

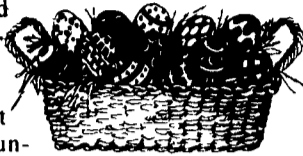


MARCH 24-30, 1997

EASTER, MARCH 30.

THE ETERNAL EASTER EGG

In Italy, it's said you spend your Christmas with your family, but you spend Easter with whom you want. A celebration of love as much as of the Resurrection, the Italian Easter is also an occasion to bestow valuable trinkets — from expensive jewelry to promises of vacation getaways — in the confines of a chocolate egg. How the egg evolved to this form from its humble hard-boiled state is uncertain. But always the egg has meant good luck, fertility, abundance, and new life. Together with the spring equinox, the Easter egg promises that the cycle of the seasons is eternal.



Eggs and oaths are easily broken.

TIP OF THE WEEK

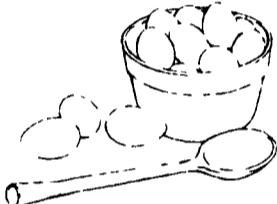
Salt the water for boiling eggs; cracked eggs won't leak and the eggshells will slip off more easily.

BAKED EGGS

- Per serving:
 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
 1 tablespoon cubed cheddar
 1 tablespoon diced ham
 2 eggs
 1 tablespoon sour cream
 salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400° F and lightly grease one 3-inch ramekin per serving. Add dill, cheese, and ham to ramekin, then break eggs over that. Add a dollop of sour cream, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place ramekin(s)

in a baking pan, add water to the pan to cover half way up the side of the ramekin(s), and bake about 15 minutes. Serve immediately. The ingredients listed fill one ramekin for a single serving, but you can bake multiple ramekins at the same time.



THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A clear St. Mary's Day (March 25), a fruitful year ahead.

A pleasant Easter Sunday means a bountiful harvest.

When the Sun sets bright and clear, an easterly wind you need not fear.

When the Sun goes pale to bed, 'twill rain tomorrow, it is said.

OK City Feeder Cattle

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
 MARCH 19, 1997

Compared to last Monday: Feeder steers 1.00-2.00 higher. Feeder heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Demand very good for feeders. Stocker steers steady. Stocker heifers 3.00-5.00 higher. Excellent demand for stockers. Quality plain through attractive, mostly average to attractive. Weigh-ups gaunt to average, end full. Feeder flesh considerably less than past several weeks with many cattle in medium condition. Buyers remain aggressive on heavy weight stockers for graze-out wheat as light stockers won't work on 150-200 lb gain. Utility cows 1.00 lower. Cutter cows and slaughter bulls 1.00 higher. Packer demand good. Total 565 cows and bulls sold with 70 percent to packers. Receipts this week 9,125; last week 15,122; last year 15,879. Supply consisted of 68 percent yearlings over 600 lbs; 25 percent calves and light yearlings 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 and stockers 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 94.00-102.50 (99.04); 400-450 lbs (428 lbs) 93.00-97.50 (94.88); 450-500 lbs (479 lbs) 88.50-93.75 (91.67); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 82.50-89.00 (86.37), few new crop calves 78.75-80.00; 600-650 lbs (627 lbs) 77.00-83.75 (79.88); 650-700 lbs (672 lbs) 71.50-76.00 (73.85); few 700-750 lbs (719

lbs) 72.25-73.00 (72.54); Feeders 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 69.00-74.50 (71.73); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 67.00-72.00 (69.80); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 64.25-70.75 (68.01); 900-950 lbs (931 lbs) 63.60-65.75 (65.08); 1025 lbs 62.50.

Few Holsteins: Large 2 400-500 lbs 64.50-67.00; 750-950 lbs 53.25-55.00; 965 lbs thin 49.75. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 Calves and stockers 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 76.00-80.00 (78.66); 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 73.00-79.00, few to 81.00 (76.59); 500-550 lbs (518 lbs) 77.50-82.00 (79.62); 550-600 lbs (583 lbs) 70.00-78.00 (72.32); 600-650 lbs (633 lbs) 69.50-72.25 (70.96); 650-700 lbs (658 lbs) 67.25-69.25 (68.60); Feeders 500-550 lbs (539 lbs) 72.50-76.25 (74.22); 550-600 lbs (572 lbs) 66.50-69.00 (68.21); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 64.75-68.75 (67.15); 700-750 lbs (726 lbs) 64.00-69.00 (66.47); 750-800 lbs (774 lbs) 62.25-65.75 (63.55); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 60.50-64.00 (62.08); 900-950 lbs (913 lbs) 61.00-62.50 (61.84). Slaughter Cows: Average dressing: Cutters 35.00-38.00, Utilities 38.00-41.50; high dressing: Cutters 38.00-41.00, Utilities 40.50-42.50, high dressing/high boning 44.25-44.50; low dressing: Cutters 32.00-35.50, Utilities 37.00-39.00. Few Canner and low Cutter 28.50-31.00, light weights or low dressing 25.00-30.50. Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutters 79.50; Boners 78.00; Breakers 76.35; few Canners 71.80. Bulls 85.55. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1300-2400 lbs average dressing 46.00-49.50; high dressing 49.00-53.50, high dressing/high boning

54.00-55.00; low dressing 40.50-43.50. Replacement Cows: Pretested for Bangs, pregnancy, and age Medium and Large 1 single head sales 5 yr 900-1200 lb 6-8 mo bred high quality 600.00-700.00; heifers 850-975 lb 5-8 mo bred avg quality 450.00-460.00; "2-4 mo bred avg quality 385.00-415.00; 5-6 yr 1000-1075 lb 5-8 mo bred avg quality 500.00-575.00; "3-4 mo bred avg quality 395.00-465.00; 7 yr 800-1200 lb 6-8 mo bred avg quality 425.00-460.00. Pairs: Medium and Large 1 5-7 yr 950-1200 lb hi quality cows 75-250 lb calves 700.00-800.00. 5-7 yr 825-1200 lb avg quality cows 100-250 lb calves 575.00-680.00; 8 yr 1000-1100 lb avg quality cows 100-250 lb calves 500.00-510.00.

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Monday, March 17, 1997

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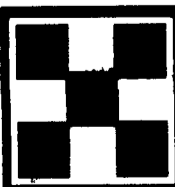
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