



SEPTEMBER 15-21, 1997

FULL HARVEST MOON, SEPT. 16.

MOON SIGNS

Astrologically, this week starts in the zodiac sign of Pisces for September 15 and 16, moves to Aries for two days, goes on to Taurus for the 19th and 20th, and finishes on the 21st in Gemini — water, fire, earth, and air (The astronomical position of the Moon is different.) For those who figure by the Moon signs, this week's zodiac suggests transplanting or grafting during the Pisces period, weeding and plowing in Aries or Gemini, and fall sowing in Taurus. If the house needs painting, dry Aries (fire) is the time. Wean or quit bad habits beginning in Pisces at the start of the week. Bake or cook in Aries. Go hunting in Taurus.



Lady Moon, Lady Moon, where are you roving?

— from *A Child's Song* by Lord Houghton

TIP OF THE WEEK

Collect wild plums or crab apples now for autumn preserves.

BLACKBERRY CRAB-APPLE JELLY

- 4 quarts crab apples
- 1 quart blackberries
- water
- sugar (1 cup to each cup of juice)

everything but the juice. Simmer another 5 minutes, straining off any froth. Measure juice, add sugar in equal parts, and bring to about 210° F, until the jelly drips from a spoon in sheets. Fill hot, sterilized jelly jars, and cover with 1/8 inch of paraffin.



Makes 6 to 8 jars of jelly.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Spider webs floating at autumn sunset bring a night frost, you may bet.

Listen to the katydid. When its chirp goes from "Katy-did" to "Katy," there will be a frost in ten days.

Got a Question? Every day, the editors of *The Old Farmer's Almanac* answer a question on the Internet. All questions are archived there as well. Go to www.almanac.com.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa. Sept. 8, 1997

CATTLE 563...PDA...SUPPLY INCLUDED 92 SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS, 269 SLAUGHTER COWS, 22 BULLS AND 180 FEEDER CATTLE. COMPARED WITH LAST MONDAY'S SALE...SLAUGHTER STEERS STRONG TO 2.00 HIGHER, COWS MOSTLY 2.00 HIGHER, HEIFERS 1.50-2.00 HIGHER, BULLS 2.00-3.00 HIGHER.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1160-1275 LBS. 68.25-69.50, ONE 73.75, CHOICE 1095-1330 LBS. 63.50-66.50, SELECT 57.00-63.00, STANDARD 44.25-54.50.

HOLSTEINS: FEW HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1360-1625 LBS. 60.00-62.00, FEW CHOICE 1300-1675 LBS. 55.50-58.00, FEW SELECT 51.75-52.00, STANDARD 43.75-47.75.

HEIFERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1040-1260 LBS. 66.75-68.25, ONE AT 70.00, FEW CHOICE 1035-1270 LBS. 63.50-64.50, SELECT 55.50-62.75, STANDARD 41.25-54.50.

COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 38.00-45.50, CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 36.00-43.00, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 27.50-35.75, SHELLS DOWN TO 18.00.

BULLOCKS: COUPLE SELECT 47.00 AND 55.00.

BULLS: YG #1 1125-2065 LBS. 46.00-53.50, #2 950-1575 LBS. 39.25-43.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS MEDIUM AND LARGE #1 275-575 LBS. 79.00-88.00, 400-675 LBS. 68.00-78.00, 800-990 LBS. 55.00-65.00, MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME #2 200-545 LBS. 55.00-62.00; HEIFERS, COUPLE MED. AND LRGE. FRAME #1 140 LBS. 104.00 AND 105.00, 225-450 LBS. 69.00-78.00, 500-775 LBS. 63.00-70.50, 800-875 LBS. 59.00-63.00, MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME #2 275-575 LBS. 51.00-58.00; BULLS MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME #1 280-475 LBS. 74.50-91.00, 500-670 LBS. 61.00-68.50, MED. AND LARGE FRAME #1 300-575 LBS. 54.00-60.00, 600-710 LBS. 44.00-47.50.

CALVES: 510..VEALERS FEW GOOD 140-180LBS. 60.00-67.50, STANDARD AND GOOD 75-110 LBS. 24.00-36.00, UTILITY 60-80 LBS. 13.00-26.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY...#1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-125 LBS. 55.00-95.00 WITH A FEW TO 50.00, BULK OF SALES 70.00-95.00, #2 85-125 LBS. 30.00-45.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 85-115 LBS. 80.00-135.00, #2 75-105 LBS. 37.00-65.00.

BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 75-85 LBS. 27.00-52.50.

