



APRIL 22-28, 1996

R. B. THOMAS BORN, APRIL 24.

**PEARS FOR YOUR HEIRS**

Except in Alaska, Georgia, Kansas, Virginia, and Wyoming, April 26 is celebrated as Arbor Day, a chance to plant a tree. Remember, "He who plants a walnut tree expects not to eat of the fruit," because the growing time is lengthy, but "the willow will buy a horse before the oak will pay for a saddle," because the willow grows rapidly. As for pruning skills, "short boughs, long vintage," or "make the vine poor, and it will make you rich." The ancients believed that the world was born of a great tree, the Universe Tree or Mundane Tree. Closely related were the Tree of Knowledge and Tree of Life.



*He that plants a tree plants for posterity.*

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

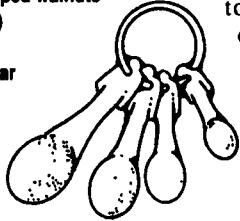
"If an oak be set near unto a walnut tree it will not live." - Pliny

**APPLE NUT CAKE**

- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 heaping teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 cups chopped apples
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups sugar

Mix together first five ingredients. Add oil, vanilla, apples, and nuts and stir well. Beat together eggs and sugar until light, then fold egg mixture into apple mixture. Place in greased 10-inch tube pan and bake at 350° F for 60 to 70 minutes. Let cool for 20 minutes before removing from pan.

Makes about 10 to 12 servings.



**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*A cold April the barn will fill.*

*When April blows his horn, it's good both for hay and corn.*

*When the wind is west, the fish bite best.*

*If the pig wallows in a puddle before the first of May, the summer will be cold.*

**Westminster Livestock Auction**

Hagerstown, Md. April 16, 1996

Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: 126 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 LOWER. UTILITY 30.00-35.50; HIGH DRESSING 36.00-38.00; CANNERS 26.00-30.00; SHELLY 26.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 17 HEAD. YG#1 41.00-46.25; 1 LIMOUSIN 1700 LBS. AT 50.00; YG#2 35.00-39.00 LOW DRESSING 32.00-35.00.

FED STEERS: 67 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 LOWER. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1050-1400 LBS. 57.00-59.50; CHOICE 54.50-57.00, SELECT 48.00-54.00; HIGH CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1400 LBS. 48.00-50.75; LOW CHOICE 44.00-48.00.

FED HEIFERS: 20 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1000-1200 LBS. 54.00-57.00; CHOICE 900-1150 LBS. 49.00-54.00; SELECT 41.00-48.00.

VEAL CALVES: 122 HEA. CHOICE 200-300 LBS. 65.00-70.00; GOOD 250-350 LBS. 50.00-58.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 33.00-42.00; 50-80 LBS. 26.00-35.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 90-120 LBS. 80.00-100.00; #2 80-100 LBS. 40.00-60.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 80-120 LBS. 170.00-200.00; #2 100.00-155.00; BEEF X BULLS TO 85.00; HEIFERS TO 47.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 110 HEAD, .50 LOWER. US#1&2 235-260 LBS. 49.00-49.50; 225-260 LBS. #1&3 47.50-48.50; 270-280 LBS. 43.00-46.00; 280-295 LBS. TO 42.00.

SOWS: 20 HEAD 300-450 LBS. 31.00-33.00; 475-650 LBS. 34.75-37.50. BOARS: 10 HEAD 350-600 LBS. 26.00-28.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 353 HEAD. DEMAND VERY WEAK. STEERS MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 50.00-63.00; 400-600 LBS. 45.00-59.00; 600-800 LBS. 45.00-54.00; 800-950 LBS. 45.00-51.00.

HEIFERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 33.00-42.00; 500-700 LBS. 32.00-39.00, 5 AT 46.00; 700-900 LBS. 30.00-40.00.

BULLS: MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME FEW 150-200 LBS. TO 80.00; 200-400 LBS. 42.00-51.00; FEW EARLY 60.00-65.00; 400-600 LBS. 38.00-48.00,

FEW TO 52.00; 600-800 LBS. 30.00-37.00.

LAMBS: 45 HEAD. CHOICE 100-120 LBS. 89.00-92.00; 80-100 LBS. 95.00-110.00; 60-80 LBS. 110.00-115.00; GOOD 40-60 LBS. 92.00-110.00; 25-40 LBS. 87.00-97.00.

SHEEP: 85 HEAD 30.00-49.00; HEAVY WEIGHTS 22.00-35.00.

GOATS: 51 HEAD. LARGE 65.00-90.00; MEDIUM 38.00-65.00; SMALL FLESHY 30.00-47.00; YOUNG 12.00-30.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: VERY STRONG DEMAND! BY THE HEAD, FEW 20-35 LBS. 25.00-32.00; 50-60 LBS. TO 37.00; BY THE POUND GRADED SALE, 69 HEAD, 20-30 LBS. 110.00-160.00; 30-40 LBS. 110.00-144.00; 40-50 LBS. 112.00-132.00; 50-65 LBS. 96.00-99.00.

