



MARCH 2-8, 1998

STS. DAVID & CHAD, MARCH 2.

ROUGH MONTH?

March takes its name from Mars, the Roman god of war. The Old Saxon name translates to "rough month," probably for the strong winds. It was later changed to mean "lengthening month," for the increased light of its days, and has also been called "boisterous month," for the winds. In Greece, the first three days of March, the middle three, and the last three are times to avoid water. Evil fairies, called Drimes, are thought to work their magic through the element of water during these times. Put off washing or shampooing. If you must use water, immerse an iron horseshoe in it first, to ward off the evil.



Water, taken in moderation, cannot hurt anybody.

- Mark Twain

TIP OF THE WEEK

Store extra bed sheets in large, zippered sweater boxes designed to fit under the bed.

COCK-A-LEEKIE SOUP

- 6 leeks
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 6 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup basmati rice
- 6 pitted prunes (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

them into small bits and add at the end of the cooking time. Season with nutmeg.

Makes 8 servings.

Slice leeks, using just a bit of the green part, and sauté in butter until translucent. Add broth and rice, and simmer at least 30 minutes, or until the rice is cooked tender. If using the prunes, chop



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



David and Chad (March 2): sow peas good or bad.

When it thunders in March, it brings sorrow.

Small showers last long, but sudden storms are short.

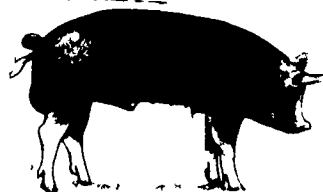
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Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md
February 25, 1998

Report supplied by Auction
SLAUGHTER COWS: 90 HEAD, STEADY PRICES. UTILITY 36.00-41.00; HIGH DRESSING TO 43.75; CANNERS 32.00-36.00; SHELLY 32.00 DOWN.
BULLS: 5 HEAD, YG#1 NONE; YG#2 44.00-48.00; 1 LOW CHOICE BULLOCK 1150 LBS. 55.50.
FED STEERS: 57 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1150-1450 LBS. 63.50-65.25; CHOICE 61.00-63.50; HEAVYWEIGHTS 58.00-62.00; LOW CHOICE 55.00-60.00.
FED HEIFERS: 29 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1100-1400 LBS. 61.00-63.25; CHOICE 58.00-61.00; HEAVYWEIGHTS 52.00-58.00.
VEAL CALVES: 157 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE 150-275 LBS. 80.00-90.00; CHOICE 125-190 LBS. 65.00-77.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 23.00-28.00; 60-85 LBS. 18.00-24.00.
FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-125 LBS. 85.00-100.00; 85-95 LBS. 45.00-85.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 100-120 LBS. TO 100.00; 80-95 LBS. 40.00-80.00; BEEF BULLS TO 110.00; HEIFERS TO 77.00.
BUTCHER HOGS: NONE.
SOWS: FEW 550-650 LBS. 27.00.

BOARS: 280-330 LBS. 17.00-20.00; SOME 23.00-26.00.
STOCK CATTLE: 195 HEAD, STRONG DEMAND.
STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 75.00-88.00; 400-600 LBS. 75.00-85.00; 600-900 LBS. NONE; 900-1075 LBS. 53.00-61.00.
HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 66.00-76.00; 500-700 LBS. 60.00-71.00; 700-900 LBS. 52.00-63.00.
BULLS: 200-400 LBS. 76.00-90.00; 400-600 LBS. 69.00-83.00; 600-800 LBS. 52.00-65.00; 800-1000 LBS. 50.00-59.00;
SMALL COWS/CALF PAIRS 370.00-510.00.
SHEEP: FEW LIGHTWEIGHTS TO 46.00.
LAMBS: FEW OFFERED. CHOICE WOOLED 120-135 LBS. 75.00-84.00; MEDIUM TO GOOD 60-95 LBS. 77.00-83.00.
DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: 16 HEAD. LARGE FRESH AND SPRINGING 700.00-860.00; REG. HOLSTEIN BULLS TO 560.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 200-350 LBS. 170.00-250.00; FEW 700 LBS. 400.00-460.00.



Frederick Livestock Auction

Frederick, Md.
February 23, 1998

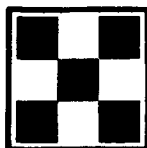
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SLAUGHTER COWS: 106 HEAD, ACTIVE BIDDING. UTILITY 36.00-41.00; HIGH DRESSING TO 43.75; CANNERS 33.00-37.50; SHELLY 33.00 DOWN.
BULLS: YG#1 1200-2160 LBS. 48.00-49.00.
FED STEERS: 1 SELECT HOLSTEIN 1590 LBS. AT 47.75.
HEIFERS: DAIRY CULLS TO 42.00.
VEAL CALVES: 182 HEAD. CHOICE 200-325 LBS. 75.00-85.00; GOOD 230 LBS. AT 64.00; 1 145 LB. AT 38.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 24.00-32.00; 60-85 LBS. 18.00-25.00.
FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 87.00-102.00; 90-95 LBS. 50.00-90.00; 80-90 LBS. 40.00-65.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 85.00-100.00, 2 AT 127.00; 80-90 LBS. 50.00-75.00.
BEEF X BULLS 40.00-95.00, HEIFERS 35.00-75.00.
BUTCHER HOGS: 13 HEAD. US#1-3 250-275 LBS. 33.50-35.50.
STOCK CATTLE: NONE.
BULLS: FEW 350-550 LBS. DAIRY X 54.00-57.00.

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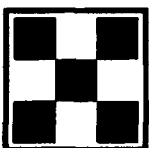


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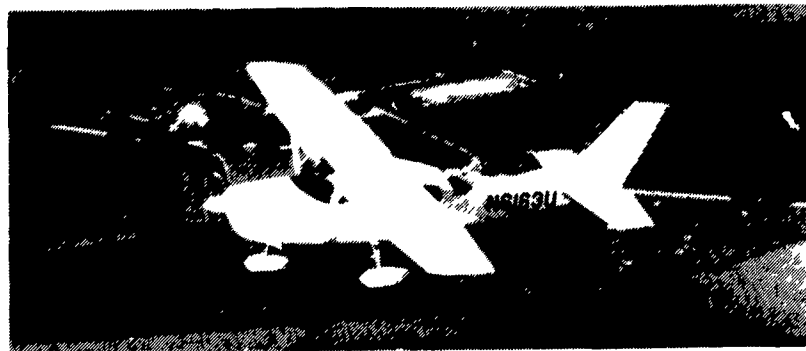
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