

SEE NO EVIL

September 1 marks the occasion of a partial eclipse of the Sun, but like the total eclipse of the Moon later this month (Sept. 16), it will not be visible in the United States or Canada. In some cultures, eclipses of either the Sun or the Moon were believed to portend evil omens and considered unsuitable times for beginning new projects, sowing seeds, or making major decisions. Some people thought the Sun and Moon were at war with each other and that the obscured vision of either meant a battle was in progress. In China, a dragon was credited with devouring the heavenly body. Native Americans might shoot burning arrows at an eclipsed Sun, hoping to relight the flame.

It is not necessary to light a candle to the Sun.

— Chinese proverb



TIP OF THE WEEK

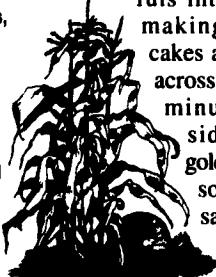
Tomatoes can be harvested, vine and all, and hung for ripening inside.

SUMMER CORN CAKES

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- pepper, to taste
- 2 cups uncooked corn, cut from the cob (or 10 oz. frozen corn kernels, thawed)
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions
- 1/3 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon corn oil
- sour cream
- salsa

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients except the last three. Heat a skillet and grease with the oil. Drop mixture by spoonfuls into the skillet, making individual cakes about 3 inches across. Cook 2 or 3 minutes on each side, just until golden. Serve with sour cream and salsa.

Makes about 15 corn cakes.



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WEATHER PROVERBS



Northern lights are a sign of cold weather.

If night comes and goes, and no dew falls, look for rain soon.

If a cricket is chirping in the house, look for cold weather soon.

If the sky looks brassy in the west at sunset, look for high winds.

Mercer Livestock

MERCER, PA

AUGUST 26, 1997

CATTLE 522 [PDA] Compared with last week's sale sl steers 25 to 50 lower, cows 1 50 higher
 STEERS High Choice and Prime 1125/1550 lbs 65 75-68 25, Choice 1025/1450 lbs 63 75-66 75, Select 55 25-62 00, Standard 45 00-53 00
 HOLSTEINS High Choice and Prime 1250/1650 lbs 62 00-64 50, Choice 1150/1400 lbs 57 00-61 00, Select 52 00-56 00, Standard 40 00-50 00
 HEIFERS few High Choice and Prime 1075/1400 lbs 65 00-67 50, Choice 940/1415 lbs 61 75-65 40, few Select 55 00-60 00, Standard 40 00-52 50
 COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 37 50-42 00, couple to 44 50, Yield Grade 4 & 5 34 00-36 50, Cutter and Boning Utility 31 50-39 50, Canner and Low Cutter 27 50-33 50 Shells down to 19 00
 BULLS few Yield Grade No 1 1445/1900 lbs 43 25-53 50, No 2 1050/2050 lbs 38 00-43 75
 FEEDER CATTLE STEERS few Large Frame No 1 400/900 lbs 62.00-76 00, Medium Frame No 1 250/800 lbs 61 00-75 00, Large Frame No 2 525/975 lbs 41 00-59 00, HEIFERS Large Frame No 1 200/1000 lbs 60 50-76 00, Medium Frame No 1 200/750 lbs 56 00-69 00, Large Frame No 2 600/1100 lbs 40 00-54 00, Medium Frame No 2 275/700 lbs 45 00-53 00, BULLS Medium Frame No 1 250/475 lbs 61 00-85 00, 500/850 lbs 56 00-65 00, few Large Frame No 2 550/1000 lbs 39 50-43 00
 CALVES 124 VEALERS Standard and Good 75/140 lbs 20 00-30 00, Utility 50/85 lbs 10 00-18 00
 FARM CALVES No 1 Holstein bulls 120/150 lbs 62 50-85 00, 90/115 lbs 70 00-100 00, No 2 85/125 lbs 31 00-67 50, few No 2 Holstein heifers 75/115 lbs 37 50-95 00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 90/195 lbs 59 00-112.50
 HOGS 50 BARROWS AND GILTS. US 1-3 225/275 lbs 48 50-52 50, few US 2-3 350/445 lbs 43 50-50 00, few US 1-3 185/195 lbs 43 50-51 00
 SOWS one US 1-3 370 lbs @ 48 00
 BOARS few 200/575 lbs 35 00-37 75.
 FEEDER PIGS 13 US 1-3 35 lbs @ 34 00, 100/120 lbs 82 00-89 00 — per cwt
 SHEEP 4 SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 75/135 lbs 67 00-86 00
 GOATS 4 Few Medium 27 00-82 50 — per head

