



OCTOBER 14-20, 1996

COLUMBUS DAY, OCT. 14.

AMERICA'S FIRST LEXICOGRAPHER

October 16 marks the birthday, in 1758, of Noah Webster, author of the first American dictionary. Webster made his living as a lawyer, journalist, and school teacher, but we tend to remember him for the many words he folded into the *Compendious Dictionary of the English Language*, published in 1806, and, in 1828, the *American Dictionary of the English Language*. In 1783 his *American Spelling Book* appeared, which first Americanized the English spelling of such words as "colour" and "labour" by dropping the u. Webster wrote his dictionaries in longhand.

Words are good but hens lay eggs.



TIP OF THE WEEK

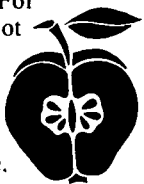
Apple peelings should be included in cooking apple jelly, for that's where most of the pectin is stored.

CRAB APPLE JELLY

3 pounds crab apples, washed and cut, but not cored or peeled water, to cover
1 cup sugar to each cup of strained juice (about 4 cups, more or less)

then simmer in a stainless steel pot for 5 minutes. Skim froth, then add sugar. Simmer about 10 minutes, until jelly thickens and drops from a spoon in sheets (about 220° F). Skim foam and pour jelly into sterilized jars, to within 1/2 inch of top if topping with paraffin (use 1/8 inch of wax), or to within 1/8 inch of top for two-piece metal jar tops. Seal, cool, and store in cool, dark, dry place.

Makes about 4 cups.



THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



No rain on St. Gallus Day (Oct. 16); a dry spring will come.

Look for a cold winter when the apple peels are thicker than usual.

A field requires three things: fair weather, sound see, and a good husbandman.

OK City Feeder Cattle

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
OCTOBER 9, 1996

Compared to last Monday: Feeder steers and heifers steady to 1.00 higher. Demand very good for feeders. Steer and heifer calves steady to 2.00 higher, most advance on heavier weight steer calves and plainer heifer calves. Calf demand good with considerable improvement on heifers. Quality plain to average, few attractive calves. Large supply of thin Brahman cross feeders with no discounting despite the fall season. This indicating good demand from Texas feedlots. Feeder cattle in medium to thin flesh; calves medium to fleshy conditions. Weight-ups average to full. Weather perfect last week for planting wheat. State is approximately 2/3rds planted through today. Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Packer demand moderate with all areas participating but Texas buyers most aggressive. Country buyers continue to gather nearly all the thin young cows and bred cows under 7 years old for winter grazing. 840 cows and bulls sold with 65 percent to packers. Receipts this week 11,925; last week 10,434; last year 8,476. Supply consisted of 60 percent yearlings and calves over 600 lbs; 33 percent calves under 600 lbs; 7 percent cows and bulls. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 Calves: 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 63.50-70.75 (67.050-700 lbs (668 lbs) 61.00-64.75 (62.53); Yearlings: 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 63.25-66.75 (65.32); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 62.00-65.50 (64.07); 800-850 lbs (833 lbs) 63.00-65.75 (63.88); 850-900 lbs (884 lbs) 61.50-64.25 (62.00); 900-950 lbs (916 lbs) 60.25-61.75 (61.43). Holstein: Large 2 450 lbs 41.00; 510 lbs 38.75; 550-600 lbs 37.00-39.00; 700-800 lbs 41.50-42.25. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1

Calves: 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 54.25-58.50 (56.21); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 53.00-58.00 (55.18); 600-650 lbs (624 lbs) 51.00-56.50 (53.78); Yearlings: 550-600 lbs (576 lbs) 57.00-60.00 (58.20); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 58.00-60.25 (59.64); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 56.50-59.50 (57.89); 800-850 lbs (825 lbs) 56.00-57.25 (56.51). Slaughter Cows: Average dressing Cutter 27.00-30.50, Boning Utility 29.00-32.50, Breaking Utility 31.50-33.50; High dressing Cutter 30.50-32.50, Boners 32.00-34.50, Breakers 33.50-35.00; few high dressing/high boning Utilities 35.00-36.25; low dressing Cutter 24.00-27.50, Utilities 26.00-30.00. Canner 20.00-26.00. Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutter 61.35; Boning Utility 61.85; Breakers 61.55; Canner 58.30. Bulls 70.70, few fat bulls 65.20. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1300-2100 lbs average dressing 38.00-40.75; high dressing 41.50-44.00, high dressing/high boning absent; low dressing 34.50-37.50. Replacement Cows: Presteeded for Bangs, pregnancy, and age Medium and Large 1 single head sales 2-4 year old 750-950 lbs 2-5 months bred avg quality 280.00-330.00; 6-7 months bred avg quality 345.00-350.00; 5-6 year old 900-1150 lbs 2-5 months bred avg quality 313.00-365.00; 6-7 months bred avg quality 365.00-385.00; 5-6 year old 1150-1300 lbs 7 months bred high quality 445.00-510.00. Pairs: Medium and Large 1 single pair sales 5 yr old 1100-1150 lb with 150-250 lb calf hi quality 530.00-590.00; 4 yr old 975-1100 lb with 150-350 lb calf avg quality 440.00-525.00.

1125-1325 LBS. 70.85-74.00; CHOICE 1050-1525 LBS. 65.00-70.00; STANDARD 45.00-52.00.
HOLSTEINS CHOICE 1125-1350 LBS. 58.95-62.20; SELECT 51.50-54.50.
HEIFERS CHOICE 1025-1300 LBS. 63.00-68.00; SELECT 55.00-59.50; STANDARD 43.25-51.21.
COWS BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 37.00-42.25; CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 30.50-38.50; CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 24.50-28.50; shells down to 15.00.
BULLS: YG#1 1300-2000 LBS. 38.00-48.00; YG#2 1075-1925 LBS. 28.75-38.50.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS M1 625-925 LBS. 47.00-55.00, M2 390-850 LBS. 40.00-45.00.
HEIFERS: M1 675-900 LBS. 42.00-48.00; 230-650 LBS. 31.00-37.00; M2 525-800 LBS. 29.50-41.00.
BULLS: M1&2 250-800 LBS. 31.50-42.00.
CALVES: 89. STANDARD AND GOOD 80-110 LBS. 20.00-31.00; UTILITY 55-75 LBS. 5.00-20.00.
FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-115 LBS. 60.00-79.00; #2 HOLSTEIN BULLS 80-130 LBS. 26.00-58.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-115 LBS. 145.00-150.00; #2 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 110 LBS. 100.00; BEEFX BULLS AND HEIFERS 70-95 LBS. 21.00-55.00.
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SOWS: ONE #1-3 425 LBS. 44.00; ONE MED. 370 LBS. 42.00.
BOARS: 270-290 LBS. 37.00 AND 38.00.
FEEDER PIGS: 36. US#1-3 40-60 LBS. 27.00-41.00.
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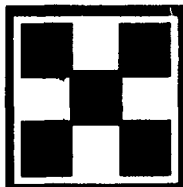


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