**Mercer Livestock**

MERCER, PA April 16, 1996

CATTLE 464... PDA ..Compared with last week's sale..Choice slaughter steers 2.00 to 3.00 lower, Select & Holstein 5.00 lower, cows 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

STEERS: High Choice & Prime 1125/1550 lbs 55.75-60.00, Choice 1000/1500 lbs 54.00-58.00, Select 47.25-54.25, Standard 35.00-48.00.

HOLSTEINS: Choice 1025/1525 lbs 47.00-52.50, Select 37.50-45.50, Standard 26.50-35.75.

HEIFERS: Choice 1000/1275 lbs. 53.50-58.00, Select 50.85-54.00, Standard 34.50-50.00.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 31.25-35.25, couple to 36.75, Cutter and Boning Utility 27.00-35.00, Canner and Low Cutter 24.00-27.00. Shells down to 20.00.

BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 1750/2175 lbs. 37.75-42.00, No. 2 1075/2175 lbs. 29.00-37.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium Frame No. 1 350/500 lbs. 41.00-45.00, few 700/875 lbs 39.00-42.00, Large Frame No 2 325/625 lbs 25.00-34.00; HEIFERS: Medium Frame No. 1 350/475 lbs. 36.00-42.00, 500/825 lbs 31.50-34.00, Medium Frame No. 2 300/600 lbs. 25.00-35.00; BULLS: Medium Frame No. 1 325/500 lbs. 37.00-44.00, 550/775 lbs 29.00-35.00, Medium Frame No 2 425/525 lbs 26.00-33.00.

CALVES 101...VEALERS: Standard

and Good 70/110 lbs. 25.00-35.00, few Utility 60/75 lbs. 12.00-27.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/115 lbs. 77.50-97.50, No. 2 85/130 lbs 40.00-75.00; one No. 1 Holstein heifer 95 lbs 120.00, couple No 2 75/90 lbs 31.00 & 80.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 75/110 lbs. 47.50-60.00.

HOGS 39...BARROWS AND GILTS: on lot US 1-3 267 lbs. 47.00, US 2-3 230/260 lbs. 46.00-46.75. .

FEEDER PIGS 0...

SHEEP 24...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: few Choice 55/90 lbs. 100.00-120.00, few Choice old crop 90/100 lbs 66.00-70.00. Slaughter sheep 22.00-26.00, few Yearlings 43.00-49.00.

GOATS 0...

**Valley Stockyards**

Athens, Pa.

April 15, 1996

Report supplied by auction

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES TO 130.00.

VEAL CALVES, NONE. VEALER BULL CALVES TO 105.00. SLAUGHTER CALVES 40.00 AND DOWN.

GRASSERS AND FEEDERS 25.00-42.00.

LAMBS 88.00-95.00. SHEEP 26.00-32.00.

HOGS, 200-250, 36.00-44.50. SOWS, NONE.

BOARS 18.00-26.00. PIGS TO 22.00.

HEIFERS 26.00-38.00. STEERS TO 37.00.

STEERS, FEEDER, 37.00-43.00. BULLS 28.00-37.50.

GOOD COWS 32.50-35.00. COWS MEDIUM 27.50-31.75.

COWS POOR OR SMALL 26.75 AND DOWN.

CATTLE MARKET STEADY. CALF MARKET STEADY.

HORSES 355.00-810.00. PONIES, NONE.

GOATS TO 100.00. MONTHLY DAIRY SALE THURS.

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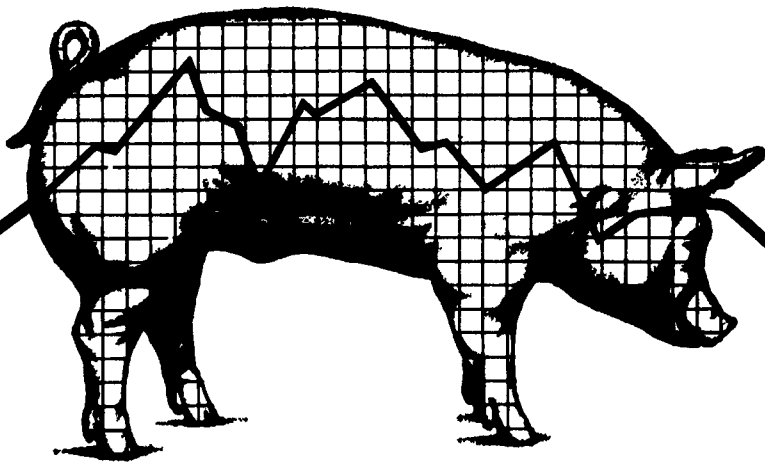
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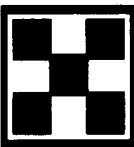
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