



JUNE 3-9, 1996

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, JUNE 5.

How Now, Brown Cow?

June has been designated National Dairy Month since 1937. Long before then, cows were known as weather prognosticators, especially in predicting rain. Old-timers expected rain when cows didn't give milk, when cattle wanted to lie down on going out to pasture, when cows stretched their necks in their milking stalls or were generally restless. Cheesemakers went by this rule of thumb: "If you will have a good cheese and hav'n old, you must turn'n seven times before he is cold." Successful dairy farmers knew, "Cheese and money should always sleep together one night." (As in, payment comes before the cheese leaves the larder!)



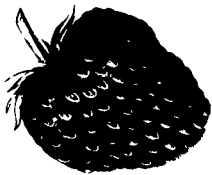
The cow knows not what her tail is worth until she has lost it.

TIP OF THE WEEK

For the longest-lasting tulips, cut as soon as their color is visible, and keep them cool.

SWEET & SOUR STRAWBERRIES

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened (not whipped style)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 1 quart strawberries, rinsed
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- orange liquor or brandy (optional)



Mix the first three ingredients together and refrigerate for 24 hours, either in individual custard cups or in a glass serving bowl. When ready to serve, mash the strawberries just slightly with the sugar, then serve over the sour cream cheese mixture. Garnish with unhulled strawberries and a dash of liquor, if desired.

Makes 6 servings.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Gnats galore, screen the door.

Fickle drops sprinkle crops.

If the white chickweed blossoms are open, it will not rain for at least three hours.

If on the eighth of June it rain, it foretells a wet harvest, men sain.

OK City Feeder Cattle

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
MAY 29, 1996

Compared to last week: Feeder and stockers steers firm. Feeder heifers over 700 lbs weak to 2.00 lower. Lighter weight heifers steady to 1.00 higher. Demand good with exception of light demand for new crop calves. Quality of supply much improved from last week's mostly plain offerings. Quality of supply average thru attractive. Feeder cattle flesh medium. Weigh-ups not improved and average to full. Storms throughout much of Oklahoma over the weekend gave relief to dry pastures and hope for hay. Many dry areas received .5 to 2 inches of rain. In several areas this was first substantial moisture since September and October. Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00 lower. Demand moderate. Texas packers quiet as plenty of cows available in Texas. 460 cows and bulls sold with 85 percent to packers. Bulk of supply old cull cows with bulk of these 950-1300 lbs. Receipts this week 5,500; last week 13,975; last year 4,197. Supply consisted of 71 percent yearlings over 600 lbs; 21 percent calves and light yearlings under 600 lbs; 8 percent cows and bulls. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 400-450 lbs (426 lbs) 53.50-59.00 (57.34); 450-500 lbs (482 lbs) 52.50-55.00 (53.78); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 55.50-60.25 (59.47); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 54.00-60.00 (57.28); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 54.75-59.50 (57.14); 800-850 lbs (824 lbs) 52.75-58.00 (55.97); 850-900 lbs (879 lbs) 52.50-53.50 (52.94); 900-950 lbs (936 lbs) 51.75-52.75 (52.47); 1020 lbs 51.75. Holstein: Large 2 415 lbs 25.50;

500-600 lbs 33.75-35.00; 700-800 lbs 32.00-35.00; 830 lbs 33.75. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 42.00-46.50 (43.56); 450-500 lbs (484 lbs) 48.00-49.25 (48.74), new crops 46.50; 500-600 lb stockers (550 lbs) 50.00-53.00 (51.82); 550-600 lb feeders (581 lbs) 48.00-51.25 (49.61); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 50.50-54.75 (52.96); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 51.00-55.00 (52.90); 800-850 lbs (814 lbs) 49.25-53.00 (51.76); 850-900 lbs (874 lbs) 47.75-49.50 (48.75). Slaughter cows: Average dressing Cutter and boning Utility 26.75-29.50, breaking Utility 28.50-31.50; high dressing all classes 29.50-32.50; lo dressing Cutters and boners 24.25-28.50, breakers 26.00-30.00. Cannery 21.00-26.00. Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutters 59.75; Boning Utility 58.95; Breaking Utility 56.95; Canner 58.76. Bulls 65.20. Slaughter Bulls: Y.G. 1 1300-1900 lbs average dressing 35.00-37.50; high dressing 38.00-40.50; high dressing-high boning absent. Y.G. 1-2 1025-1500 lbs low dressing 32.50-34.00, shelly 28.50.

