



JUNE 22-28, 1998

NEW MOON, JUNE 23.

**MIDSUMMER MADNESS**

June 24 marks Midsummer Day, traditionally a time of fire and water rituals. Fire, the Sun's symbol, is associated with many cleansing celebrations, so summer bonfires are popular. In New England, we burn the blueberry fields in hopes of renewing their bounty. Midsummer bonfires are similarly connected with renewal and fertility. In pagan rituals, the bonfires were considered necessary for purging evil. Special herbs or salt might be cast into the bonfires to ward off witches or bad luck. Summer camp celebrations feature wooden boats decorated with candles and flowers and launched onto a lake or stream.



*Rituals have the power to reset the terms of our universe. . . .*

-Margot Adler

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Keep an "outgrown" box under children's beds. When it's full, pass it along!

**BLENDER GAZPACHO**

- 1 red bell pepper, seeded
- 1 small cucumber, peeled and seeded
- 2 cups vegetable juice (such as V-8)
- 1 cup salsa
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- Tabasco, to taste
- salt and pepper, to taste
- croutons (optional)

Chop vegetables into small pieces, then blend all ingredients in batches, aiming for a coarse puree. Refrigerate until well-chilled, at least 2 hours. (Best if made a day ahead, so flavors can combine.) Recipe can be doubled. Serve with croutons.

Makes 4 servings.



*The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS*



*If it rains on St. John's Eve (June 23), the filberts will be spoiled.*

*No crop before St. John's Day (June 24) is worthy of praising.*

*If wind rises at night, it will fall at daylight.*

*Dogs' tails straighten when rain is near.*

**MIDDLEBURG LIVESTOCK AUCTION MIDDLEBURG, PA JUNE 16, 1998**

CATTLE 477 [PDA] Compared to last week's sale slaughter steers mostly steady, sl bulls unevenly steady. SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1225-1410 lbs 65 00-67 00, Choice 2-3 1060-1420 lbs 61 50-69 75, few 1535-1590 lbs 52 75-60 00, Select 1-3 58 25-62 00 Standard 1 2 58 50-56 25. HOLSTEINS STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1220-1540 lbs 57 75 60 00, Choice 2-3 1195-1525 lbs 54 00-57 50, 1575-1630 lbs 53 25-54 50, Select 1-2 49 50 54 50, Standard 1-2 42 00-48 25. HEIFERS one High Choice and Prime 2-4 1195 lbs 65 00, Choice 2-4 1010-1280 lbs 59 00-63 50, Select 1-3 58 00-62 00, Standard 1-2 47 00-57 00. COWS few early sales Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-3 38 00-42 75, Cutter and Boning Utility 1-3 36 50-42 00 Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 30 00-37 75 Shells down to 25 00. BULLOCKS few Select 1-3 47 00-56 00. BULLS few Yield Grade 1 1570-1675 lbs 47 50-51 25, Yield Grade 2 1300-2240 lbs 44 75-46 75. FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium 1 690-965 lbs 54 00 59 00, one lot 69 00, Large 2 Holsteins 340 370 lbs 54 00-64 50, 595-680 lbs 44 00-60 00, 820 850 lbs 53 00 55 00, HEIFERS few Medium 1 & 2 350 410 lbs 53 00-54 00, 700-850 lbs 50 00-55 50, BULLS Medium 1 510-690 lbs 53 00-60 00, 825-950 lbs 58 00-55 50 Large 2 640-710 lbs 43 00-47 00, few 770 1055 lbs 35 00-41 00. CALVES 205 VEALERS few Good 135-145 lbs 70 00-75 00, Standard and Good 75-105 lbs 36 00-42 50, Utility 60-80 lbs 22 00-24 00. FARM CALVES Holstein bulls steady No 1 Holstein bulls 85-125 lbs 60 00-95 00, few late sales up to 98 00, No 2 75-115 lbs 39 00-60 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 80-125 lbs 105 00-170 00, No 2 70-100 lbs 57 00-95 00. Few beef type bulls and heifers 80-125

lbs 43 00-92 00. HOGS 255 (6/15 & 16/98) Bulk of supply sold on Monday and supplied by the auction Barrows and gilts steady. BARROWS AND GILTS US 1-2 230 275 lbs 42 25 43 75 US 1-3 220-280 lbs 40 25-42 00, US 2-3 250-300 lbs 36 75-39 00, lightweights 205-215 lbs 36 00-38 50. SOWS US 1-3 500-625 lbs 23 00 28 00, 500 625 lbs 25 00-29 25. BOARS 275-550 lbs 14 00-16 00. FEEDER PIGS 54 US 1-3 15-30 lbs 17 00 25 00, 50-60 lbs 34 00-36 00 -- per head. SHEEP 24 SLAUGHTER LAMBS few Choice 40-60 lbs 80 00 90 00 65-80 lbs 79 00-90 00 couple Good and Choice 60 lbs 64 00 & 68 00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP 34 00-38 00 couple Yearlings 41 00 & 54 00. GOATS 30 Couple Large Billies 75 00 & 133 00, few Medium 51 00-70 00. Large Nannies 45 00-59 00, few Medium 40 00-42 00, Large Kids 27 00-48 00, Small 14 00-25 00 -- per head.

