



MAY 26-JUNE 1, 1997

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 26.

WHAT COLOR IS YOUR AURORA?

Be on the lookout for spectacular Northern Lights this month and almost monthly for a good while now. The northern third of the United States, especially in the "unpolluted" (by city lights) skies of more-rural areas, should begin to see increased periods of Northern Lights activity, because of a changing cycle of sunspots. These sunspots have been shown to run in 11-year cycles, and the Sun has just entered its "upswing" period in that cycle. The aurora borealis, or luminous streamers of lights visible at night, are thought to be caused by the ejection of charged particles into the magnetic field of Earth.

Weather forecast for tonight: dark.

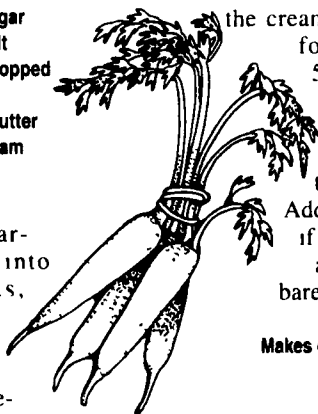
- George Carlin

TIP OF THE WEEK

Dissolve several denture-cleaning tablets in a bucket of water to soak yellowed linens.

NEW CARROTS

- 12 to 15 new carrots
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup light cream (optional)



Ingredients except for the cream Sauté for about 5 minutes, or just until tender. Add cream, if desired, and just barely heat.

Makes 4 servings.

Scrub the carrots, slice into matchsticks, and combine in a saucepan with the rest of the ingredients.

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A sunshiny shower won't last out the hour.

A dripping June brings all things in tune.

Gnats galore, screen the door!

If the skylark hovers and glides in its descent, the weather will remain fine; if it drops straight down, rain is near.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland
Report Supplied by Auction
Sat., May 17, 1997

STOCK BULLS AND STEERS 200-500 LBS. 60.00-88.00.
STOCK HEIFERS 45.00-75.00.
SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD 55.00-63.50.
HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD, NONE AVAILABLE; LIGHT 30.00-37.50.
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 63.00; MEDIUM TO GOOD 42.00-58.00.
BULLS HEAVY 45.00-50.00, LIGHT 40.00-48.50.
COWS UTILITY HOLSTEINS 36.00-46.00, CANNERS 30.00-35.00, CULLS 28.00 AND DOWN.
VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 110.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 35.00-55.00.
BOB CALVES: 30.00 AND DOWN.
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. 60.00-107.00.
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 105.00; BEEF X CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 95.00.
HOGS: TOP QUALITY 54.00-57.00, HEAVY 45.00-55.00, LIGHT 43.00-50.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD, UP TO 70.00.
SOWS: UP TO 45.00.
MALE HOGS: UP TO 40.00.
LAMBS: 70-85 LBS. UP TO 125.00; 85-125 LBS. UP TO 110.00; 30-60 LBS. UP TO 150.00; CULLS 60.00 AND DOWN.
SHEEP: UP TO 35.00.
GOATS: ALL BY THE HEAD, LARGE 50.00-75.00; MEDIUM 20.00-48.50; SMALL 8.00-38.00.

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, PA
Tuesday, May 20, 1997
Report supplied by Auction
STEERS: HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 1240-1470 LBS. UP TO 69.00; CHOICE 1200-1500 LBS. UP TO 64.00; SELECT UP TO 56.75, STANDARD UP TO 52.00.

HOLSTEINS: SELECT UP TO 47.25, STANDARD UP TO 39.25.
HEIFERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1100-1350 LBS. UP TO 62.00; SELECT UP TO 49.75.
COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL UP TO 43.00; CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY UP TO 37.50; CANNER AND LOW CUTTER UP TO 33.00; SHELLS 27.00 AND DOWN.
BULLS: YG#1 UP TO 51.50; YG#2 UP TO 45.50.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 65.00-68.25; HEIFERS 48.00-51.50; BULLS 50.00-60.00.
FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN BULLS UP TO 139.00, #2 UP TO 110.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS UP TO 140.00, #2 UP TO 75.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS UP TO 100.00.
HOGS: US#1-2 53.00-57.00.
SOWS: US#1-3 47.50-48.00 AND 45.00-46.00; US#2-3 42.00-44.00.
BOARS 37.50.
SHEEP: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 30-40 LBS. 101.00.
STOCKER AND FEEDER SALE
MAY 16, 1997
APPROX. 200 HEAD STEERS AND HEIFERS.
ALL WEIGHTS, STEERS, BEEF TYPE 75.00-82.50, HEIFERS, BEEF TYPE 68.00-72.00, BULLS, BEEF TYPE 50.00-60.00.
HOLSTEINS, ALL WEIGHTS, 51.50-60.00.