Eighty-Four Livestock

EIGHTY FOUR, PA
MAY 27, 1996

CATTLE 173... SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION .
STEERS: Standard 34.00-41.50.
HOLSTEINS: Select 34.50-40.50.
HEIFERS: Select 38.00-43.50, Standard 31.50-36.50.
COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 33.50-36.75, Cutter and Boning Utility 30.00-32.75, Canner and Low Cutter 25.00-30.50. Shells down to 19.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1080/2095 lbs. 42.50-50.00, No. 2 890/1675 lbs. 36.00-41.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium & Large Frame No. 1 400/750 lbs. 45.00-55.00, Medium & Large Frame No. 2 375/800 lbs. 26.00-46.50; HEIFERS: Medium & Large Frame No. 1 300/600 lbs. 43.00-48.00, Medium & Large Frame No. 2 300/750 lbs. 31.00-43.50; BULLS: Medium & Large Frame No. 1 300/550 lbs. 42.00-54.50, Medium & Large Frame No. 2 300/800 lbs. 30.00-44.00.

CALVES 107...VEALERS: Choice 140/220 lbs. 67.50-75.00, Standard and Good 60/100 lbs. 29.00-47.50, Utility 55/115 lbs. 17.00-27.50.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/115 lbs. 80.00-115.00, No. 2 80/115 lbs. 39.00-62.50; No. 2 Holstein heifers 80/110 lbs. 42.50-85.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 70/115 lbs. 45.00-85.00.

HOGS 55...BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 240/260 lbs. 59.75-61.50, US 1-3 200/270 lbs. 59.00-61.00, 260/300 lbs. 57.25-60.50.

SOWS: one US 1-3 705 lbs. 45.00, 385/490 lbs. 41.00-44.50.

FEEDER PIGS NO HEADAGE ...US 1-3 40/60 lbs. 26.00-29.00. --- per head.

SHEEP 116...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: lot High Choice and Prime 95 lbs. 109.00, Choice 40/70 lbs. 85.00-103.00, 80/100 lbs. 90.00-109.00.

FEEDER LAMBS: Good and Choice 40/75 lbs. 72.00-91.50.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 15.00-36.00.

GOATS 10...Large 42.00-62.40, Medium 39.00-44.00, Small 17.00-26.00. --- per head.

NOTICE!!!

1 Load Susquehanna County Heifers and Cows, Registered & Grade Holstein 2 and 3 year olds milking up to 95 lbs. per day Will Be Sold FRI., JUNE 7 at SMOKETOWN QUALITY DAIRY SALES Smoketown, Pa. See Full Listing on Page E45 of this issue.

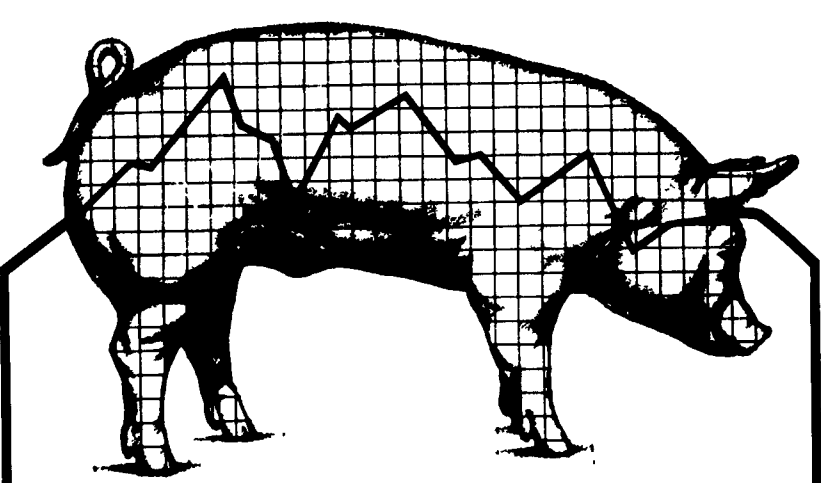
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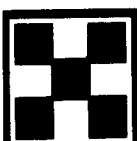


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