

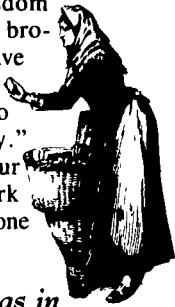


APRIL 13-19, 1998

ORTHODOX EASTER, APRIL 19.

EGGS EVERYWHERE

The egg shows the hen the place to hatch," says an old African proverb, or in other words, don't disregard the advice of the young. "Better an egg in peace than an ox in war," reads another proverb, and "Better an egg today than a hen tomorrow," although there are those who disagree. Other folk wisdom advises, "Eggs and oaths are easily broken," and the Latin, "He that would have eggs must endure the cackling of the hens." The Germans suggest, "He who treads on eggs must tread lightly." Everyone knows, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket," to which Mark Twain replied, "Put all your eggs in one basket — and watch the basket"



I've met a lot of hard-boiled eggs in my time, but you — you're twenty minutes!

— From the movie *Ace in the Hole* 1951

TIP OF THE WEEK

If you spill an egg where it's difficult to wipe up, cover with salt, let it set, then wipe up with damp paper towels.

SPRING MELON

- 1 ripe cantaloupe or honeydew melon
- 4 ripe kiwis
- 1 lime
- sprigs of fresh mint
- fresh raspberries (optional)

section If desired, you can carefully slice the kiwi into 4 to 6 crosswise slices so that the pieces fan out across the top of the melon. Cut the lime into four sections and squeeze the juice from each onto the melon and kiwi. Garnish with mint, raspberries (optional), and serve cold.

Makes 4 servings.



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.

If the rain waits till noon to visit, prepare for a long visit.

If the sky beyond the clouds is blue, be glad; there is a picnic for you.

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Handy chart full of interesting weather proverbs. Send \$3 to Weather Chart, Dept UF, *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, P O Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444

Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle

Oklahoma City, OK
Wed Apr 8, 1998

USDA-OK Dept Ag Market News
Oklahoma National Stockyards - Weekly Cattle Summary

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle and calves 2.00-3.00 higher. Demand good for all classes with much improved action on feeder cattle. Quality average. Feeder cattle in medium to moderate flesh, few fleshy. Stockers and calves in thin to medium flesh. Weigh-ups average to gaunt. Positive movement in slaughter cattle trade and boxed beef prices gave the market strength. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00 higher. Packer demand moderate to good. Total of 475 cows and bulls sold on regular turn with 40 percent going to packers. Special replacement cow sale comprised of 235 bred cows and 275 pairs. Receipts this week 8,500; last week 11,284; last year 7,920. Supply consisted of 62 percent yearlings over 600 lbs; 26 percent calves under 600 lbs; 2 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 10 percent replacement cows, for a total of 12 percent cows and bulls in supply. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 104.25-115.50 (108.52); 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 100.00-107.00 (103.14); 500-550 lbs (528 lbs) 93.00-101.00 (96.67); 550-600 lbs (570 lbs) 88.50-95.50 (91.64); 600-650 lbs (626) 83.00-85.50, few 87.00-91.00 (84.96); 650-700 lbs (676 lbs) 76.50-81.75, few stockers to 83.75 (80.17); 700-750 lbs (722 lbs) 75.00-79.50 (76.84); 750-800 lbs (773 lbs) 73.75-77.00 (75.70); 800-850 lbs (825 lbs) 72.25-76.50 (75.00); 850-900 lbs (876 lbs) 71.00-72.75 (71.90); 900-950 lbs (920 lbs) 68.25-72.00 (70.05); 950-1000 lbs (985 lbs) 67.00-69.00 (67.53); lot 1050 lbs 65.25.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lbs (350 lbs) 89.00-94.50 (93.62); 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 85.00-93.00 (88.40); 500-550 lbs (520 lbs) 82.00-85.50 (84.51); 550-600 lbs (584 lbs) 76.50-84.00 (80.19); 600-650 lbs (629 lbs) 75.00-79.75 (78.19); 650-700 lbs (669 lbs) 71.50-75.50 (73.91); 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 69.00-74.75 (71.70); 800-900 lbs (850 lbs) 66.75-70.00 (68.56); few 900-950 lbs (936 lbs) 64.00-66.75 (65.38); lot 980 lbs 59.50.

Slaughter Cows: Average dressing: Cutters 34.00-37.00, Utilities 36.00-39.00;

high dressing: Cutters 37.00-39.50, Utilities 38.50-42.00, high dressing/high boning 41.25-42.50; low dressing: Cutters 32.50-34.50, Utilities 33.00-36.50. Canners 27.50-29.50.

Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutters 77.55; Boners 75.20; Breakers 71.70; Canners 66.90. Bulls 87.50.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1300-2250 lbs average dressing 46.50-51.00; high dressing 50.00-52.50, high dressing/high boning 55.50; low dressing 43.50-46.50.

