

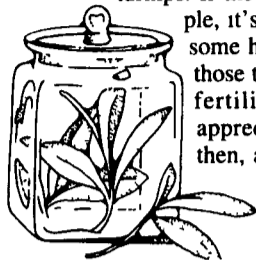


AUGUST 10-16, 1998

ASSUMPTION, AUG. 15.

DOG DAYS END

August 11 sees the end of those hot and sultry Dog Days, which commenced July 3 and were named for the Dog Star, Sirius. Summer's not quite over, however, so there's still time for a late-summer planting of heat-tolerant crops like bush beans, lettuce, kale, and turnips. If the onion tops are starting to topple, it's time to begin harvesting. Dry some herbs now for winter use. Keep those tomatoes well watered and well fertilized. Chrysanthemums, too, appreciate a little feeding now and then, and don't let up on your dead-heading of perennials, if you expect flowers to continue to bloom for you.



Summer is a seemly time.

TIP OF THE WEEK

If you don't like the heat, get out of the kitchen. (Eat out!)

DILLY BEANS

- 4 pounds fresh green beans
- 8 teaspoons dill seed
- 4 teaspoons mustard seed
- 16 cloves garlic
- 5 cups white vinegar
- 5 cups water
- 1/2 cup salt

Boil together the vinegar, water, and salt and pour over the beans, filling to within 1/2 inch of the jar tops. Process in a boiling water bath, tighten lids, and let cool. Store for 2 weeks.

Makes 8 pints.



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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



If on St. Lawrence's Day (Aug. 10) the weather be fine, fair autumn and good wine may be hoped for.

When the cat scratches the table legs, a change is coming.

If swallows touch the water as they fly, rain approaches.

When dogs eat grass, it will be rainy.

EIGHTY-FOUR LIVESTOCK SALES, INC EIGHTY-FOUR, PA AUGUST 3, 1998

CATTLE 211 [PDA] Compared to last Monday's sale sl cows and bulls steady
 SLAUGHTER STEERS couple Choice 2-3 1005 & 1125 lbs 56 00 & 57 00, Standard 1-2 41 50-46 50
 HOLSTEINS couple Standard 1-2 37 50-45 00
 HEIFERS few Choice 2-4 1100-1320 lbs 60 00-62 50, Standard 1-2 36 50-42 50
 COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-4 36 50-40 00, Cutter and Boning Utility 1-3 33 00-37 00, Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 24 00-32 25 Shells 14 00-24 00
 BULLS Yield Grade 1 1065 1980 lbs 45 50-52 00, Yield Grade 2 925-1750 lbs 37 50-45 00
 FEEDER CATTLE STEERS couple Medium 1 300-350 lbs 70 00-73 00, Medium and Large 2 310-700 lbs 37 00-57 00, HEIFERS few Medium and Large 1 300-385 lbs 57 00-62 50, Medium and Large 2 350-775 lbs 40 00-55 00, BULLS few Medium and Large 1 330-605 lbs 55 00-66 00, Medium and Large 2 345-875 lbs 42 00-56 00
 CALVES 162 [All calves sold per cwt] VEALERS couple Choice 160-275 lbs 68 00-71 00, Good 140-275 lbs 45 00-67 50, Standard and Good 90 110 lbs 30 00-40 00, 65-85 lbs 23 00 35 00 Utility 50-65 lbs 10 00 21 00
 FARM CALVES Holstein bulls steady to 25 00 higher No 1 Holstein bulls 90 125 lbs 75 00-102 00 mostly 85 00-95 00 No 2 85-120 lbs 40 00-75 00, few No 1 Holstein heifers 90-125 lbs 117 50-140 00, few No 2 80-105 lbs 40 00-87 50
 Beef type bulls and heifers 90-125 lbs 45 00-95 00, 175-285 lbs 55 00-68 00
 HOGS 16 BARROWS AND GILTS US 1-3 230-265 lbs 35 00 36 00 one US 2-3 320 lbs 32 00
 SOWS US 1-3 420-700 lbs 22 00-24 50
 BOARS one 670 lbs 16 00
 FEEDER PIGS 0 NO MARKET TEST!
 SHEEP 105 Slaughter lambs steady
 SLAUGHTER LAMBS High Choice and Prime 115-130 lbs 81 50-85 00, Choice 35-50 lbs 80 00-89 00, 65-75 lbs 88 50-95 00, 80-95 lbs 72 50-87 00, Good and Choice 80-110 lbs 54 00-

69 00
 FEEDER LAMBS Good and Choice 40-70 lbs 60 00-69 00
 SLAUGHTER SHEEP 17 00-36 50
 GOATS 26 Large Billies 60 00-115 00, Medium 35 00-46 00, Medium Nannies 26 00-46 00, Large Kids 21 00-33 00 --- per head

