



MARCH 17-23, 1997

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 23.

**THE "KING," THEN SPRING . . .**

After you've finished celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17, it's time to listen to a little Nat "King" Cole (born March 17, 1919). On March 20, welcome springtime before your morning coffee break — the vernal equinox arrives at 8:55 A.M., EST. With the Full Worm Moon on March 23, those early worm castings are luring the first robins our way. If you haven't got your seeds ordered, time's a-wasting! The swallows are returning to San Juan Capistrano.



Plan the whole year in the spring. — Chinese proverb

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

If you're trying to quit smoking, suck on a bit of fresh ginger root or a clove.

**SPRING ROLLS**

- 6 scallions, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- phyllo pastry (about 12 sheets)
- melted butter to brush on

phyllo in half, lengthwise, add some of the vegetables, and roll up like an eggroll, turning a half-inch of the edges inward as you roll. Brush with butter and place on baking sheet. Repeat to use all ingredients. Bake

about 15 minutes, then turn rolls over and bake for another 15 minutes. Serve hot.

Makes about 12 rolls.



Sauté vegetables in olive oil until cooked. Add soy sauce and ginger and let cool. Preheat oven to 400° F. Fold a sheet of

**The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*St. Joseph's Day (Mar. 19) clear, so follows a fertile year.*

*Rain on St. Benoit's Day (Mar. 21) means rain for forty days.*

*The March sun causes dust, and the winds blow it about.*

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

**Mercer Livestock**

MERCER, PA  
MARCH 11, 1997

**CATTLE 344...** PDA ...Compared with last week's sale...steers mostly steady, cows steady to 1.75 higher.

**STEERS:** few High Choice and Prime 1250/1425 lbs. 68.00-70.50, Choice 1000/1500 lbs. 65.00-69.75, few 1500/1680 lbs. 63.25-65.10, Select and Low Choice 61.00-66.00, Select 58.00-60.75, few Standard 45.75-56.50.

**HOLSTEINS:** few High Choice and Prime 1400/1510 lbs. 63.00-64.25, few Choice 1400/1500 lbs. 56.00-62.25, few Select 50.00-52.75, few Standard 40.00-45.00.

**HEIFERS:** couple High Choice and Prime 1070 & 1080 lbs. 69.25 & 70.25, Choice 985/1225 lbs. 64.00-68.00, Select 56.00-64.00, Standard 44.00-54.00.

**COWS:** Breaking Utility and Commercial 38.00-43.50, couple 45.50, Cutter and Boning Utility 33.00-40.75, Canner and Low Cutter 26.75-33.75. Shells down to 20.00.

**BULLS:** few Yield Grade No. 1 970/2015 lbs. 43.50-54.00, one No. 2 1020 lbs. 34.25.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** **STEERS:** few Medium Frame No. 1 550/825 lbs. 58.00-67.00, Large Frame No. 2 300/1065 lbs. 41.50-48.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium Frame No. 1 325/675 lbs. 53.00-63.00, 725/925 lbs. 46.00-65.00; **BULLS:** Large & Medium Frame No. 1 350/850 lbs. 50.00-72.00, Large Frame No. 2 400/995 lbs. 39.50-42.50, few Medium Frame No. 2 465/610 lbs. 45.00-56.00.

**CALVES 111...** VEALERS: Standard

and Good 70/95 lbs. 25.00-32.00, Utility 45/75 lbs. 10.00-26.00.

**FARM CALVES:** No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/130 lbs. 57.50-82.50, No. 2 85/150 lbs. 34.00-57.50; couple No. 1 Holstein heifers 100 & 105 lbs. 100.00 & 110.00, few No. 2 70/110 lbs. 30.00-85.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 70/115 lbs. 32.00-95.00.

**HOGS 66...** BARROWS AND GILTS: few US 1-2 250/265 lbs. 48.00-50.25, US 1-3 220/260 lbs. 45.00-47.25, US 2-3 210/280 lbs. 43.75-44.85.

**SOWS:** couple US 1-3 490 & 525 lbs. 45.00 & 46.00, few Medium 250/350 lbs. 38.00-43.50.

**FEEDER PIGS 0...** NO MARKET TEST!

**SHEEP 71...** SLAUGHTER LAMBS: couple Choice 85 lbs. 125.00, 25/30 lbs. 140.00-160.00.

**WOOLED LAMBS:** Choice 60/90 lbs. 97.00-115.00.

**FEEDER LAMBS:** Choice 82.50-97.50.

◆ **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** couple 29.00 & 35.00.

**GOATS 6...** Couple Medium 40.00 & 47.50, few Large Kids 27.50-30.00. — per head.

**Middleburg Livestock**

MIDDLEBURG, PA  
MARCH 11, 1997

**CATTLE 491...** SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION ...steers & heifers 2.00 lower, cows 2.50 lower, bulls steady.

**STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 1250/1450 lbs. 69.50-71.75, Choice 64.50-69.00, Select 57.00-64.00, Standard 48.00-57.00.

**HOLSTEINS:** High Choice and Prime 1200/1400 lbs. 58.00-63.00, Choice 1200/1350 lbs. 52.00-58.00, Select

48.00-52.00, Standard 40.00-48.00.

**HEIFERS:** High Choice and Prime 1050/1350 lbs. 68.00-71.00, Choice 1050/1250 lbs. 63.00-68.00, Select 56.00-63.00, Standard 40.00-56.00.

**COWS:** Breaking Utility and Commercial 39.00-42.50, Cutter and Boning Utility 34.00-39.00, Canner and Low Cutter 28.00-34.00. Shells down to 20.00.

**BULLOCKS:** Choice 50.00-55.00.

**BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1 1400/2200 lbs. 46.00-54.00, No. 2 1200/2000 lbs. 36.00-45.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** **STEERS:** 400/500 lbs. 55.00-65.00, 600/700 lbs. 57.00-68.00; **HEIFERS:** 400/500 lbs. 45.00-55.00, 600/700 lbs. 48.00-60.00.

**CALVES 241...** FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 95/110 lbs. 60.00-79.00, No. 2 95/120 lbs. 45.00-65.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 100/110 lbs. 100.00-160.00, No. 2 90/100 lbs. 40.00-100.00.

**HOGS 305...** (03/10 & 11/97)...Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. Barrows and gilts 1.50 to 2.00 lower.

**BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 1-2 220/260 lbs. 46.00-48.00, US 1-3 220/270 lbs. 45.00-46.50, US 2-3 210/270 lbs. 44.00-45.00.

**SOWS:** US 1-3 400/500 lbs. 38.00-42.00, 500/600 lbs. 42.00-46.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 46...** US 1-3 35.00-45.00. — per head.

**SHEEP 70...** SLAUGHTER LAMBS: High Choice and Prime 36/40 lbs. 180.00-196.00, Choice 30/40 lbs. 150.00-175.00.

**SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 36.00-46.00.

**GOATS 39...** Large 100.00-146.00, Medium 75.00-100.00, Small 40.00-60.00, Large Kids 40.00-60.00. — per head.

**Dry Cow Management**  
Mastitis Control  
Deworming  
March 24, 1997 10:30 AM to 2:45 PM  
Lunch will be served • No charge  
**Daniel's Farm Store**  
324 Glenbrook Rd.  
Leola, PA 17540  
717-656-6982

**Standards and the Law - Who is Responsible**  
John Murtha from PA Department of Environmental Protection, Div. of Waste Water Management  
March 17, 1997 7:00-9:00 PM  
At: Beco Equipment  
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717-354-2354

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