



NOVEMBER 4-10, 1996

NEW MOON, NOV. 10.

ELECTION DAY

Ogden Nash put it in well-rhymed verse in "Election Day is a Holiday" when he said, "They have such refined and delicate palates/That they can discover no one worthy of their ballots/And then when someone terrible gets elected/They say, 'There, that's just what I expected!'" So what are you expecting? We hear a lot about voting for the lesser of two evils, or having no choice at the ballot box. But wouldn't it be better to offer a write-in candidate or make the best choice among the candidates than to stay home and do nothing? Just reflect on the battles fought (women and Blacks, especially) to gain the right to vote. So speak your mind on November 5!



Your every voter, as surely as your chief magistrate, exercises a public trust.

- Grover Cleveland

TIP OF THE WEEK

If you know you're going to be standing in line, bring a magazine or some mail to read.

ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

Seeds from one pumpkin (1 to 2 cups)
1 teaspoon peanut or canola oil
salt (optional)

Remove the seeds from a pumpkin and rinse thoroughly. Pat dry between layers of paper towel. Put seeds in a shallow baking pan and drizzle on the oil, stirring to coat



each seed. Spread the seeds out in the pan and bake at 325° F until seeds are golden and crunchy (about 1 hour). Stir frequently, to turn. Serve as is or sprinkle with salt. Store unused seeds in an airtight container, up to a month. Retoast stored seeds for about 5 minutes, as needed. Makes 1 to 2 cups.

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Where the wind is on Martinmas Eve (Nov. 10), there it will be for the rest of winter.

Nature is conquered by obeying her.

Snow for a se'night (week) is a mother to the earth, for ever after a stepmother.

A bad winter betide, if hair grows thick on the bear's hide.

- Ozarks proverb

New Wilmington Livestock

NEW WILMINGTON, PA
OCTOBER 28, 1996

CATTLE 227... PDA ... Compared with last week's sale... cows 1.00 to 3.00 lower. STEERS: few Select 50.00-55.00, Standard 40.00-49.00.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 32.00-37.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 25.00-31.75, Canner and Low Cutter 20.00-25.00. Shells down to 15.00.

BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 940/2025 lbs. 35.00-44.00, few No. 2 1150/2315 lbs. 26.00-32.00.

FEEDEER CATTLE: HEIFERS: Medium Frame No. 1 220/700 lbs. 37.00-45.00, Medium Frame No. 2 200/675 lbs. 24.50-36.00; BULLS: Medium Frame No. 1 250/525 lbs. 44.00-52.50, Large Frame No. 2 275/600 lbs. 22.00-25.00, Medium Frame No. 2 200/400 lbs. 28.00-33.00.

CALVES 119... VEALERS: Good 160/185 lbs. 46.00-58.00, Standard and Good 80/115 lbs. 24.00-29.00, Utility 50/75 lbs. 5.00-19.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/135 lbs. 58.00-69.00, No. 2 90/115 lbs. 49.00-60.00; couple No. 1 Holstein heifers 100/110 lbs. 130.00 & 147.50, few No. 2 85/105 lbs. 50.00-85.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 100/135 lbs. 36.00-51.00.

HOGS 268... BARROWS and gilts 3.25 to 5.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 200/240 lbs. 50.75-52.00, US 1-3 200/260 lbs. 47.50-49.50, US 2-3 210/270 lbs. 46.00-47.00.

SOWS: few US 1-3 350/750 lbs. 44.00-50.25.

BOARS: 220/350 lbs. 38.00-40.25. FEEDEER PIGS 61... US 1-3 20/40 lbs. 15.00-22.00, 40/55 lbs. 25.00-37.00. -- per head.

SHEEP 41... SLAUGHTER LAMBS:

Choice 100/150 lbs. 60.00-75.00, Good and Choice 50/95 lbs. 50.00-80.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 17.50-25.00, few Yearlings 41.00-45.00.

GOATS 10... All sold by the head. BILLIES: few Medium & Large 37.00-68.00.

KIDS: one Small 5.00.

OK City Feeder Cattle

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
OCTOBER 30, 1996

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle firm. Calves firm to 2.00 higher. Good demand for all classes of feeders and calves. Quality of supply plain to average. Weigh-ups average. Calves in medium to maximum flesh. Rain of half inch to 2 inches over much of the state Sunday. Wheat pastures looking good for turning out soon. Slaughter cows 3.00-3.50 lower. Slaughter bulls 1.00 lower. Demand light despite lower levels. Fall cow run in full swing with packers well stocked with slaughter needs. Total of 675 cows and bulls sold with 75 percent going to packers. Receipts this week 9,100; last week 15,241; last year 12,489. Supply consisted of 43 percent yearlings and calves over 600 lbs; 50 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: 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 65.00-73.50 (69.53); 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 64.00-69.75 (67.27); 500-550 lbs (523 lbs) 62.75-67.00 (65.16); 550-600 lbs (581 lbs) 59.00-64.25 (60.89); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 58.25-63.00 (60.89); Yearlings: 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 64.00-68.00 (66.43); 600-650 lbs (637 lbs) 65.75-68.75 (67.44); 650-700 lbs (674 lbs) 63.50-66.50 (65.18); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 62.75-66.25 (64.13); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 62.75-64.50 (63.56); 900-950 lbs (924 lbs) 59.00-59.50 (59.19); 1100 lbs 58.50. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 Calves: 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 54.00-59.75 (57.71); 400-500 lbs (460 lbs) 54.00-59.25 (56.86); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 54.00-57.00 (55.26); 600-650 lbs (630 lbs) 52.25-55.75 (54.65); Yearlings: 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 56.00-60.50 (58.00); 600-700 lbs 57.25-61.00 (58.14); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 55.75-57.50 (57.05); 850 lbs 55.25. Slaughter Cows: Average dressing Cutters 24.00-27.00, Utilities 26.75-29.50; high dressing Cutters 26.00-29.75, Utilities 28.50-31.50; low dressing Cutter 22.00-24.50, Utilities 22.50-26.50. Canners 17.00-23.00. Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutters 55.55; Boning Utility 55.25; Breaking Utility 54.05; Canner 52.10. Bulls 65.55. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1350-2150 lbs Average dressing 34.00-37.50; high dressing 38.50-39.75, high dressing/high boning none; low dressing 31.50-35.00. Replacement Cows: Pretested for bangs, pregnancy, and age Medium and Large 1 2-4 yr olds 750-1025 lbs 3-5 months bred avg quality 365.00-457.00; 5-6 yr olds 9000-1250 lbs 3-7 months bred high quality 485.00-530.00, avg quality 350.00-424.00; 7-8 yr olds 1050-1250 lbs 3-7 months bred avg quality 326.00-357.00, high quality 395.00.

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