



NOVEMBER 17-23, 1997

MOON RIDES HIGH, NOV. 17.

FOR THE BIRDS

As the weather turns colder, look to your bird feeders and invite your feathered friends to winter over in your yard. Any simple construction of a flat surface, possibly lipped at the edges to prevent spillage and allow a suitable perch, will suffice. A simple roof keeps the weather off. If you have cats, place the feeder high enough to be out of reach. There are various window varieties that attach with suction cups. Offer a wide range of seeds, nuts, grains, and fat, but do not allow sodden bread or weather-soaked feed, which will be lacking in nutrients and could harm the birds' stomachs.

A bird is known by his feathers.

- Yiddish proverb

TIP OF THE WEEK

Keep a field guide (birds, wildflowers, etc.) next to your computer or phone and consult it while you're waiting.

NUTTY NOODLES

- 4 to 5 tablespoons peanut butter
- juice of 1 lemon
- 3 teaspoons soy sauce
- 3 teaspoons peanut oil (optional)
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 scant cup finely chopped cucumbers, scallions, peppers, or carrots or a mixture (optional)
- 4 to 5 cups cooked spaghetti noodles

Whisk together the first six ingredients in a bowl, or whirl in a blender. Add any combination of the chopped vegetables, if desired, keeping the total quantity of vegetables less than a cup. Pour over the cooked noodles and mix well to distribute sauce evenly. Serve cold. (Great for kids' lunch boxes!)

Makes 4 to 6 servings.



THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

Thunder in November, a fertile year to come.

If there's ice in November that will bear a duck, there'll be nothing thereafter but sleet and muck.

A heavy November snow will last until April.

Cats remaining indoors, devoid of vivacity, forecast wet or windy weather.

Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle

Oklahoma City, OK
Wed Nov 12, 1997 USDA
OK Dept Ag Market News
Oklahoma National Stockyards - Weekly Cattle Summary
RESEND FOR A.P.

Compared to last week: Feeder steers 3.00-4.00 higher. Feeder heifers 1.00-2.00 higher. Demand good for feeder cattle. Steer calves under 600 lbs steady to 2.00 lower; heifer calves firm to 2.00 higher. Demand good for calves showing some weaning time, moderate for fleshy offerings. Weaned calves in medium condition becoming the norm in contrast to the very fleshy offerings in October. Calf quality average. Calves in average weigh-ups and much improved for buyers from last week. Feeder cattle in mostly medium flesh. Weigh-ups average to full. Quality of feeders plain to average, few attractive. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls steady to 1.00 higher. Demand good for all classes. 870 cows and bulls sold with 80 percent to packers. Receipts this week 12,875; last week 14,516; last year 16,928. Supply consisted of 35 percent yearlings and calves over 600 lbs; 58 percent calves under 600 lbs; 7 percent cows and bulls. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 Calves: 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 94.00-103.50 (100.65); 400-450 lbs (429 lbs) 94.00-102.50 (96.52); 450-500 lbs (473 lbs) 87.00-96.50 (93.20); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 82.00-89.50 (84.79); 600-650 lbs (630 lbs) 77.75-85.00 (80.71); 650-700 lbs (666 lbs) 74.25-80.50 (77.63); Yearlings: 600-650 lbs (624 lbs) 82.25-85.00 (83.17); 650-700 lbs (676 lbs) 77.25-85.00 (80.18); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 76.00-80.75 (78.84); 800-850 lbs (807 lbs) 76.00-80.25 (77.79); 850-900 lbs (876 lbs) 71.00-76.00 (72.75); 900-1000 lbs (950 lbs) 69.00-71.00 (69.40); 1000-1050 lbs (1017 lbs) 64.00-69.50 (66.66). Holsteins: Large 2: 390 lbs 62.50; 750 lbs 56.25; 900-1000 lbs

54.25-56.50.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 Calves: 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 77.50-86.00 (82.85); 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 75.00-83.50 (70.46); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 70.00-78.25 (73.57); 600-650 lbs (616 lbs) 68.50-75.00 (73.00); 650-700 lbs (663 lbs) 67.25-70.75 (68.65); Yearlings: 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 73.25-78.75 (75.90); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 71.50-75.50 (73.66); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 72.50-74.75 (73.40).

Slaughter Cows: Average dressing: Cutters 28.50-31.50, Utilities 31.00-34.00; high dressing: Cutters 31.00-34.00, Utilities 33.00-35.50; high dressing/high boning Utilities 35.00-38.75; low dressing Cutters 26.50-30.00, Utilities 27.50-30.75. Canner and light weight Culler 24.00-28.50; low dressing 20.00-22.00.

Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutters 65.85; Boners 65.10; Breakers 62.00, Y.G. 5 58.00; Cannors 63.70. Bulls 76.90.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1300-2000 lbs average dressing 40.00-44.00; high dressing 44.50-45.00; low dressing 40.00-41.00, thin 34.00-37.00.

Replacement Cows: Pretested for Bangs, pregnancy, and age Medium and Large 1 single head sales: Heifers 800-1000 lbs 3-4 months bred hi quality 585.00-604.00; 3-5 year old 875-1100 lbs 4-7 months bred hi quality 500.00-530.00; 6-7 year old 975-1250 lbs 3-7 months bred avg quality 430.00-490.00; 8 year old 1000-1200 lbs 6-7 months bred avg quality 410.00-440.00; * 900-1175 lbs 3-4 months bred avg quality 335.00-385.00.

Morrison Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.
November 10, 1997

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 252. STEERS CHOICE 65.00-68.75; GOOD 61.00-64.00. HEIFERS: CHOICE 64.00-70.00; GOOD 57.00-62.00.

COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 33.50-41.50; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 19.00-34.00.

BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 43.00-51.50.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1 32.50-40.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 45.00-60.00; BULLS 38.00-58.00; HEIFERS 32.00-55.00.

CALVES 128. PRIME, NO MKT. TEST; CHOICE 69.00-82.00; GOOD 50.00-62.00; STANDARD 18.00-32.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 50.00-100.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 60.00-110.00.

HOGS: 182. US NO. 1-2 46.00-47.00; US NO. 1-3 44.50-45.50.

SOWS: US NO. 1-3 32.00-42.00. BOARS: 30.50-36.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 77 HEAD. US#1&3 20-50 LBS. 16.00-28.00.

SHEEP: 82 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 85.00-110.00; GOOD LAMBS 80.00-85.00; SLAUGHTER EWES 22.00-40.00.

GOATS: 32.00-86.00.

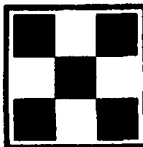
26 LOADS OF HAY. ALFALFA 137.50; GRASS 125.00-170.00; TIMOTHY 83.00-107.50; 2 LOADS CORN 90.00 PER TON, 5 LOADS OF STRAW 90.00-135.00; 2 LOADS OF WOOD 35.00 AND 36.00.

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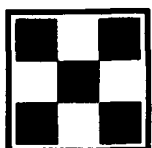


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