Special Sale
Replacement Cows: Pretested for Bangs, pregnancy, and age Brangus, Blacks, BWF: Heifers 850-1000 lb 8 mo bred hi quality 725-770; Heifers 800-900 lb 8 mo bred avg quality 670-730, few 640.

Pairs: High quality 2 yr old 750-1000 lb Brangus with 100-200 lb calves 850.00-900.00; 5-6 yr old 900-1100 lb Black & BWF bred back 2-4 months with 250-350 lb calves 825.00-885.00, same cows open with 100-300 lb calves 775.00-860.00; 5-6 yr old 950-1250 lb Red & RWF open with 100-200 lb calves 735.00-810.00, few bred back 2-4 months with 400-450 lb calves 910.00-950.00. Average quality 2-5 yr old 700-1000 lb Black & BWF with 75-150 lb calves 760.00-820.00.

Frederick Livestock Auction

Frederick, Md.
April 6, 1998

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SLAUGHTER COWS: 90 HEAD, 1.50 HIGHER! UTILITY 36.00-41.00; HIGH DRESSING 41.50-45.00; CANNERS 31.50-36.50; SHELLY 31.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 6 HEAD, PRICES HIGHER. YG#1 1300-1800 LBS. 48.50-51.75; 1 2100 LB. AT 54.50; 12560 LB. AT 46.75. **FED STEERS AND FED HEIFERS:** NONE.

VEAL CALVES: 173 HEAD. 1 CHOICE 170 LBS. AT 87.00; GOOD 115-130 LBS. 27.00-35.00; 85-115 LBS. 23.00-29.00; 60-85 LBS. 16.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES: 5.00-15.00 HIGHER! #1 95-120 LBS. 80.00-102.00; #2 65.00-80.00; 80-95 LBS. 35.00-70.00; **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS, VERY ACTIVE BIDDING.** #1 95-120 LBS. 120.00-165.00; 80-95 LBS. 60.00-120.00; **BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS** 75-100 LBS. 45.00-90.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 25 HEAD, STEADY PRICES. US#1-3 240-265 LBS. 33.00-33.50; #2-3 230-265 LBS. 31.00-32.00; 1 LOT 272 LBS. AT 29.00. **STOCK CATTLE: STEERS** 300-500 LBS. 68.00-80.00; 500-700 LBS. 75.00-81.00; **HOL** 350-650 LBS. 58.00-66.00. **HEIFERS:** 350-500 LBS. 68.00-73.00. **BULLS:** 1 600 LB. AT 63.50. **LAMBS:** 10 HEAD. CHOICE SPRING 40-65 LBS. 117.00-135.00; 1 85 LB. AT 95.00; **YEARLINGS** 110-130 LBS. TO 54.00. **SHEEP: LIGHTWEIGHTS** 35.00-49.00. **GOATS:** 1 LARGE BILLY 85.00; 1 MED. 63.00; MED. NANNIES 30.00-45.00; KIDS 10.00-19.00.

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, PA
April 7

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STEERS: CHOICE 1315-1410 LBS. 61.00-62.50; SELECT 58.00-60.00; STANDARD 55.00-57.00.

HOLSTEINS: CHOICE 1500-1600 LBS. 52.00-54.75; SELECT 50.00-51.75. **HEIFERS:** CHOICE 1070-1270 LBS. 58.00-60.25; SELECT 52.00-54.00; STANDARD 47.00-48.00.

COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 40.00-42.50; **CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY** 37.50-39.00; **CANNER AND LOW CUTTER** 34.00-37.00; **SHELLS** 22.00-29.00.

BULLS: YG#1 2095 LBS. 51.50; YG#2 1300-1585 LBS. 43.00-46.00.

CALVES: STANDARD AND GOOD 80-100 LBS. 20.00-35.00; **UTILITY** 65-105 LBS. 14.00-20.00.

FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-115 LBS. 100.00-116.00, #2 **HOLSTEIN BULLS** 90-110 LBS. 80.00-95.00; #1 **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS** 90-105 LBS. 10.00-124.00, #2 **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS** 95-105 LBS. 40.00-72.00; **BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS** 80 LBS. 56.00.

HOGS: BARROWS AND GILTS US#1-3 235-246 LBS. 33.25; #2-3 285 LBS. 30.75.

SOWS: US#1-3 475-560 LBS. 24.00-25.25; US#2-3 435 LBS. 23.50. **BOARS:** 450 LBS. 17.00.

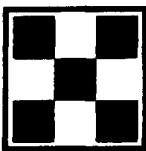
SHEEP: GOOD AND CHOICE 30-40 LBS. 97.00.

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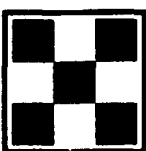


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