HOGS: 40... SOWS US#1-3 345-485 LBS. 34.00-44.50, 500-700 LBS. 41.00-47.00, COUPLE MED. 350 AND 380 LBS. 19.50 AND 28.00.

BOARS: COUPLE 250 AND 280 LBS. 35.50 AND 39.00, ONE 665 LB. AT 34.50. FEEDER PIGS: 16...SLAUGHTER, FEW UTILITY 65-85 LBS. 35.00-47.00 PER CWT.

SHEEP: 102...SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE 40-70 LBS. 96.00-129.00, 75-85 LBS. 93.00-107.50, 90-125 LBS. 78.00-87.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 40.00-54.00, YEARLINGS 57.00-73.00.

GOATS: 244...BY THE HEAD, LARGE BILLIES 85.00-97.50, ONE 130.00; MEDIUM 50.00-85.00, LARGE NANNIES 56.00-100.00, MED. 31.00-60.00, LARGE KIDS 37.00-52.00, SMALL 10.00-34.00 PER HEAD.

MERCER LIVESTOCK AUCTION MERCER, PA September 9, 1997

CATTLE 583 [PDA] Compared with last week's sale sl steers 75 higher, cows steady to 1 00 lower

STEERS High Choice and Prme 1050/1500 lbs 65 50-67 00, Choice 1025/1515 lbs 62 75-66 75, Select 55 75-62 50, Standard 45 00-55 50

HOLSTEINS few High Choice and Prime 1225/1500 lbs 61 50-63 00, Choice 1025/1575 lbs 55 00-61 00, few Select 51 00-55 00

HEIFERS Choice 1000/1300 lbs 62 00-65 50, Select 53 50-61 50, Standard 44 25-54 50

COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 38 00-41 50, one @ 42 75, Yield Grade 4 & 5 32 00-35 00, Cutter and Boning Utility 31 50-39 00, low dressing 23 00-31 00, Canner and Low Cutter 26 75-33 00 Shells down to 22 00

BULLOCKS Select 1055/1485 lbs 46 25-49 50

BULLS Yield Grade No 1 975/2015 lbs 42 75-47 25, No 2 985/2155 lbs 37 00-43 00

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium Frame No 1 350/730 lbs 60 00-76 00, Large Frame No 2 250/1025 lbs 42 00-54 00, Medium Frame No 2 500/860 lbs 54 00-61 00,

HEIFERS few Large Frame No 1 810/980 lbs 58 00-61 00, Medium Frame No 1 250/775 lbs 58 50-69 00, Large Frame No 2 300/1000 lbs 42 00-55 50, Medium Frame No 2 250/780 lbs 43 00-57 00, BULLS few Medium Frame No 1 520/770 lbs 60 00-66 00, Large Frame No 2 400/850 lbs

31 00-39 00, Medium Frame No 2 500/1075 lbs 43 00-54 00

CALVES 111 VEALERS Standard and Good 70/110 lbs 19 00-31 00,

Utility 50/95 lbs 5 00-15 00 FARM CALVES No 1 Holstein bulls 90/120 lbs 70 00-102 50, No 2 85/165 lbs 33 00-71 00, few No 1 Holstein heifers 90/105 lbs 120 00-157 05, few No 2 80/145 lbs 40 00-85 50

Few beef cross bulls and heifers 85/135 lbs 30 00-120 00 HOGS 37 BARROWS AND GILTS US 1-2 240/260 lbs 51 00-53 75, few US 1-3 200/260 lbs 46 75-48 75, few US 2-3 325/400 lbs 45 00-47 00

SOWS one US 1-3 755 lbs @ 42 00, one Medium 355 lbs @ 32 00 FEEDER PIGS 0 NO

SHEEP 19 SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 45/85 lbs 80 00-90 00 FEEDER LAMBS Good and Choice 60 00-77 00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP few 30 00-34 00 GOATS 8 One Medium @ 25 00, few Small @ 19 00, couple Large Kids @ 17 00

— per head

North Jersey Livestock

Hackettstown, NJ

Report Supplied by Auction Tuesday, September 9, 1997

CALVES .05-1.50.

COWS .18%-.42%.

EASY COWS .20%-.34%.

FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .24-.80.

HEIFERS .23%-.66.

BULLS .31%-.58.

STEERS .39-.64%.

HOGS .10-.56.

ROASTING PIGS EACH 23.00-29.00.

BOARS .25.

SOWS .35.

SHEEP .19-.67.

LAMBS EACH 32.00.

LAMBS PER LB. .45-1.29.

GOATS EACH 25.00-152.50.

KIDS EACH 5.00-82.50.

HIDES 31.00.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables

New Holland, PA

Monday, September 8, 1997

Report Supplied By Auction

268 HEAD. MARKET STRONGER.

DRIVING 435.00-935.00.

