

THE OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC

MAY 25-31, 1998

NEW MOON, MAY 25.

OLD MEMORIES, NEW MOON

Memorial Day (observed May 25 this year) is the day we formally remember departed family and friends, and also the date of May's new Moon. Gardeners use both to help determine when to plant: Memorial Day is the cautious cutoff point for late frosts, and the new Moon offers its own weather lore. It's said that if the crescent of the Moon holds water, we will have a dry spell. Likewise, if the old Moon is seen in the arms of the new (i.e., you see the full disk faintly outlined by the illuminated crescent), a storm is coming. A new Moon on its back indicates wind.



Thy light can visionary thoughts impart, And lead the Muse to soothe a suffering heart.

- Helen M. Williams "Sonnet to the Moon"

TIP OF THE WEEK

Instead of geraniums for memorial plots, consider the fragrant rosemary — it signifies "for remembrance."

GRILLED ROSEMARY LAMB

- 2 pounds boneless lamb
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary, plus extra sprigs for the grill
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 large yellow onions
- 2 green bell peppers

When ready to grill, bring lamb to room temperature. Cut onions and peppers into chunks and skewer, alternating with the lamb. When coals are hot, dampen extra rosemary sprigs and toss on fire. Grill skewers over coals, brushing with marinade and turning until done, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.



THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



St. Urban (May 25) was once considered the inauguration of summer.

If it rains on St. Philip's Day (May 26), the poor will not need help from the rich.

Married when bees over May blossoms flit, strangers around your board will sit.

A lot of foam on a river foretells rain.

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Wednesday, May 20, 1998

SLAUGHTER STEERS: 1.00 LOWER. CHOICE 2-4 1100-1400 LBS. 64.00-67.00; SELECT & LOW CHOICE 1000-1500 LBS. 61.50-65.00; HOL. STEERS HI CHOICE & PRIME 1250-1400 LBS. 57.00-61.00; CHOICE 1200-1500 LBS. 55.00-58.00; SELECT ALL WEIGHTS 45.00-53.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: 1.00 LOWER. CHOICE & PRIME 950-1300 LBS. 63.00-65.50; SELECT ALL WEIGHTS 900-1400 LBS. 54.00-61.00.

COWS: STEADY. BRK. UT. & COMM. 2-4 BULK 38.00-43.00; HI DRESSING 44.00-46.00; CUTTER & BON. UT. 36.00-39.00; HI DRESSING 39.00-42.00; CANNER & CUTTERS 29.00-37.00; LOW DRESSING 21.00-27.00; CRIPPLED, SLOW & SICK 15.00-33.00.

BULLS: STEADY. ALL WEIGHTS 1100-1900 LBS. 47.00-57.00.

VEAL CALVES: STEADY. CHOICE AND PRIME 200-400 LBS. 71.00-84.00; HI GOOD AND LOW CHOICE ALL WEIGHTS 49.00-66.00.

FARM CALVES: STRONGER. HOL. BULLS 100-125 LBS. 100.00-127.00; HOL. BULLS 85-95 LBS. 65.00-98.00. HOL. HEIFER CALVES 100-120 LBS. 93.00-129.00; SMALL FRAME 70-105 LBS. 40.00-87.00; SLAUGHTER CALVES ALL WEIGHTS 15.00-35.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: MARKET STEADY. BULLS & STEERS 400-900 LBS. 58.00-84.00; HEIFERS 300-700 LBS. 49.00-76.00.

LAMBS: MARKET 15.00 LOWER. CHOICE & PRIME 90-110 LBS. 76.00-83.00; LIGHTER LAMBS 90.00-115.00; HEAVY EWES 27.00-33.00; LIGHT 36.00-49.00.

GOATS: STEADY. SMALL 30.00-40.00; MEDIUM 40.00-60.00; LARGE 75.00-110.00.

HOGS: MARKET 2.00 HIGHER. 210-250 LBS. 38.00-42.00; 255-300 LBS. 35.00-41.00. HEAVY SOWS 23.00-31.00, LIGHT 19.00-26.00. BOARS ALL WEIGHTS 19.00-23.00.

Westminster Livestock Auction

Hagerstown, Md.
May 19, 1998

Report supplied by auction

74 HEAD. UTILITY 38.00-42.50; HIGH DRESSING 43.00-44.00, 1 AT 46.00; CANNERS 33.00-38.00; SHELLY 33.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 13 HEAD ALL WEIGHTS YG#1 50.00-52.75; YG#2 44.00-47.00.

FED STEERS: HIGH CHOICE 1200-1400 LBS. 64.00-65.00; HIGH CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1400-1650 LBS. 57.00-60.00; LOW CHOICE 1200-1600 LBS. 52.00-56.00.

FED HEIFERS: HIGH CHOICE 1100-1200 LBS. TO 66.25; 1 SELECT AT 56.00.

VEAL CALVES: 117 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS. 26.00-33.00; 60-85 LBS. 18.00-28.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 100.00-128.00; 85-95 LBS. 75.00-95.00; #2 40.00-75.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 110.00-120.00; #2 80-100 LBS. 50.00-95.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS TO 77.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 50 HEAD. US#1-2 230-270 LBS. 44.25; #1&3 225-265 LBS. 43.00; 270-290 LBS. 39.50-42.00.

SOWS: 400-600 LBS. 23.00-28.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 91 HEAD, PRICES LOWER. STEERS 300-500 LBS. 76.00-92.00; 500-700 LBS. MED. 63.00-71.00; 800-1000 LBS. 55.00-57.00; HOL. 300-600 LBS. 51.00-67.00.

HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 68.00-75.00; 500-700 LBS. 55.00-68.00.

BULLS: 200-400 LBS. 68.00-83.00;

400-600 LBS. 59.00-69.00. LAMBS: 140 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 90-120 LBS. 77.00-87.00, 60-90 LBS. 82.00-92.00, 35-60 LBS. 85.00-97.00; GOOD TO CHOICE ALL WEIGHTS 65.00-80.00.

SHEEP: 40 HEAD 25.00-46.00. GOATS: 35 HEAD. LARGE BILLIES 75.00-150.00; MED. 40.00-75.00; SMALL 15.00-32.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 184 HEAD, ACTIVE BIDDING. BY THE LB. 14-28 LBS. 97.00-120.00; 33-39 LBS. 60.00-80.00; 40-50 LBS. 81.00-92.00; 50-60 LBS. 59.00-69.00; 60-70 LBS. 69.00-76.00; 70-80 LBS. 72.00-74.00; 80-95 LBS. 67.00-70.00.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables
Wednesday, May 20, 1998

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193 DAIRY COWS, 119 HEIFERS, 15 BULLS. MARKET STEADY.

LOCAL FRESH COWS 510.00-1225.00.

LOCAL SPRINGERS 635.00-1275.00.

FRESH HEIFERS 575.00-975.00.

BETTER FRESH COWS 1150.00-1275.00.

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HERD OF 80 HEAD ALL STAGES 440.00-1000.00, BETTER COWS 1250.00-1500.00.

SPRINGING HEIFERS LARGE 1000.00-1100.00, SMALL 450.00-885.00.

SHORTBRED HEIFERS 435.00-975.00.

OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS 575.00-685.00.

REGISTERED HEIFERS 1050.00-1100.00.

SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 400.00-535.00, SMALLER 145.00-375.00.

BULLS 275.00-600.00, PUREBREDS 625.00-725.00.

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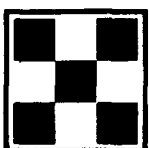


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