



MAY 20-26, 1996
NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, MAY 22.

TRAMPS & STOWAWAYS

What's more all-American than forsythia and lilacs? But neither is native. Forsythia made its way from South China to London by way of Robert Fortune, a plant hunter for the Royal Horticultural Society. It was then named for William Forsyth, a founding member. A few plants set sail for America with settlers in 1860. Lilacs, from the Persian word for indigo, may have come from Persia to New Hampshire in 1695 and later traveled west across America. This, and many entertaining garden tidbits from rhubarb tonics to singing earthworms, can be found in *The Old Farmer's Almanac Book of Garden Wisdom*, published by Random House and available now in bookstores. (Or call 800-426-9922.)



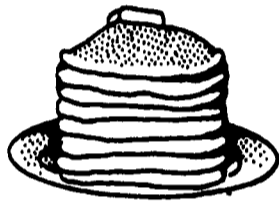
"Planting is one of my great amusements." - Thomas Jefferson

TIP OF THE WEEK

Cut herbs just as the dew does dry. Tie them loosely and hang them high.

AUNT SYLVIA'S ZUCCHINI PANCAKES
(from The Old Farmer's Almanac Book of Garden Wisdom)

- 3 cups grated zucchini (unpeeled)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten



Squeeze some of the excess water out of the zucchini. Mix the dry ingredients together; combine with the zucchini and eggs. Drop by spoonfuls into a hot, buttered skillet to make pancakes about 2 to 3 inches across. Brown on both sides. Eat hot for lunch with grated cheese and/or a dab of fresh tomato sauce.

Makes 2 or 3 servings.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Dry May, wet June.

If you throw a cat overboard, there'll be a storm at sea.

Cold, wet May, barn full of hay.

If the sky looks brassy in the west at sunset, there will be high winds coming soon.

He that is in town in May loses his spring.

Middleburg Livestock

MIDDLEBURG, PA
MAY 14, 1996

CATTLE 359... PDA ...Compared with last week's sale...Choice steers .75 to 1.25 lower, Holstein steers steady to .50 higher, cows steady to 1.50 higher.

STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 1240/1280 lbs. 60.00-60.75, Choice 1050/1475 lbs. 54.50-60.25, couple 60.50, few Select 52.00-53.00.

HOLSTEINS: Choice 1150/1500 lbs. 50.50-54.75, couple 56.00, Select 43.75-49.00, few Standard 34.75-38.50.

HEIFERS: few Choice 995/1160 lbs. 54.00-60.25, few Select 40.00-49.75.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 34.75-39.75, couple 41.50, Cutter and Boning Utility 32.50-36.00, couple 37.75, Canner and Low Cutter 27.00-32.75, few down 25.00. Shells down to 16.50.

BULLOCKS: couple Choice 49.75 & 50.50, few Select 975/1200 lbs. 44.00-46.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1040/2040 lbs. 37.00-48.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium Frame No. 1 400/600 lbs. 37.00-45.00, few Large Frame No. 2 600/800 lbs. 32.00-35.00; HEIFERS: few Medium Frame No. 1 300/600 lbs. 29.00-41.50; BULLS: few Medium Frame No. 1 340/800 lbs. 33.00-44.00, few Large Frame No. 2 700/850 lbs. 28.00-34.00.

CALVES 150...VEALERS: few Choice 59.00-66.00, few Standard and Good 70/110 lbs. 39.00-41.00, Utility 55/85 lbs. 23.00-35.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs. 90.00-127.50, couple 131.00, No. 2 80/105 lbs. 40.00-85.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 95/100 lbs. 85.00-127.00, few No. 2 70/85 lbs. 40.00-90.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 75/100 lbs. 31.00-101.00.

HOGS 323...(05/13 & 14/96)...Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. Barrows and gilts 5.00 to 6.00 higher, sows 2.00 to 3.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 220/260 lbs. 58.00-59.75, US 1-3 220/270 lbs. 55.25-57.50, 200/220 lbs. 50.25-54.75.

SOWS: US 1-3 300/650 lbs. 37.25-40.50.

BOARS: 26.00-28.25.

FEEDER PIGS 157...Few lots US 1-3 25/35 lbs. 26.00-28.00. --- per head.

SHEEP 40...NEW CROP LAMBS: few Choice 45/85 lbs. 90.00-124.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 14.00-36.00.
GOATS 12...Few Large 37.50-50.00, Small Kids 22.00-37.00. --- per head.

