

The OLD FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
 SEPTEMBER 9-15, 1996
 ROSH HASHANAH, SEPT. 14.

FRIDAY THE 13TH

Triskaidekaphobia? That's fear of the number 13. Most hotel designers bow to it; you'll notice there's no thirteenth floor. For some people, Friday the 13th makes triskaidekaphobia even worse. It's argued that there were 13 people at the Last Supper and that the crucifixion of Christ happened on a Friday. Some ships refuse to embark on Friday the 13th; for others, it only has to be a Friday to keep them in port. Winston Churchill wouldn't travel on Friday the 13th — too unlucky. Male song sparrows evidently don't suffer from triskaidekaphobia, however. They keep singing for about 13 minutes after sunset.



We are all tattooed in our cradles with the beliefs of our tribe.

— O W Holmes

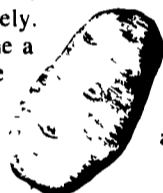
TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't harvest potatoes until the frost has killed the tops down.

POTATO SOUFFLE

- 8 medium potatoes
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 eggs, separated
- salt to taste
- 3 tablespoons grated onion
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- bread crumbs

Boil potatoes. Peel and puree or mash while hot. Cool completely. (This step can be done a day ahead and the potatoes refrigerated.) Cream butter until light, then work in egg yolks, salt, onion,



and parsley. Mix into mashed potatoes, beating until well blended. Beat egg whites until stiff, then gently fold into potato mixture. Grease soufflé dish and sprinkle bread crumbs on bottom and sides. Pour in the potato mixture and bake at 375° F for about 45 minutes, or until nicely browned and risen.

Makes 4 servings.

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



On Holyrood Day (Sept. 14) the devil goes a-nutting.

He that follows Nature is never out of his way.

Sound traveling far and wide, a stormy day will betide.

Special Offer
 Handy chart full of interesting weather proverbs. Send \$3 to Weather Chart, Dept UF, The Old Farmer's Almanac, P O Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444

Westminster Livestock Auction

Hagerstown, Md.
 September 3, 1996

Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER COWS: 110 HEAD, 1.50 LOWER. UTILITY 33.50-38.00; HIGH DRESSING TO 39.75; CANNERS 28.00-33.00; SHELLY 28.00 DOWN.
 BULLS: 3 HEAD. YG#1 1845 LBS. TO 45.00; 1 1144 LBS. AT 39.00.
 FED STEERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1100-1400 LBS. 67.00-68.00; 1 HIGH DRESSING AT 73.00; AVG. CHOICE 63.00-66.50; HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME HOL 60.00-64.00; AVG. CHOICE TO 57.00.

FED HEIFERS: HIGH CHOICE 950-1200 LBS. 63.00-64.00; LOW CHOICE 850-1000 LBS. 54.00-58.00.
 VEAL CALVES: 196 HEAD. CHOICE 200-350 LBS. 44.00-58.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 14.00-22.00; 50-80 LBS. 8.00-15.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 5.00-8.00 LOWER. #1 90-120 LBS. 44.00-57.00; #2 25.00-35.00; 80-90 LBS. 22.00-30.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 95-120 LBS. NONE OFFERED; #2 80-90 LBS. 40.00-65.00; BEEF X BULLS TO 60.00; HEIFERS 25.00-50.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 55 HEAD, 4.00-5.00 LOWER. US#1-3 225-260 LBS. 51.00-52.20; 265-275 LBS. 50.00-51.00; 280-300 LBS. 48.00-50.00.

SOWS: 20 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 LOWER. 300-400 LBS. 40.00-42.00; 400-500 LBS. 41.00-43.25; 500-700 LBS. 44.00-48.00.
 BOARS: 37.00-39.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 141 HEAD. STEERS MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 50.00-59.50; 500-700 LBS. 50.00-55.00; 700-800 LBS. FEW TO 55.00.

HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 35.00-45.00; 500-700 LBS. 39.00-47.00, 1 AT 54.00; 700-900 LBS. 38.00-43.00.

BULLS: 300-500 LBS. 40.00-53.00; 500-700 LBS. 35.00-42.00; FEW 800 LBS. TO 43.00; 1 GOOD SIMM 996 LBS. AT 54.00.

LAMBS: 76 HEAD. CHOICE 100-120 LBS. 83.00-86.00; 120-140 LBS. 72.00-84.00; 70-95 LBS. 75.00-88.00.