Middleburg Livestock

MIDDLEBURG, PA

AUGUST 26, 1997

CATTLE 515 [PDA] Compared with last week's sale sl steers steady with spots 2 00 higher, cows steady, spots 50 to 1 00 higher, bulls steady
 SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 1190/1545 lbs 66 00-70 75, Choice 1000/1385 lbs 63 75-66 25, Select 58 00-64 00, Standard 45 75-55 00
 HOLSTEINS High Choice and Prime 1180/1470 lbs 59 00-62 75, Choice 1130/1510 lbs 55 50-58 00, Select 52 75-55 25, Standard 45 50-49 75
 HEIFERS few Choice 1090/1240 lbs 63 75-66 50, Select 55 00-63 00, Standard 42 00-53 50
 COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 38 00-42 25, one @ 45 50, Cutter and Boning Utility 33 50-39 25, Canner and Low Cutter 25 00-34 25 Shells down to 15 50
 BULLOCKS few Select 51 50-54 50
 BULLS Yield Grade No 1 1295/1980 lbs 44 00-45 75, No 2 1090/1595 lbs 38 00-42 75
 FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium & Frame No 1 & 2 350/880 lbs 39 00-67 50, Large Frame No 2 480/875 lbs Holsteins 35 00-56 00, HEIFERS Medium Frame No 1 280/730 lbs 54 00-67 50, Medium Frame No 2 320/750 lbs 32 00-48 00, BULLS few Medium Frame No 1 & 2 510/970 lbs 48 00-64.00, Large Frame No 2 390/880 lbs Holsteins 36 50-48 00
 CALVES 203 VEALERS couple Choice 195 & 200 lbs 81 00 & 82 00, Standard and Good 70/95 lbs 20 00-22 00, Utility 65/95 lbs 10 00-18 00
 FARM CALVES Holstein bull calves mostly steady, Holstein heifers 15 00 to 25 00 higher No 1 Holstein bulls 90/120 lbs 57 00-104 00, No 2 75/110 lbs 25 00-52 50, No 1 Holstein heifers 80/110 lbs 95 00-149 00, No 2 75/120 lbs 25 00-72 00 Beef cross bulls and heifers 85/110 lbs 32 50-97 50
 HOGS 211 (08/25 & 26/97) Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction Barrows and gilts 1 50 to 2.50 lower
 BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 230/260 lbs 52 50-53 75, US 1-3 225/265 lbs 50 25-52.25
 SOWS: US 1-3 300/450 lbs 38 50-44 00, 475/600 lbs. 42.50-49.00
 BOARS: 300/575 lbs 31 00-36 00
 FEEDER PIGS 51. US 1-3 35/45 lbs 34 00-42 00, Utility 50/85 lbs 20 00-37 00. — per head
 SHEEP 62...SLAUGHTER LAMBS:

Choice 35/75 lbs 90.00-115.00, 80/110 lbs 64 00-87 00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP 43.00-53 00, Yearlings 55.00-59 00
 GOATS 27 Few Large 43 00-85.00, Medium 45 00-70 00, Large Kids 34 00-45 00, few Small Kids 20 00-32 00 — per head

Belleville Livestock

BELLEVILLE, PA

AUGUST 27, 1997

CATTLE 376 [REPORT SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION]
 HOLSTEIN STEERS Choice 52 00-57 00
 HEIFERS Select 45 00-51 00, Standard 38 00-44 00
 COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 36 25-42 50, Cutter and Boning Utility 32 00-36 00, Canner and Low Cutter 25 00-31 75 Shells down to 18 00
 BULLS Yield Grade No 1 1130/2000 lbs 40 75-46 00
 CALVES 94
 VEALERS Standard & Good 80/100 lbs 20 00-22 00, Utility 50/75 lbs 12 00-18 00
 FARM CALVES. No 1 Holstein bulls 95/110 lbs 55 00-81 00, few to 87 00, No 2 90/120 lbs 30 00-54 00 No 1 Holstein heifers 95/110 lbs 80 00-100 00
 HOGS 20
 BARROWS AND GILTS US 2-3 230/270 lbs 44 00-47 00
 SOWS Few US 1-3 400/600 lbs 43 00-45 25
 BOARS 300/500 lbs 34 00-37 75
 FEEDER PIGS 84 US 1-3 40/50 lbs 25 00-33 00 — per head
 SHEEP 28 SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 40/60 lbs 105 00-120 00, 65/100 lbs 90 00-100.00 Slaughter Sheep 25 00-40 00
 GOATS 16 Large 85.00-110 00, Medium 45 00-70 00, Large Kids 22 00-40 00, Small Kids 8 00-20 00—per head

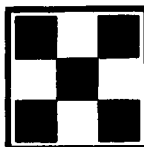
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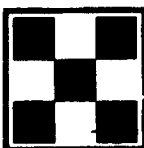


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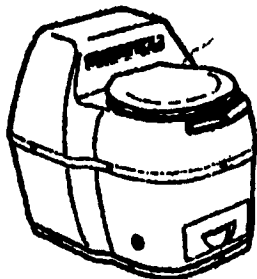
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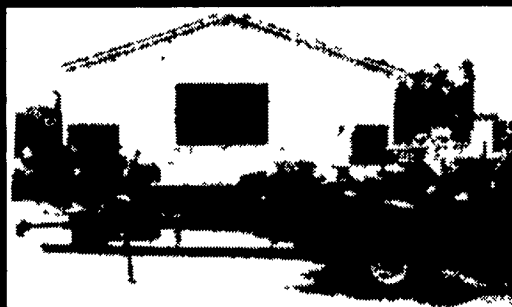
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