OK City Feeder Cattle

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
MAY 15, 1996

Compared to last Monday: Feeder steers firm; feeder heifers 1.00-2.00 higher. Stocker steers and heifers steady. Demand moderate to good. Quality and conditions similar to last week. Weigh-ups gaunt to full. Quality of supply plain to average, moderate end attractive. Bulk supply feeder cattle and these in medium to fleshy condition. Flesh generally lighter than a typical May off wheat run. Light rains Monday thru most of Oklahoma. Slaughter cows .50-1.00 higher. Slaughter bulls 1.50 higher. Packer demand good, especially from Northern buyers. Texas plants continue to receive enough local cows but many of these thin and light weight thus they show some interest locally for the better cows. Replacement cow buyers very quiet. Long bred cows over 7-8 years old as well as young fall calvers going mostly to slaughter. Good quality young pairs selling at slaughter equivalence. Total of 500 cows and bulls sold, 85 percent going to packers. Receipts this week 15,450; last week 10,120; last year 10,740. Supply consisted of 81 percent yearlings over 600 lbs; 16 percent calves and light yearlings; 3 percent cows and bulls. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 New Crop Calves 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 56.50-61.00 (59.56); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 56.50-59.50 (57.93); Short Yearlings and Yearlings 450-500 lbs (450 lbs) 60.00-63.00 (62.07); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 57.50-62.25 (60.58); few 600-700 lb stockers (650 lbs) 56.75-59.75 (58.29); 600-700 lb feeders (650 lbs) 54.00-57.00 (55.86); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 54.50-57.50 (55.86); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 52.00-56.50 (54.04); 900-1000 lbs (950 lbs) 51.50-54.00 (52.62); 1020 lbs 51.25. Holstein: Large 2 575 lbs 28.00; 700-750 lbs 30.50; 900-950 lbs 30.25-31.25. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 New Crop Calves 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 46.75-51.75 (48.78); 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 45.25-49.75 (46.34); Short Yearlings and Yearlings 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 50.00-54.00 (51.70); 500-600 lb stockers (550 lbs) 49.25-52.75 (51.77); 500-600 lb feeders (550 lbs) 49.50-52.25 (50.64); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 50.50-53.00 (51.92);

700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 50.25-53.75 (52.13); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 48.00-52.50 (50.46). Slaughter Cows: Cutter, boning and breaking Utility average dressing 31.00-34.25; high dressing 34.00-37.50, high dressing/high boning 37.00-38.75; low dressing 27.50-31.00. Canner and low Cutter 25.00-28.00. Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutter 68.40; Boning Utility 65.75; Breaking Utility 63.50; Canner 66.95. Bulls 72.70. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1450-2200 lbs average dressing 39.50-42.00; high dressing 41.00-43.50; high dressing/high boning 47.75-48.25; low dressing 36.50-39.00. Pairs: Medium and Large 1 ranch fresh groups: 5-7 yr old 1150-1250 lb cows 100-200 lb calf avg quality 475.00-530.00; 5-7 yr old 900-1100 lb cows 100-250 lb calf avg quality 385.00-455.00.

Morrison Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.
May 13, 1996

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 317. STEERS CHOICE 57.00-61.00; GOOD 51.00-56.00. HEIFERS: CHOICE 57.00-60.50; GOOD 50.00-55.00.

COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 34.00-41.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 22.00-33.00.

BULLOCKS: 41.00-47.00. BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1 37.00-46.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 40.00-50.00; BULLS 35.00-45.00; HEIFERS 35.00-45.00.

CALVES 137. PRIME, NO MKT. TEST; CHOICE 60.00-75.00; GOOD 52.00-60.00; STANDARD 22.00-37.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 50.00-135.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 50.00-115.00.

HOGS: 263. US NO. 1-2 55.50-57.00; US NO. 1-3 51.50-54.50.

SOWS: US NO. 1-3 37.00-41.00.

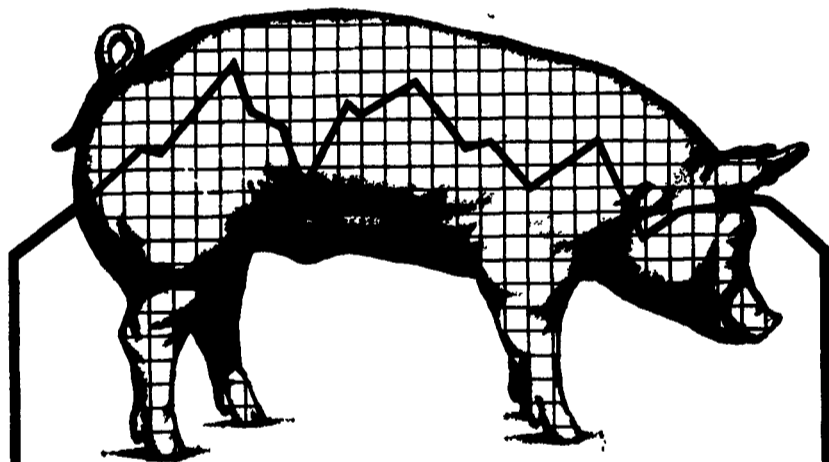
BOARS: 30.00-36.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 36 HEAD. US#1&3 20-50 LBS. 15.00-31.00.

SHEEP: 30 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 90.00-110.00; GOOD LAMBS 80.00-90.00; SLAUGHTER BWES 22.00-35.00.

GOATS: 10.00-62.00.

18 LOADS OF HAY. ALFALFA 67.00-91.00; CLOVER 93.00; MIXED HAY 100.00-122.00; GRASS HAY 40.00-85.00.

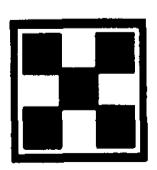


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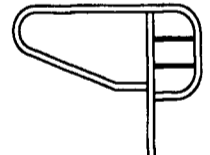
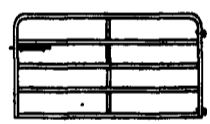
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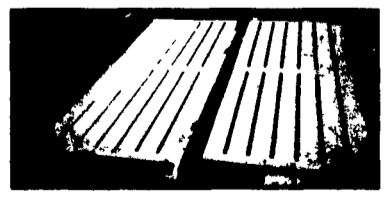
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