



JULY 6-12, 1998

FULL THUNDER MOON, JULY 9.

SUMMER'S WONDER

Under do gally the beans," they say in England, meaning a summer thunder will frighten the beans into growing faster. A winter thunder means summer hunger, however. The first thunder of the season is said to awaken the frogs and snakes. Thunder in the morning brings wind, some prognosticators say, while a noon thunder brings rain and an evening thunder brings a tempest. If there's lightning without thunder, fair weather is on the way. As for the wind direction, "Thunder and lightning in the summer show, / The point from which the freshening breeze will blow."

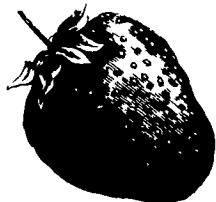
When it thunders, the thief becomes honest.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Hull strawberries by pushing a drinking straw through the berry from the bottom.

STRAWBERRY CREAM

- 3 pints fresh strawberries
- 2 tablespoon kirsch, optional
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1-1/4 cups whipping cream
- mint leaves, to garnish



Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Set aside 8 to 10 perfect berries for garnish. Clean and hull the rest, then puree in a blender. Blend in the kirsch and sugar. Whip the cream in a chilled bowl, then fold in the pureed strawberry mixture. Spoon into glass-

es, or into a single glass dessert bowl, and refrigerate until ready to serve. Garnish with mint leaves and whole strawberries.

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



As the weather on July 10, so it will be for seven weeks.

Much thunder in July injures wheat and barley.

In the year when plums flourish, all else fails. (A plum year, a dumb year.)

Special Offer
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

MIDDLEBURG LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MIDDLEBURG, PA
JUNE 30, 1998

CATTLE 357 [PDA] SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1295-1450 lbs 64 75-66 25, Choice 2-3 1025-1470 lbs 61 25-65 00, 3-4 1545-1620 lbs 55 50 60 75, Select 1-3 55 00-62 00, Standard 1-2 49 00-56 25
HOLSTEINS STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1300-1550 lbs 56 75-59 00, Choice 2-3 1275-1530 lbs 53 50-56 75, Select 1-2 48 50-53 50, Standard 1-2 42 00-48 00
HEIFERS few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1240-1345 lbs 64 00-65 00, Choice 2-4 1120-1375 lbs 58 00-64 75, Select 1-3 55 00-61 25, Standard 1-2 45 00-54 25
COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-3 38 75-43 25, low dressing 37 00-38 50, Cutter and Boning Utility 1-3 36 00-40 25, low dressing 34 50-35 75, Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 30 00 35 75 Shells down to 26 50
BULLOCKS one Select 1-3 54 00
BULLS one Yield Grade 1 1515 lbs 51 25, few Yield Grade 2 1000-2065 lbs 41 25 44 50
FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium and Large 1 250-675 lbs 68 00-76 00, Medium and Large 2 305-465 lbs 46 00-51 00, few 505-970 lbs 39 00-47 50, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 585-705 lbs 50 50-54 00, Medium 2 475-680 lbs 43 00-51 50, few 725 995 lbs 45 00-45 50, Large 2 385 560 lbs Holsteins 50 00-59 00, 640-715 lbs 43 50-52 00, BULLS one Medium 1 370 lbs 70 00, few Medium and Large 2 420-560 lbs 43 00-46 00
CALVES 288 VEALERS Standard and Good 75-120 lbs 29 00-38 00, Utility

60-90 lbs 17 00-28 00, few to 12 00
FARM CALVES No 1 Holstein bulls 95-125 lbs 85 00-116 00, 80-90 lbs 72 00-97 50, No 2 80-110 lbs 40 00-77 50 mostly 50 00-70 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 95-110 lbs 130 00-167 50, No 2 75-85 lbs 55 00-102 00 with a few down to 35 00
Beef type bulls and heifers 90-100 lbs 55 00-110 00, couple 85 lbs 42 00-45 00
HOGS 217 (6/29 & 30/98) Bulk of supply sold on Monday and supplied by the auction
BARROWS AND GILTS US 1-2 220-270 lbs 41 25-42 50, US 1-3 220-280 lbs 39 50-41 10, few US 2-3 240-265 lbs 38 00-39 00, lightweight 110-165 lbs 51 00-71 00
SOWS US 1-3 300-490 lbs 23 50-31 00, 505-695 lbs 26 50-29 25
BOARS one 450 lbs 13 00, few 175-305 lbs 22 00-23 50
FEEDER PIGS 183 US 1-3 20 40 lbs 10 00-23 00, 45-60 lbs 25 50-35 00 per head
SHEEP 19 SLAUGHTER LAMBS few Choice 30-50 lbs 79 00-80 00, 60-80 lbs 78 00-80 00, few 165-130 lbs 72 00-74 00
GOATS 20 One Large Billy 52 00, one Medium 44 00, few Large Nannies 36 00-57 00, few Large Kids 27 00 42 00 --- per head

