



SEPT. 29-OCT. 5, 1997

ROSH HASHANAH, OCTOBER 2.

MERRY MICHAELMAS

Called either a prince or a general, Michael was the handsome young man commanded to drive the rebel angels out of heaven. He's often depicted as a stern-faced, winged angel in armor and sometimes carries the scales of justice, as well as his lance and shield. Longfellow's "Golden Legend" claims Michael is governed by Mercury and brings prudence to man. Traditional foods for Michaelmas Day (September 29) include new wine, roast goose, and cakes of oats, barley, and rye. In ancient Great Britain, the goose was considered a sacrifice to the saint. The feast day honors not just Michael, but all angels.

I bear upon my hands the gift of heavenly prudence here.

- Michael in *The Miracle* Play by H. W. Longfellow

TIP OF THE WEEK

To minimize fat spatters, roast goose in a brown bag, pierced at the bottom, and placed on a rack in the pan.

OATCAKES

- 3/4 cup flour
- 3/4 cup oats
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted

400° F, and cook cakes as you would pancakes, flipping once. Serve with more syrup, or with hot fruit or cottage cheese.



Makes about 16 cakes, to serve 4.

Blend dry ingredients, then add wet ones and stir. Grease skillet or griddle, heated to about

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Autumn days come quickly, like the running of a hound on the moor. - Irish proverb

The devil sets his foot on the blackberries on Michaelmas Day (Sept. 29).

Holly berries shining red mean a long winter, 'tis said.

October has 21 fair days.

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Wednesday, September 24, 1997

SLAUGHTER STEERS: STEADY. CHOICE 2-4 1100-1400 LBS. 65.00-69.00; SELECT & LOW CHOICE 1000-1500 LBS. 59.00-64.00; HOL. STEERS HI CHOICE & PRIME 1250-1400 LBS. 60.00-62.50; CHOICE 1200-1500 LBS. 57.00-60.50; SELECT, ALL WEIGHTS 49.00-55.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: STEADY. CHOICE & PRIME 950-1300 LBS. 63.00-67.00; SELECT ALL WEIGHTS 900-1400 LBS. 53.00-59.00.

COWS: MARKET 1.00 HIGHER. BRK. UT. & COMM. 2-4 BULK 36.00-40.00; HI DRESSING 40.00-44.00; CUTTER & BON. UT. 34.00-37.00; HI DRESSING 38.00-41.00; CANNER & CUTTERS 25.00-32.50; LOW DRESSING 22.00 & DOWN.

BULLS: MARKET STEADY. ALL WEIGHTS 1100-1900 LBS. 39.00-51.00.

VEAL CALVES: MARKET STEADY. CHOICE AND PRIME 200-400 LBS. 72.00-84.00; HI GOOD AND LOW CHOICE ALL WEIGHTS 59.00-68.00.

FARM CALVES: MARKET STEADY. HOL. BULLS 100-125 LBS. 88.00-102.00; HOL. BULLS 85-95 LBS. 55.00-83.00; HOL. HEIFER CALVES 100-120 LBS. 94.00-115.00; SMALL FRAME 70-105 LBS. 42.00-73.00; SLAUGHTER CALVES ALL WEIGHTS 15.00-30.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEADY MARKET. BULLS & STEERS 400-900 LBS. 53.00-87.00; HEIFERS 300-700 LBS. 49.00-74.00.

LAMBS: MARKET STEADY. CHOICE & PRIME 90-110 LBS. 82.00-93.00; LIGHTER LAMBS 91.00-115.00; HEAVY EWES 34.00-40.00, LIGHT 39.00-50.00.

GOATS: STEADY. SMALL

25.00-40.00; MEDIUM 40.00-75.00; LARGE 80.00-110.00.

HOGS: MARKET 1.00 HIGHER. 210-250 LBS. 50.00-52.50; 255-300 LBS. 46.00-51.00. HEAVY SOWS 39.00-44.00, LIGHT 33.00-39.00. BOARS ALL WEIGHTS 34.00-39.00.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md

September 27, 1997

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SLAUGHTER COWS: 83 HEAD, STEADY TO 1.00 LOWER. UTILITY 34.00-39.00; HIGH DRESSING 39.50-43.25; CANNERS 29.00-33.50; SHELLY 28.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 8 HEAD. YG#1 43.00-45.00, 1 AT 50.00; YG#2 40.00-43.00.

FED STEERS: FEW OFFERED. 1 CHOICE HEREFORD AT 64.75; LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS TO 49.50.

FED HEIFERS: FEW OFFERED. VEAL CALVES: 151 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS. 27.00-36.00; 60-80 LBS. 20.00-30.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 10-15.00 LOWER. #1 95-120 LBS. 65.00-80.00; #2 40.00-60.00; 80-90 LBS. 30.00-55.00; #2 85-110 LBS. 80.00-90.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 75-85 LBS. 40.00-75.00; BEEF X BULLS 50.00-71.00; HEIFERS TO 41.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: NO TOP WEIGHTS OFFERED. 10 HEAD 330-380 LBS. 35.00-38.00.

SOWS: 350-600 LBS. 36.00-39.00; THIN 30.00-35.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 226 HEAD; ACTIVE BIDDING, PRICES HIGHER. STEERS MED. AND LRGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 72.00-84.00; 400-600 LBS. 69.00-82.00; 600-700 LBS. 67.00-83.00; 700-900 LBS. 65.00-79.00.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LRGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 67.00-74.00; 500-700 LBS. 60.00-71.50; 700-800 LBS. FEW 57.00-64.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LRGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 70.00-88.00; 400-600 LBS. 63.00-80.00; 600-800 LBS. 54.00-64.00; 800-1000 LBS. 47.00-55.00; DAIRY REPLACEMENTS, FEW OFFERED. 1 LARGE SPRINGER TO 875.00; MED. SPRINGER AND FRESH 550.00-725.00; SHORTBREDS 585.00-660.00; SMALL TO MED. OPEN HEIFERS 150.00-335.00.

SHEEP: FEW 32.00-38.00. LAMBS: CHOICE 100-120 LBS. 77.00-84.00; 120-145 LBS. 60.00-74.00; 70-90 LBS. 71.00-80.00; 40-65 LBS. 95.00-107.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 40 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 20-30 LBS. 19.00-20.00; 30-40 LBS. 24.00-31.00.

North Jersey Livestock

Hackettstown, NJ

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Tuesday, September 23, 1997

CALVES .12-.92% . COWS .18% -.42% . EASY COWS .15-20% . FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .10-.82. HEIFERS .15-.62. BULLS 36% -.50. STEERS .34% -.57. HOGS 35-.51. ROASTING PIGS EACH 15.00-30.00. BOARS, NONE. SOWS, NONE. SHEEP .06-.58. LAMBS EACH 5.00-54.00. LAMBS PER LB. .50-1.28. GOATS EACH 35.00-117.50. KIDS EACH 3.00-64.00. TOTAL: 1066.

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