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SLAUGHTER STEERS: MARKET 1.00 HIGHER. CHOICE 2-4 1100-1400 LBS. 65.00-68.50; SELECT & LOW CHOICE 1000-1500 LBS. 61.00-65.00; HOL. STEERS HI CHOICE & PRIME 1250-1400 LBS. 58.00-61.00; CHOICE 1200-1500 LBS. 53.00-56.00; SELECT, ALL WEIGHTS 46.00-49.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: MARKET 1.00 HIGHER. CHOICE & PRIME 950-1300 LBS. 65.00-67.50; SELECT ALL WEIGHTS 900-1400 LBS. 54.00-61.00.

COWS: MARKET STRONGER. BRK. UT. & COMM. 2-4 BULK 38.00-41.00; HI DRESSING 42.00-45.00; CUTTER & BON. UT. 34.00-37.00; HI DRESSING 37.00-41.00; CANNER & CUTTERS 28.00-32.00; LOW DRESSING 26.00 AND DOWN.

BULLS: MARKET 2.00 HIGHER. ALL WEIGHTS 1100-1900 LBS. 41.00-54.00. VEAL CALVES: MARKET STEADY. CHOICE AND PRIME 200-400 LBS. 71.00-83.00; HI GOOD AND LOW CHOICE ALL WEIGHTS 49.00-65.00.

FARM CALVES: MARKET 3.00 HIGHER. HOL. BULLS 100-125 LBS. 88.00-97.00; HOL. BULLS 85-95 LBS. 45.00-78.00; HOL. HEIFER CALVES 100-120 LBS. 110.00-165.00; SMALL FRAME 70-105 LBS. 40.00-85.00; SLAUGHTER CALVES ALL WEIGHTS 15.00-30.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: MARKET STRONG. BULLS & STEERS 400-900 LBS. 47.00-78.00; HEIFERS 300-700 LBS. 43.00-61.00.

LAMBS: MARKET HIGHER. CHOICE & PRIME 90-110 LBS. 100.00-120.00; LIGHTER LAMBS 90.00-165.00; EWES - HEAVY 32.00-40.00, LIGHT 41.00-55.00.

GOATS: MARKET STEADY. SMALL 25.00-40.00; MEDIUM 40.00-75.00; LARGE 80.00-130.00.

HOGS: MARKET 2.00 LOWER. 210-250 LBS. 49.00-51.50; 255-300 LBS. 44.00-51.00; SOWS - HEAVY 42.00-47.00; SOWS - LIGHT 35.00-39.00; BOARS ALL WEIGHTS 31.00-37.00.

Low Cutter 23.75-28.00. Shells down to 15.00.

BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 1400/2075 lbs. 40.25-48.75, No. 2 1025/1970 lbs. 32.00-39.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium Frame No. 1 500/975 lbs. 55.00-67.00, Large Frame No. 2 400/925 lbs. 32.00-46.00, few Medium Frame No. 2 500/900 lbs. 40.00-50.00; HEIFERS: Medium Frame No. 1 325/750 lbs. 55.00-68.00, Large Frame No. 2 375/925 lbs. 35.00-56.00, Medium Frame No. 2 300/800 lbs. 41.00-54.00; BULLS: few Medium Frame No. 1 300/700 lbs. 55.00-65.00, 700/1050 lbs. 43.00-53.00, Medium Frame No. 2 425/925 lbs. 42.00-54.00.

CALVES 99...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75/100 lbs. 23.00-36.00, Utility 50/75 lbs. 10.00-24.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 95/125 lbs. 62.50-102.00, 85/90 lbs. 46.00-56.00, No. 2 80/130 lbs. 30.00-65.00; couple No. 1 Holstein heifers 90 & 110 lbs. 130.00 & 145.00, few No. 2 85/125 lbs. 30.00-100.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 75/125 lbs. 30.00-65.00.

HOGS 25...BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-3 225/245 lbs. 51.00-52.00.

BOARS: one 330 lbs. 34.00. FEEDER PIGS 6...Few US 1-3 45/70 lbs. 39.00-46.00. --- per head.

SHEEP 1...NO MARKET TEST! GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

THE OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 2, 1997
"DR. SEUSS" BORN, MARCH 2.

LONG-GONE LYRICIST

February 27 is the birthday of poet and former Harvard professor Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882). Unlike much poetry, Longfellow's work was very popular in his day and remains familiar today. His "The Song of Hiawatha" and "The Courtship of Miles Standish" are just a few of the longer works Longfellow penned. Few people know that Longfellow also wrote the words to the Christmas carol, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." It was written during the Civil War, following the Battle of Gettysburg, and after Longfellow's son had been seriously wounded: "And in despair I bowed my head; 'there is no peace on earth,' I said."

I shot an arrow into the air, It fell to earth, I know not where.

-H W Longfellow

TIP OF THE WEEK

Use a day at home with a sick child to add to — or simply enjoy — an old photo album.

QUICK BAKED HALIBUT

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 pounds halibut fillets

then slowly add the milk, whisking constantly until thickened. Add the chopped onion, bay leaf, ground cloves, and salt and pepper. Place fish in a greased, shallow baking dish. Pour the sauce over the fish and bake until the fish flakes easily and all translucency is gone, about 20 to 40 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillets.



Preheat oven to 350° F. Make a simple white sauce: Melt the butter, gradually stir in the flour,

Makes 4 servings.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



So many mists in March, so many frosts in May.

March comes in with adder heads and goes out with peacock tails.

At Sts. David (Mar. 1) and Chad (Mar. 2), sow peas, good or bad.

Got a Question? Every day the editors of *The Old Farmer's Almanac* answer a question on the Internet. All questions are archived there as well. Go to www.almanac.com.

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