**EIGHTY-FOUR LIVESTOCK SALES, INC. EIGHTY-FOUR, PA JUNE 15, 1998**

CATTLE 228 [PDA] Compared with last Mondays sale sl cows and bulls steady. SLAUGHTER STEERS couple Standard 1-2 49 50-53 00. HOLSTEINS few Standard 1-2 41 00-44 25. HEIFERS Standard 1-2 42 00-46 50, few to 38 00. COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-4 37 50-42 50 Yield Grade 4 & 5 2 50 35 75, Cutter and Boning Utility 1-3 33 75-37 50 Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 25 00 33 50 Shells down to 24 00. BULLS Yield Grade 1 980-2310 lbs 45 50-52 50, Yield Grade 2 925-1815 lbs 35 00-45 00. FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium & Large 1 400-875 lbs 65 50-76 50, few Medium and Large 2 550-900 lbs 52 00-61 50, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 400-705 lbs 62 00-76 00, Medium and Large 2 305-500 lbs 45 00-54 50, 525-1000 lbs 41 00-59 00. BULLS Medium and Large 1 390-700 lbs 62 00-73 00, Medium and Large 2

320-880 lbs 43 50-60 00. CALVES 211 [All calves sold per cwt] VEALERS few Choice 140-275 lbs 70 00-79 00 Good 130-185 lbs 40 00 60 00, Standard and Good 90 110 lbs 28 00-37 50, 65-85 lbs 22 50-37 50. Utility 45-60 lbs 7 00-20 00. FARM CALVES Holstein bulls steady to 7 50 lower No 1 Holstein bulls 90 120 lbs 65 00-95 00, few to 100 00. No 2 80-130 lbs 37 50-67 50, No 1 Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 95 00 137 50, No 2 65-125 lbs 47 50-80 00. Beef type bulls and heifers 75-135 lbs 42 50-100 00, 165-255 lbs 57 50 100 00. HOGS 18 BARROWS AND GILTS 10 US 1-3 240 lbs 42 00, 4 US 2-3 204 lbs 39 75. SOWS few US 1-3 365-690 lbs 22 50-30 00. FEEDER PIGS 51 US 1-3 20-30 lbs 16 00-20 00, 35-45 lbs 27 00-33 00, 95-115 lbs 40 00-48 00 --- per head. SHEEP 268 Slaughter lambs steady to 5 00 lower. SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 35-50 lbs 82 00-95 00, 50-75 lbs 80 50-92 00, 80-100 lbs 80 00-88 00, Good and Choice 70-90 lbs 50 00-75 00. FEEDER LAMBS Good and Choice 35 65 lbs 62 50-77 00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP 27 00-37 00. GOATS 43 Medium 42 00-50 00, Medium Nannies 19 00-38 00, Large 25 00-31 00, Small 7 00-15 00 per head.

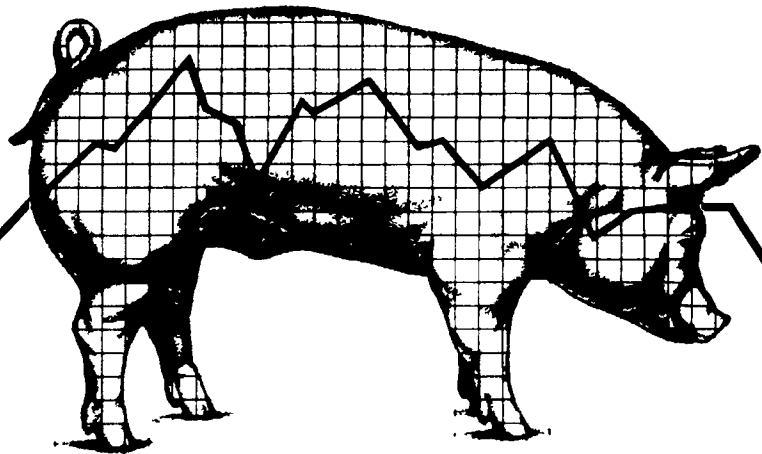
**Dewart Hay & Livestock**

Dewart, Pa. Monday, June 16, 1998. Report Supplied by Auction. STEERS: 50.00-64.50. HEIFERS: 50.00-62.75. GOOD COWS: 35.00-44.00. CANNERS AND CUTTERS 25.00-35.00. BULLS: 44.00-50.00. VEAL 130-190 LBS. 85.00-165.00, 90-130 LBS. 25.00-85.00. HOGS: 1 PEN AT 42.25. SOWS: NONE. FEEDER PIGS: 15.00-35.00 HEAD. HAY: 55.00-122.50. STRAW: 50.00-67.50. WOOD: NONE. CORN: 67.50-90.00. OATS: 2.00-2.60 BU.

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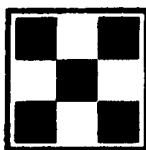
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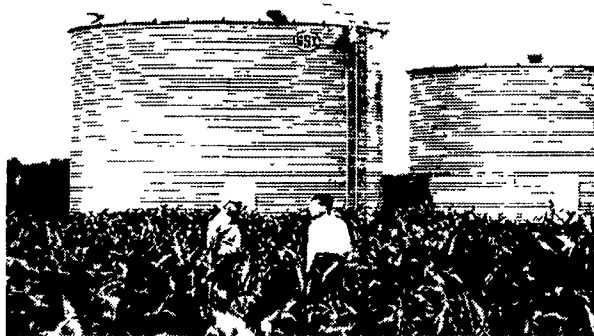


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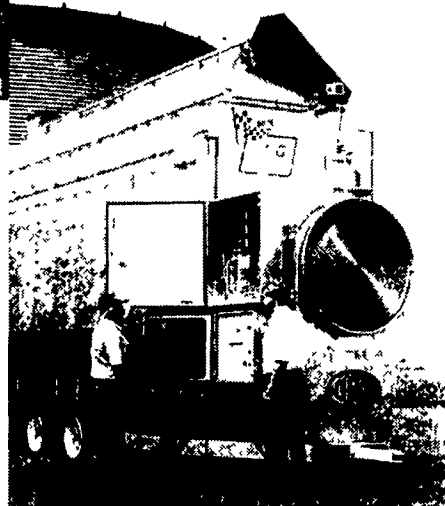
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