Frederick Livestock Auction

Frederick, Md.
May 19, 1997
Report Supplied by Auction
SLAUGHTER COWS: 78 HEAD, 2.00 HIGHER.
UTILITY 40.00-46.50; HIGH DRESSING TO 48.00, 2 AT 50.00 AND 51.00; CANNERS 34.00-39.50; SHELLY 33.00 AND DOWN.
BULLS: 2 HEAD. YG#1 1615 LBS. AT 48.00; YG#2 1435 LBS. AT 41.00.

VEAL CALVES: 197 HEAD. CHOICE 275-325 LBS. 70.00-75.00; CULLS 2.00-4.00 HIGHER. 85-110 LBS. 40.00-48.00; 50-80 LBS. 30.00-43.00; WEAK/ROUGH 29.00 DOWN.
FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY PRICES. #1 85-120 LBS. 110.00-130.00; #2 80-105 LBS. 45.00-105.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-120 LBS. 135.00-160.00; #2 80-110 LBS. 90.00-120.00; BEEF X BULLS 60.00-100.00; HEIFERS 60.00-95.00.
BUTCHER HOGS: 46 HEAD, 1.00 HIGHER. US#1-2 230-260 LBS. 59.00-59.75; 215-260 LBS. #1&3 220-260 LBS. 58.00-58.25; #1&3 270-280 LBS. 57.00-58.00.
SOWS: 7 HEAD. 400-500 LBS. 44.00-47.00; 500-600 LBS. 48.00-49.00.
BOARS: TO 38.25; 1255 LB. AT 42.00.
STOCK CATTLE: STEERS, NONE. HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 54.00-70.00; 500-800 LBS. 54.00-67.00; HOLSTEINS 250-400 LBS. 60.00-83.00.
BULLS: 300-500 LBS. 59.00-78.00; 1 HEREFORD 1015 LBS. AT 62.00.
LAMBS: CHOICE 70-114 LBS. 97.00-99.50.
SHEEP: FEW TO 36.00.
GOATS: 2 SMALL KIDS 19.00 EACH.
PIGS AND SHOATS: BY THE LB. 4 HEAD ROUGH 150-180 LBS. 46.00.

Dewart Hay & Livestock

Dewart, Pa.
Monday, May 19, 1997
Report Supplied by Auction
STEERS: 50.00-68.00.
HEIFERS: 50.00-65.25.
GOOD COWS: 33.00-43.00.
CANNERS AND CUTTERS 25.00-33.00.
BULLS: 44.00-45.25.
VEAL 90-190 LBS. 90.00-150.00, 70-90 LBS. 30.00-90.00.
HOGS: NONE.
SOWS: NONE.
FEEDER PIGS: 25.00-54.00 HEAD.
HAY: 70.00-150.00.
CORN: 80.00-87.00.
OATS: 2.70-2.85 BU.

Hoffman Seeds, Inc., Gustafson, Inc., and Novartis Crop Protection invite you to attend a wheat field day at one of the following locations to see the results of Hoffman's replicated yield trials.

WHEAT FIELD DAYS

Monday, June 2	8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. C. Renn Remsburg Farm 3516 Sumantown Rd. Middletown, MD Contact: John Falkenstein 301-371-8737
Tuesday, June 3	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Greenfields, Route 213 Cecilton, MD Contact: Mike Scheeler 410-275-2267
Wednesday, June 4	9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Delmar Grain, Inc. @ Skip Ammons Farm Road 503B West Delmar, DE Contact: Skip Ammons 1-800-227-2908 or 302-846-9567
Thursday, June 5	5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Hoffman Seeds, Inc. Technology Learning Ctr. Rt. 772, West of Manheim Contact: Steve Smith 1-800-776-7929 OR 717-898-2261
Tuesday, June 16	6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Fuhrman Foods Farm #23 Route 405 North Northumberland, PA Contact: Chris Wilson 717-653-9060

Stop by and talk to the company reps. Coffee and donuts will be served at the morning meetings. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at the evening meetings.

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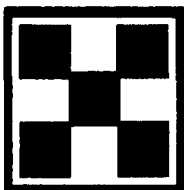


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