



OCTOBER 5-11, 1998

FULL HARVEST MOON, OCT. 5.

BRIDE OF THE SUN

October's flower, the daisy-like marigold (*Tagetes*), has been called Mary's gold and bride of the sun. Its yellows, rusts, and golds echo fall's natural colors. Although it can tolerate cool temperatures, it won't stand for freezing. The malodorous annual is useful in borders to repel pests. For the same reason, you may choose to omit it from your bouquets, unless you have one of the newer, odorless varieties. Marigolds were once a source for toothache remedies. Today its cousin, calendula, is used in skin creams. A dream of marigolds indicates happiness in marriage, prosperity, and success.



Beware of floral arrangements; they lead to marital estrangements.

- Ogden Nash

TIP OF THE WEEK

If you plan to put in a new flower bed in the spring, cover the area now with heavy plastic or mulch.

IRISH POTATO BISCUITS

- 6 to 8 potatoes
- 1 cup milk or cream
- 1 tablespoon melted butter salt, to taste
- 1/2 cup flour (approximately)

Preheat oven to 400° F. Boil and mash the potatoes, making sure they are free of lumps. Add the milk, butter, and salt. Add just enough flour to make a soft dough, then lay it on a floured board and roll out quickly and lightly to a half-inch sheet. Cut into rounds; bake about 10 minutes, or until just crisp on the outside. Butter and eat before they fall.

Makes 12 to 18 biscuits.

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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



As the weather in October, so it will be the next March.

Friday is the best or worst day of the week.

When ropes are difficult to untwist, expect bad weather.

When in cold weather the soot falls from the chimney, the weather will change.

Weekly Livestock Summary

September 25, 1998
Report Supplied By PDA
14 Livestock Auctions

CATTLE 5141 Compared with 4660 head last week and 5499 head a year ago. Compared with last Friday's summary slaughter steers and heifers mostly steady, sl cows weak to 1 25 lower, sl bulls steady to 1 00 lower. **SLAUGHTER STEERS** High Choice & Prime 2-4 60 00-64 00, Choice 1-3 57 00-62 00, few to 55 00, Select and Low Choice 2-3 54 85-60 00, Select 1-3 52 00-57 50, Standard 1-2 46 00-53 00, few to 41 50. **HOLSTEINS** High Choice and Prime 53 00-56 00, Choice 2-3 50 00-54 25, Select 1-2 45 25-51 00, Standard 1-2 37 50-46 00. **HEIFERS** Choice 2-4 55 00-60 00, Select 1-3 51 75-56 00, few Standard 1-2 42 00-52 00. **COWS** Breakers, 75-80% lean 32 00-39 25, Boners 80-85% lean 29 00-37 00, Lean 85-90% lean 23 00-35 00 mostly 25 00-33 50 Shells down to 15 00. **BULLOCKS** few Select 1-3 46 25-55 50. **BULLS** Yield Grade 1 1000-2400 lbs 42 00-52 00, few 54 75, Yield Grade 2 900-2000 lbs 35 00-43 00. **FEEDER CATTLE STEERS** Medium and Large 1 300-550 lbs 57 00-71 00, 550-800 lbs 50 00-64 00, few Medium and Large 2 300-600 lbs 45 00-54 50, Large 2 Holsteins 600-920 lbs 40 00-49 50, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 275-600 lbs 49 00-62 00, 575-800 lbs 45 00 56 50, Medium and Large 2 275-600 lbs 38 00-53 00, 600-825 lbs 35 00 50 00, few to 57 00, **BULLS** Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 61 00-76 00, 500 850 lbs 50 00-62 00, few to 40 00, few Medium and Large 2 300-

600 lbs 46 50-57 00, few 650-940 lbs 34 00-46 00. **CALVES** 3511, Compared with 3348 head last week and 3313 head a year ago. **VEALERS** steady to weak Good 120-285 lbs 35 00-60 00, Standard and Good 70-115 lbs 16 00-30 00, Utility 55-100 lbs 8 00-20 00, few to 5 00. **FARM CALVES** Holstein bull calves steady to 20 00 higher, Holstein heifers strong to 30 00 higher No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 50 00-115 00, No 2 85-125 lbs 30 00-50 00, few to 25 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 80-125 lbs 135 00-235 50, few to 105 00, No 2 75-120 lbs 60 00-110 00. **Beef type** bulls and heifers 70-130 lbs 40 00-112 50, mostly 60 00-91 00. **HOGS** 2108 Compared with 1728 head last week and 2526 head a year ago. **Barrows and gilts** steady to 50 lower, sows unevenly steady. **BARROWS AND GILTS** 49-54% lean 220-265 lbs 27 00-29 00, 45-50% 210-280 lbs 25 75-28 00, few 40-45% 220-320 lbs 25 00-27 00. **SOWS** US 1-3 300-500 lbs 13 00-20 00, few to 24 00, 500-700 lbs 18 00-22 00. **BOARS** few 9 00-13 00. **FEEDER PIGS** 413 Compared with 304 head last week and 282 head a year ago. **Feeder pigs** US 1-3 30-40 lbs 8 00-14 00, 40-65 lbs 15 00-22 00 --- per head. **SHEEP** 2209 Compared with 2262 head last week and 1937 head a year ago. **Slaughter lambs** under 70 lbs 10 00 to 15 00 lower, over 70 lbs steady to weak. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice 40 70 lbs 70 00-110 00, few to 160 00, 65-115 lbs 65 00-82 00 few to 55 00, Good and Choice 60-110 lbs 53 00 70 00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP** 18 00-42 00. **TWO GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES** 1343 Compared 2034 last week and

1109 head a year ago. **Feeder pigs** weak to 10.00 lower...US 1-2 25-40 lbs 26 00-52 50, 40-50 lbs 34 00-55 00, 50-60 lbs 30 00-45 00, few 60-85 lbs 30.00-42.50, Slaughter 15-25 lbs 80 00-95 00, 25-50 lbs 32 00-50 00, few to 95 00 --- per hundredweight

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, PA
September 29

Report Supplied by Auction

STEERS: CHOICE 1220-1515 LBS. 57.00-59.75; **SELECT** 55.00-56.50; **STANDARD** 52.00-53.00.
HOLSTEINS: CHOICE: 1555 LBS. CHOICE 53.00.
HEIFERS: CHOICE 56.75-57.25; **SELECT** 51.75-53.00; **STANDARD** 48.50-51.00.
COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 37.50-40.00; **CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY** 32.75-35.50; **CANNER AND LOW CUTTER** 29.00-32.25; **SHELLS** 26.00-29.00.
BULLS: YG#1 1560-1655 LBS. 44.00-45.00; **YG#2** 1201-1915 LBS. 38.00-41.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: BULLS 1080 LBS. 45.50-47.50.
FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-120 LBS. 66.00-75.00; **#2 HOLSTEIN BULLS** 90-120 LBS. 52.00-64.00; **#1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS** 85-90 LBS. 132.00-180.00.
HOGS: BARROWS AND GILTS: US#1-3 220-231 LBS. 28.00-28.50. **SOWS: US#1-3** 359-568 LBS. 16.50-19.75; **US#2-3** 650 LBS. 10.50. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS: CHOICE** 90-150 LBS. 56.00-66.00.

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