RIDING 410.00, 525.00, 900.00.

BETTER RIDING 960.00-1600.00.

REGISTERED RIDING

85.00-1675.00.

KILLERS, 2 AT 885.00 AND 900.00,

HEAVYWEIGHTS 675.00-850.00,

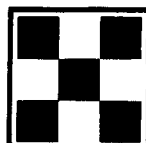
LIGHTWEIGHTS 435.00-565.00.

PONIES 140.00-400.00.

LARGE PONIES 460.00-510.00.

COLTS 140.00-385.00.

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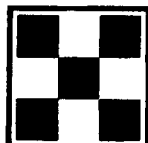


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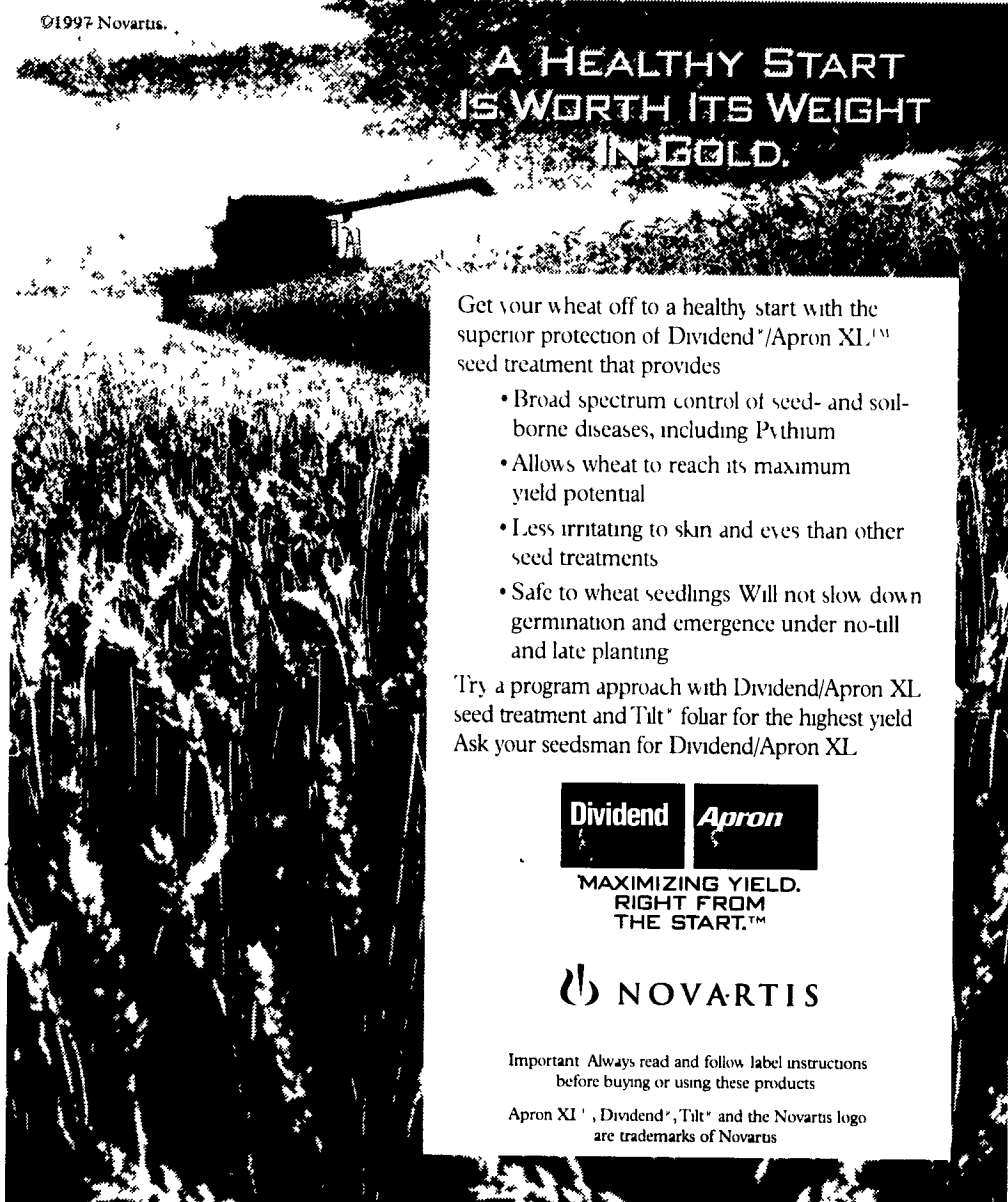


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