



APRIL 28-MAY 4, 1997

MAY DAY, MAY 1.

**LAW, LEIS, AND LOYALTY**

Depending on where you live, you might celebrate May 1 as Law Day (U.S.), Lei Day (Hawaii), or Loyalty Day (designated by Congress in 1958). Most of us think of it simply as May Day, a celebration of spring with its origins in the early Roman and Druid festivals, particularly the Beltane or "Bel's fire" rituals of lighting fires on high hilltops to honor the returning Sun. Since the May sunshine rivals that of August in its intensity, and this month's Full Flower Moon is on the rise, spring flowers should be plentiful enough to fill the May baskets of early risers who know where to look.

*He that is in a town in May, loses his spring.*



*The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS*



*May makes or mars the wheat.*

*Set sage in May, and it will grow away.*

*March dust and May Sun, makes corn white and maids dun.*

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**TIP OF THE WEEK**

For longer-lasting daffodils, cut them when color just shows at the bud tip but the flower is not open.

**HAWAIIAN SPARERIBS**

- 4 to 5 pounds pork spareribs
- boiling, salted water to cover
- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder



ate for 1 to 6 hours, turning once or twice. Barbecue or broil the spareribs 4 to 6 inches from the heat, for a total of about 30 minutes. Or you can bake the spareribs at 425° F, turning once, for a total of 45 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.

Parboil spareribs in water for about 20 minutes. Make a marinade with the remaining ingredients. Drain water from spareribs, pour on marinade, and refrigerate.

**OK City Feeder Cattle**  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK  
APRIL 23, 1997

Compared to last Monday: Feeder and stocker cattle firm to 2.00 higher. Steer and heifer calves weak to 3.00 lower. Demand good for all classes. Buyers very aggressive for heavy stockers headed to frost damaged wheat. Light cattle evenly mixed between new crop calves and thin dry wintered cattle but market lower with condition changes considered. May wheat run getting an early start as many pastures are short and trampled. Quality of supply average to attractive. Feeders in medium to slightly fleshy condition, few fleshy. New crop calves in medium flesh whereas old crops mostly thin. Weigh-ups gaunt to average, few full. Receipts this week 13,863; last week 8,903; last year 7,100. Supply consisted of 82 percent yearlings over 600 lbs; 14 percent calves and light yearlings under 600 lbs; 4 percent cows and bulls. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis. Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 Stocker and calves: 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 94.00-108.50 (100.16); 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 84.00-89.75 (88.10), thin (478 lbs) 92.00-97.50 (94.23); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 83.00-91.00 (87.37); 600-650 lbs (630 lbs) 78.00-86.00 (81.83); 650-700 lbs (673 lbs) 76.00-85.75 (80.32); 700-735 lbs (713 lbs) 75.00-82.25 (77.25); Feeders: 600-650 lbs

(636 lbs) 73.50-78.00 (75.77); 650-700 lbs (689 lbs) 70.75-77.00 (74.69); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 71.50-75.50 (73.22); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 66.75-73.00 (69.20); 900-1000 lbs (950 lbs) 66.25-69.00 (66.43). Holsteins: Large 2 700-750 lbs 59.50-61.00. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1: Stocker and Calves: 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 80.00-86.50 (83.45); 400-500 lbs thin (450 lbs) 75.50-83.00 (79.15), new crops (477 lbs) 72.50-76.00 (73.33); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 74.50-80.00 (77.41); 600-650 lbs (625 lbs) 74.00-76.25 (75.47); 650-675 lbs (672 lbs) 71.50-76.50 (74.38); Feeders: 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 71.00-77.00 (74.74); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 69.00-74.00 (71.11); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 65.50-71.00 (68.21); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 64.50-68.00 (65.89). Slaughter Cows: Average dressing: Cutters 36.50-39.00, Boners 37.00-40.00, Breakers 38.00-41.00; high dressing: Cutters 38.50-41.50, Boners 39.50-42.50, Breakers 40.00-43.50, high dressing/high boning Utilities 43.00-46.00; low dressing: Cutters 32.00-35.00, Utilities 34.50-38.50, light weights 31.00-34.50. Canner and low Cutters 28.00-32.25, light weights 25.50-29.50. Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutters 78.30; Boners 75.85; Breakers 74.05; Canners 72.30. Bulls 85.85, few fat bulls 76.85. Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1300-2200 lbs average dressing 47.50-50.50; high dressing 49.50-52.50, high dressing/high boning 54.50-56.50; low dressing 1200-1750 lbs 42.50-46.50. Replacement Cows: Pretested for Bangs,

pregnancy, and age Medium and Large 1 single head sales 2-5 yr old 1000-1150 lbs 5-8 months bred high quality 540.00-630.00; 5-8 yr old 900-1150 lbs 4-8 months bred avg quality 440.00-510.00. Pairs: Medium and Large 1 3-4 yr old 1050-1200 lb cows 200-300 lb calf hi quality 760.00-820.00; 5-7 yr old 1050-1200 lb cows 150-300 lb calf hi quality 685.00-710.00; 4-6 yr old 850-1150 lb cows 150-200 lb calf avg quality 625.00-690.00; 7-8 yr old 850-1200 lb cows 100-250 lb calf avg quality 475.00-560.00.

**New Holland Dairy**

New Holland Sales Stables  
Wednesday, April 23, 1997  
Report supplied by auction  
68 DAIRY COWS; 78 HEIFERS; 5 BULLS. MARKET STEADY.  
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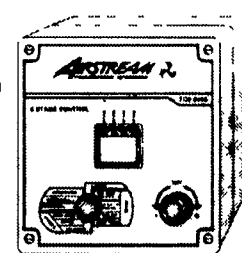
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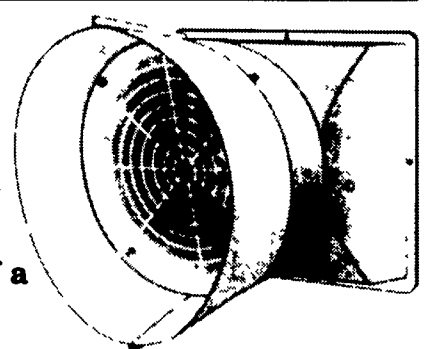
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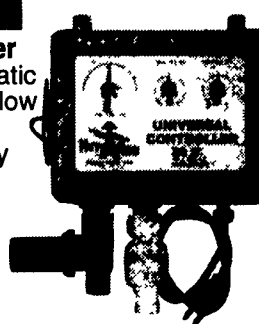
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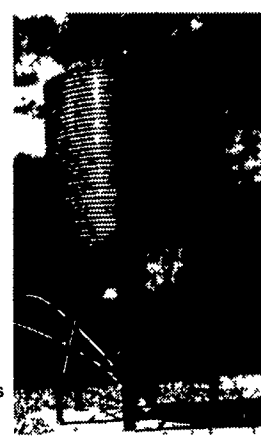
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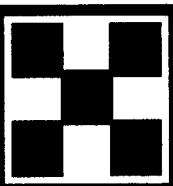
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