**MERCER LIVESTOCK AUCTION
MERCER, PA
JUNE 30, 1998**

CATTLE 325 [PDA] Compared with last week's sale sl steers higher
SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1200-1500 lbs 63 00-65 50, Choice 2-3 1150-1500 lbs 59 50-65 25, few 1540-1660 lbs 57 00-59 50, Select 1-3 55 75-59 00, few Standard 1-2 49 50-53 25

HOLSTEINS Choice 2-3 1150-1550 lbs 54 00-58 00, few Select 1-2 53 00-53 75
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Choice 2-4 1000-1400 lbs 57 50-63 00, Select 1-3 55 00-58 00
COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-3 37 75-43 00, Cutter and Boning Utility 1-3 34 50-39 00, Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 31 50-35 00 Shells down to 25 00
BULLS Yield Grade 1 1145-2025 lbs 47 00-53 00, few Yield Grade 2 830-1875 lbs 37 00-47 75
FEEDER CATTLE STEERS few Medium and Large 1 280-800 lbs 61 00-65 50, Medium and Large 2 500-1025 lbs 44 00-54 00, HEIFERS Medium 1 225-730 lbs 56 00-72 00, few Large 2 655-995 lbs 49 50-54 00, BULLS Medium and Large 1 225-950 lbs 55 00-69 50, Large 2 285-825 lbs 42 00-49 00, mostly Medium 1 725-1250 lbs replacement cows 35 00-39 00
CALVES 89 VEALERS Standard and Good 70-115 lbs 30 00-40 00, few Utility 65-75 lbs 21 00-30 00
FARM CALVES No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 80 00-105 00, few to 118 00, No 2 85-110 lbs 40 00-80 00, few No 1 Holstein heifers 85-110 lbs 135 00 150 00, few No 2 85-125 lbs 52 50-125 00
Beef type bulls and heifers 85-125 lbs 55 00-80 00, 140 185 lbs 45 00-75 00
HOGS 40 BARROWS AND GILTS US 1-3 220-275 lbs 40 00-42 50
SOWS few US 1-3 400-655 lbs 30 00-31 50
BOARS couple 495 & 540 lbs 16 00 & 18 00
FEEDER PIGS 2 NO MARKET TEST
SHEEP 10 SLAUGHTER LAMBS few Choice 70-95 lbs 84 00-90 00
GOATS 6 Few Large and Medium Nannies 40 00-70 00 --- per head

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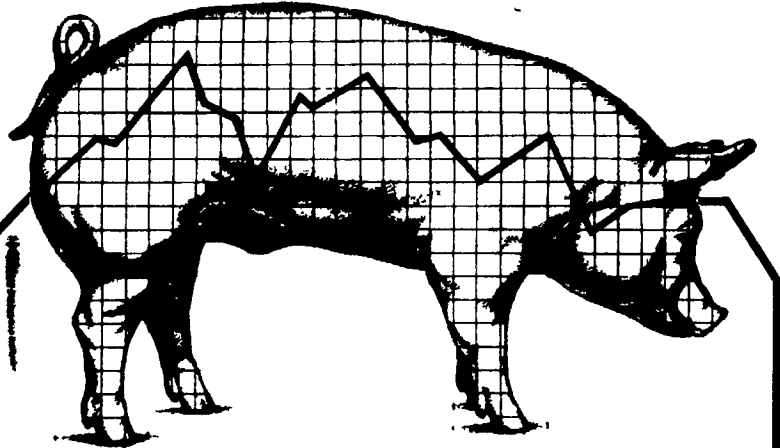
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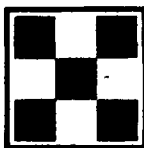
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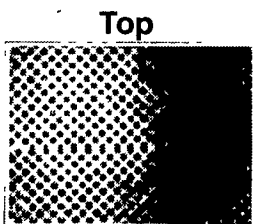
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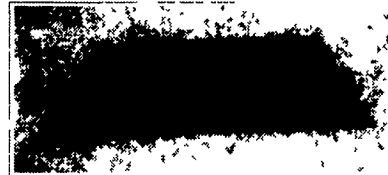
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