MERCER LIVESTOCK AUCTION MERCER, PA AUGUST 4, 1998

CATTLE 328 [PDA] Compared with last week's sale sl steers higher, cows steady to 2 00 higher
 SLAUGHTER STEERS Choice 2-3 1000-1500 lbs 56 50-62 25 mostly 60 00-61 00, few Select 1-3 54 00-56 00, few Standard 1-3 45 00-53 00
 HOLSTEINS Choice 2-3 1170-1685 lbs 52 00-54 25, few Select 1-2 48 75-51 75
 HEIFERS Choice 2-4 1000-1225 lbs 57 75-61 00, couple Select 1-3 53 75 & 54 50, few Standard 42 00-53 00
 COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-3 36 25-43 75 mostly 38 00-42 00, Cutter and Boning Utility 1-3 33 00-40 00, Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 30 00-34 00 Shells down to 25 00
 BULLOCKS one Select 1-3 1340 lbs 51 25
 BULLS few Yield Grade 1 1330-2315 lbs 45 50-51 00, Yield No 2 1170-1815 lbs 40 50-44 25
 FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium 1 375 600 lbs 64 50-72 00, few 875-925 lbs 52 25-54 50, Medium and Large 2 575-750 lbs 45 00-58 00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 275-500 lbs 58 00-65 00, Medium 1 500-775 lbs 45 50-56 00, Medium 2 350-570 lbs 51 00-54 00, BULLS few Medium 1 300-525 lbs 55 00-67 00, few Medium 2 425-800 lbs 42 00-51 00
 CALVES 122 VEALERS Standard and Good 75-115 lbs 25 00-33 00, Utility 45-75 lbs 9 00-27 00
 FARM CALVES few No 1 Holstein bulls 120-140 lbs 80 00-100 00, 95-115 lbs 87 50-110 00, few 85-90 lbs 75 00-80 00, No 2 85-140 lbs 37 00-87 50, few No 1 Holstein heifers 90-120 lbs 145 00-205 00, few No 2 70-100 lbs 50 00-130 00
 Beef typebulls and heifers 75-110 lbs 40 00-95 00
 HOGS 22 BARROWS AND GILTS few US 1-3 130-178 lbs 45 00-48 00
 SOWS US 1-3 425-600 lbs 27 50-30 00

BOARS couple 425 & 550 lbs 15 00
 FEEDER PIGS 0 NO MARKET TEST!
 SHEEP 0 NO MARKET TEST!
 GOATS 7 One Medium Nanny 21 00 few Large Kids 14 00, few Small 10 00 --- per head

Friend's Stockyard Inc. Accident, Md. 21520

Report Supplied by Auction August 3, 1998

STOCK BULLS AND STEERS (200-500 LBS.) 52.00-72.50.
 STOCK HEIFERS: 36.00-61.50.
 SLAUGHTER STEERS: GOOD TO CHOICE 58.00-60.00; MEDIUM TO GOOD 52.00-58.00, HEAVY CHOICE OVER 1450 LB. 55.00-60.00.
 HOLSTEIN STEERS: HEAVY CHOICE 39.00-54.50, LIGHT 38.00-45.00.
 SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: GOOD TO CHOICE 57.00-61.60; MEDIUM TO GOOD 47.00-58.00.
 BULLS: HEAVY 42.50-51.50, LIGHT 38.00-47.00.
 COWS: UTILITY (HOLSTEIN) 34.50-42.50, COMMERCIAL TO GOOD 31.00-38.00, CULL COWS 30.00 AND DOWN.
 VEALS: GOOD TO CHOICE 50.00-66.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 20.00-47.00.
 BOB CALVES: 30.00 AND DOWN.
 HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES — RETURN TO FARM (90 TO 120 LB.)-UP TO 80.00.
 HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES — RETURN TO FARM (90 TO 120 LB.)-UP TO 131.00.
 BEEF CROSS CALVES — RETURN TO FARM UP TO 80.00.
 HOGS: TOP QUALITY UP TO 36.75, HEAVY UP TO 35.00, LIGHT UP TO 34.00.
 SOWS: 22.00-32.25.
 MALE HOGS: 12.00-25.25.
 LAMBS, LIGHT AND FEEDER, NONE AVAILABLE.
 SHEEP: 20.00-32.00.
 LIVESTOCK PRICES ARE ALL GIVEN PER HUNDRED WEIGHT!

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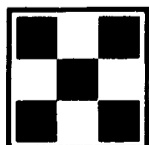
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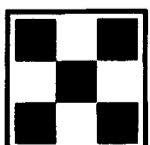
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 Kansas State University
- Dr. Limin Kung
 Associate Professor
 University of Delaware



- These meetings will cover the fermentation process, inoculants and preservatives, harvesting management, refilling silos, bunk life, molds & toxins.
- Milk production and cow health are greatly influenced by the forage base quality. Fall harvest is your window of time to manage for production.
- This is an excellent opportunity to learn management tools from the leading researchers so you may feed top quality forages next year.

Schedule

August 11	Belleville/Mifflintown (9:30 a.m.)
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August 12	Bainbridge (9:30 a.m.)
August 12	Farmersville (7:00 p.m.)
August 13	Cochranville/Christiana (9:30 a.m.)
August 13	Honeybrook (7:00 p.m.)

All Farmers are invited... You don't have to be a customer to attend.

- Please call 1-800-361-9265 for additional information and directions.
- All meetings will be held on farms.
- There will be time for questions and answers.

**Looking forward to seeing you...
 Come and prepare for a successful Fall Harvest!**