

**MARCH 16-22, 1998**

VERNAL EQUINOX, MARCH 20.

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What man is there over whose mind a bright spring morning does not exercise a magic influence? Carrying him back to the days of his childish sports, and conjuring up before him the old green field with its gently waving trees, where the birds sang as he has never heard them since . . . where the sky seemed bluer, and the sun shone more brightly, where the air blew more freshly over greener grass and sweeter smelling flowers, where everything wore a richer and more brilliant hue than it is ever dressed up in now!" Charles Dickens (1812-1870) wrote this definition of spring fever. Dandelion greens (full of vitamin C) are the tonic of choice for March 20, we're told.

*Spring brings health, heralding summer's wealth.*


— Norwegian proverb

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Mount a second toothbrush rack in your bathroom and use the cup hole to store a blow dryer.

**SPRING HUMMUS**

1 can (16 ounces) chickpeas  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1/4 cup tahini  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
1/3 cup chopped parsley  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint  
salt and pepper, to taste



smooth. Add lemon juice, herbs, and seasonings, and mix well. Serve on pita triangles or crackers.

Makes about 1-1/2 cups.

**Greencastle Livestock Auction**  
Special Feeder Cattle Sale  
Friday, March 6, 1998  
Greencastle, PA

855 HEAD.

STEEERS 200-300 LBS. 78.00-95.00;  
300-500 LBS. 78.00-99.00; 500-700 LBS.  
72.00-92.00; 700-900 LBS. 61.00-73.00;  
900-1000 LBS. 57.00-62.50.

HOLSTEIN STEEERS: 200-400 LBS.  
70.00-75.00; 400-500 LBS. 65.00-70.00;  
500-600 LBS. 58.00-65.00; 600-800 LBS.  
55.00-59.00; 800-900 LBS. 50.00-52.00.

HEIFERS: 200-300 LBS. 63.00-73.00;  
300-500 LBS. 68.00-84.00; 500-700 LBS.  
65.00-75.00; 700-900 LBS. 60.00-68.00;  
900-1000 LBS. 55.00-63.00.

BULLS: 200-300 LBS. 80.00-93.50;  
300-500 LBS. 72.00-92.00; 500-600 LBS.  
68.00-73.00; 600-700 LBS. 60.00-67.00;  
700-900 LBS. 50.00-62.00; 900-1000 LBS.  
48.00-54.00.

**North Jersey Livestock**  
Hackettstown, NJ  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Tuesday, March 10, 1998

CALVES .05-1.40.  
COWS 24% -41% .  
BASY COWS .07-31% .  
FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .26-1.01.  
HEIFERS .29% -.65.  
BULLS .33% -.69.  
STEEERS .16-.60.  
HOGS .02-.39.  
ROASTING PIGS EACH 15.00-23.00.  
SHEEP .15-.71.  
LAMBS EACH 15.00-81.00.  
LAMBS PER LB. .51-1.72.

GOATS EACH 35.00-150.00.  
KIDS EACH 7.00-107.50.  
HIDES EACH 10.00-23.00.  
TOTAL 812.

**Greencastle Livestock**  
Greencastle, Pa.  
March 9, 1998

CATTLE 111...PDA...SUPPLY INCLUDED 81 SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS, 226 SLAUGHTER COWS, 17 BULLS AND 87 FEEDER CATTLE, SLAUGHTER STEERS STEADY TO .75 HIGHER.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: FEW HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1200-1370 LBS. 63.00-64.50, CHOICE 1160-1450 LBS. 59.00-63.50, 1520-1650 LBS. 56.75-59.00, FEW SELECT 58.00-60.00, FEW STANDARD 49.75-52.00.

HOLSTEINS: FEW CHOICE 1285-1680 LBS. 53.50-56.00, FEW SELECT 48.00-52.00, FEW STANDARD 38.50-48.00.

HEIFERS: FEW CHOICE 1060-1130 LBS. 59.00-60.00, FEW STANDARD 41.00-50.00.

COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 38.00-41.00, CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 34.00-39.00, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 30.00-34.50. SHELLS DOWN TO 23.50.

BULLS: YG#1 1135-2000 LBS. 44.00-48.25; FEW #2 1000-1750 LBS. 38.50-44.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS FEW MED. FRAME #1 275-400 LBS. 73.00-85.00, FEW MED. FRAME #2 670-690 LBS. 57.00-63.50; HEIFERS MED. FRAME #1 270-685 LBS. 60.00-77.50 MOSTLY 59.00-72.00, MED. FRAME #2 270-500 LBS. 49.50-62.00; BULLS MED. AND LARGE FRAME #1 325-500 LBS. 63.00-86.00 MOSTLY 72.00-79.00, FEW LARGE FRAME #1-2 550-850 LBS. 57.00-69.00.

CALVES: 411... VEALEERS ONE GOOD 140 LBS. AT 77.50, STANDARD AND GOOD 70-110 LBS. 20.00-29.00, UTILITY 60-80 LBS. 12.00-21.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY TO WEAK...#1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-125 LBS. 67.50-99.00, #2 90-125 LBS. 45.00-75.00, FEW TO 31.00, 80-90 LBS. 28.00-40.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 85-105 LBS. 107.50-142.50, FEW TO 80.00, #2 70-80 LBS. 30.00-55.00.

BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 85-100 LBS. 40.00-90.00, ONE 105.00.

HOGS: 36...BARROWS AND GILTS US#2-3 315-390 LBS. 33.00-37.00, ONE LOT US#1-3 165 LBS. AT 39.00.

SOWS: US#1-3 360-600 LBS. 26.00-30.00, FEW TO 32.00, FEW MED. 445-460 LBS. 22.00-24.50.


BOARS: ONE 545 LBS. AT 14.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 0...NO MARKET TEST.

SHEEP: 13...SLAUGHTER LAMBS ONE CHOICE 140 LBS. AT 58.00; NEW CROP LAMBS COUPLE CHOICE 35-50 LBS. 150.00 AND 175.00; SLAUGHTER SHEEP 30.00-47.50, FEW TO 19.00.

GOATS: 55...BY THE HEAD, LARGE BILLIES ONE AT 97.50, FEW MED. 45.00-75.00, FEW LARGE NANNIES 52.50-80.00, FEW MED. 34.00-50.00, LARGE KIDS 30.00-37.50, ONE 57.50, SMALL 22.00-27.00 PER HEAD.

*The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS*



*Is't on Joseph's day (March 19) clear, so follows a fertile year.*

*St. Benedict (March 21) sow thy pease, or keep them in thy rick.*

*March dust on apple leaf brings all kinds of fruit to grief.*

*March sun lets snow stand on stone.*

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