SHEEP: 20 HEAD 35.00-50.00.
 GOATS: 66 HEAD. LARGE BILLIES 80.00-132.00; MEDIUM 40.00-70.00; SMALL KIDS 8.00-20.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: STRONG DEMAND. BY THE HEAD, 1 LOT 70 LBS. AT 44.00; BY THE POUND, 147 HEAD IN GRADED SALES. 12 HEAD 28 LBS. 74.00; 26 HEAD SM. LOTS 25-45 LBS. 50.00-65.00; 76 HEAD #1 40-58 LBS. 96.00-105.00; 10 HEAD #2 50 LBS. AT 86.00; 16 HEAD #1 60 LBS. AT 88.00; 4 HEAD 75 LBS. 66.00-69.00.

NEXT TUES., SEPT. 10...FIRST SPECIAL FALL FEEDER CATTLE SALE, APPROX. 7:30 P.M. NEXT GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE SEPT. 17.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
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Monday, September 2, 1996

Report Supplied By Auction

241 HEAD. STRONGER TREND. DRIVING 510.00-910.00. RIDING 400.00-900.00. BETTER RIDING 975.00-1175.00. REGISTERED RIDING 60.00-1300.00, 1 AT 1825.00. KILLERS, 2 AT 875.00-935.00. EASYWEIGHTS 660.00-800.00. LIGHTWEIGHTS 390.00-575.00. PONIES 110.00-400.00. LARGE PONIES 450.00-525.00, 2 AT 30.00 AND 700.00. COLTS 235.00-500.00.

Frederick Livestock Auction

Frederick, Md.
 September 2, 1996

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SLAUGHTER COWS: 100 HEAD, MOSTLY STEADY. UTILITY 34.00-38.00; HIGH DRESSING 38.00-39.00; CANNERS 29.00-33.00; SHELLY 29.00 DOWN.

BULLS: YG#1 1310 LBS. AT 43.50. FED STEERS: NONE.
 FED HEIFERS: 1 LOW CHOICE 875 LBS. AT 49.00.

VEAL CALVES: 257 HEAD. CHOICE, NONE; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 15.00-21.00; 50-80 LBS. 10.00-18.00.

FARM CALVES: STEADY PRICES. HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 45.00-60.00; #2 30.00-44.00; 80-90 LBS. 20.00-30.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 85.00-122.00; #2 80-100 LBS. 40.00-80.00; BEEF X BULLS TO 49.00; HEIFERS TO 26.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 35 HEAD, 4.00 LOWER. US#1-3 225-260 LBS. 52.00-52.50; FEW 275-290 LBS. TO 50.50; #2 220-260 LBS. 50.00-51.75.

SOWS: NONE.
 BOARS: NONE.
 STOCK CATTLE: STEERS, NONE. HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 32.00-40.00; FEW HOL TO 49.50.

BULLS: 300-500 LBS. 36.00-44.00; 500-700 LBS. MEDIUM TO 37.00.

SHEEP: NONE.
 GOATS: 1 MED. BILLY AT 60.00. PIGS AND SHOATS: NONE.
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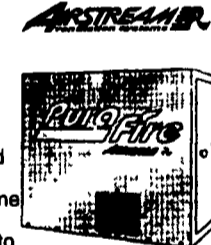
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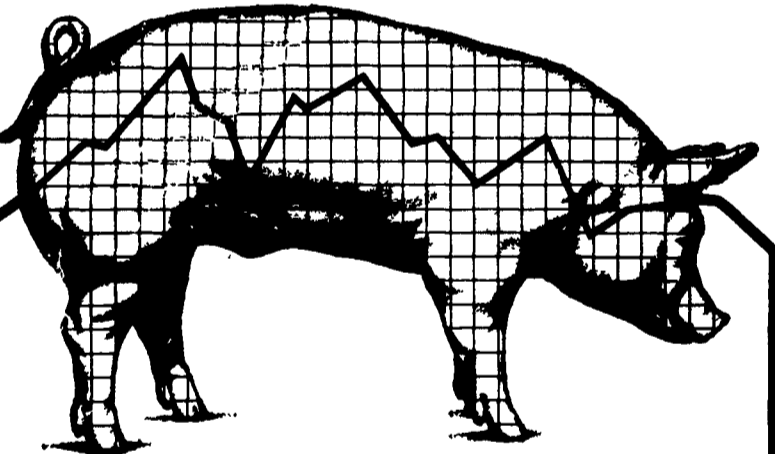
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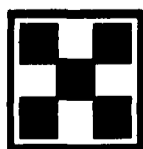
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