs. 38.00.

**SOWS:** couple US 1-3 470 & 565 lbs. 35.00, couple Medium 295 & 325 lbs. 30.00.

**BOARS:** few 325/675 lbs. 26.00-28.00. **FEEBDR PIGS 6...** NO MARKET TEST!

**SHEEP 43...** NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 30/60 lbs. 130.00-180.00, couple 20 & 25 lbs. 105.00 & 112.50, few Good and Choice 55/85 lbs. 95.00-100.00.

**SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 24.00-29.00, few Yearlings 75.00-80.00.

**GOATS 10...** Few Medium & Large 40.00-67.50, few Small Kids 6.00-19.00. --- per head.

**Valley Stockyards**

Athens, Pa.

April 1, 1996

Report supplied by auction

**HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES TO 122.50.**

**VEAL CALVES TO 61.00.**

**VEALER BULL CALVES TO 87.50.**

**SLAUGHTER CALVES 35.00 AND DOWN.**

**GRASSERS AND FEEDERS 26.00-44.00.**

**LAMBS TO 217.50.**

**SHEEP 10.00-22.50.**

**HOGS, 200-250, 37.00-43.00.**

**SOWS 23.00-27.50.**

**BOARS TO 20.00.**

**PIGS, NONE.**

**HEIFERS, FAT, TO 36.00.**

**STEEERS 32.00-40.00.**

**STEEERS, FEEDER, 34.00-47.50.**

**BULLS 31.00-37.00.**

**GOOD COWS 32.00-35.50.**

**COWS MEDIUM 27.50-31.75.**

**COWS POOR OR SMALL 26.75 AND DOWN.**

**CATTLE MARKET STEADY.**

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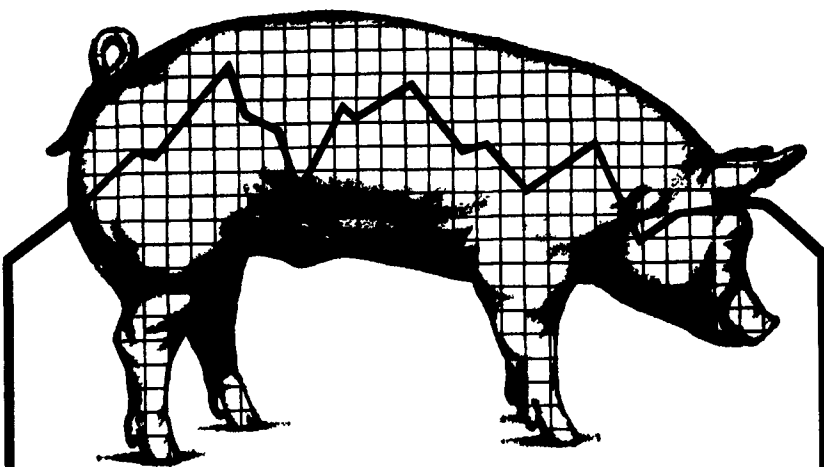
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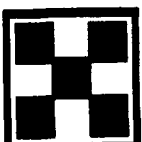
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