



OCTOBER 12-18, 1998

COLUMBUS DAY, OCT. 12.

SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE

October 17, 1989, is remembered by many around Loma Prieta, California, for the strongest earthquake to hit the state since 1906. With a magnitude of 7.1 and an intensity of 9, it killed over 60 people and brought estimated damages to \$6 billion. Despite the fact that the earthquake was centered in the Santa Cruz Mountains 60 miles south of San Francisco, San Francisco and Oakland bore the brunt of its destruction. With the intensity level of 9, on a scale of 1 to 12, buildings were shifted off their foundations and great damage was done to substantial buildings, including partial collapse

Fear is the father of courage and the mother of safety.



TIP OF THE WEEK

"Duck, cover, and hold," is the drill for earthquakes. Get under a strong desk, cover your head, and hold on!

PUMPKIN COOKIES

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1-1/4 cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1-1/2 cups pumpkin, canned or cooked
- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 400° F. Cream butter and sugar, then mix in eggs and pumpkin. Mix dry ingredients in sifter, then sift into pumpkin mixture. Stir, and add nuts. Drop by spoonfuls onto a baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes, or until lightly browned



Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Dry your barley in October, or you'll be always sober.

If October brings heavy frosts and winds, then January and February will be mild.

There are always 10 (some say 21) fine days in October.

Unsteadiness of wind shows changing weather.

Westminster Livestock Auction

Hagerstown, Md. October 6, 1998

Report supplied by auction
SLAUGHTER COWS: 124 HEAD. UTILITY 32.00-35.50; HIGH DRESSING TO 37.00; CANNERS 27.00-31.00, SHELLY 27.00-DOWN.
BULLS: 10 HEAD YG#1 1400-2350 LBS. 42.00-47.25; YG#2 1000-1900 LBS. 36.00-41.00.
FED STEERS: FEW OFFERED. HIGH CHOICE 1200-1400 LBS. 58.50-59.50; HIGH CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1200 LBS. AT 53.50.
FED HEIFERS: HIGH CHOICE 1100-1350 LBS. 58.00-59.50; LOW CHOICE 54.00-57.50.
VEAL CALVES: 140 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS. 21.00-26.00, 60-85 LBS. 16.00-22.00.
FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 5.00-8.00 HIGHER. #1 94-120 LBS. 60.00-77.00; #2 40.00-60.00; 88-95 LBS. 30.00-45.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 80-110 LBS. TO 75.00; BEEF X BULLS 77.00; HEIFERS TO 52.00.
BUTCHER HOGS: 50 HEAD, 2.00 LOWER. #1&3 235-265 LBS. 26.50-27.00; 270-280 LBS. 26.00-27.25; 200-220 LBS. 20.00-25.00.
SOWS: 30 HEAD LIGHTWEIGHTS, 1.50 HIGHER. 400-500 LBS. 14.50-17.75; 500-650 LBS. 17.50-19.50; THIN 8.00-13.00.
BOARS: 6 HEAD. 400-700 LBS. 8.50-9.50.
STOCK CATTLE: 207 HEAD. STEERS STEADY MED. AND LRGE. FRAME 200-400 LBS. 60.00-70.00; 400-600 LBS. 57.00-70.00; 600-800 LBS. 50.00-61.50; 800-950 LBS. 47.00-53.50.
HEIFERS: 2.00-4.00 LOWER MED. AND LARGE FRAME, 300-500 LBS. 47.00-57.00; 500-700 LBS. 48.00-60.50.
BULLS: STEADY MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 60.00-71.00; 400-600 LBS. 50.00-61.00; 600-800 LBS. 45.00-52.00.
SHEEP: 24 HEAD 30.00-35.00; HEAVYWEIGHTS 14.00-27.00.
LAMBS: 70 HEAD, STEADY TO LOWER. HIGH CHOICE 100-120 LBS. 64.00-69.00; GOOD TO CHOICE 80-100

LBS. 55.00-63.00; 60-80 LBS. 62.00-77.00; 40-60 LBS. 60.00-83.00; CHOICE 125-145 LBS. 53.00-64.00.
GOATS: 54 HEAD. LARGE 60.00-91.00; MEDIUM 40.00-60.00; SMALL FLESHY 28.00-40.00; SMALL 10.00-25.00.
PIGS AND SHOATS: 163 HEAD. GRADED SALE FEW GOOD PIGS OFFERED. BY THE LB. 14 HEAD #1 66-73 LBS. 50.00-56.00; 20 HEAD #2 35-40 LBS. 31.00-35.00; 15 HEAD #2 40-60 LBS. 28.00-39.00; 15 HEAD #2 62-74 LBS. 30.00-40.00; 19 HEAD 85-99 LBS. 30.00-37.00; SMALL LOTS #1 140-160 LBS. 29.00-38.00; 160-205 LBS. 35.00-39.00; STOCK BOARS 180-250 LBS. 19.00-21.00; 280-320 LBS. 13.00-14.00.
NEXT TUES., OCT. 13 SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md. October 7, 1998

Report supplied by Auction
SLAUGHTER COWS: 79 HEAD. 1.50 LOWER. UTILITY 31.50-35.00; HIGH DRESSING 35.00-36.00; CANNERS 26.00-30.00; SHELLY 25.00 DOWN.
BULLS: 6 HEAD. YG#1 1400-1700 LBS. 43.00-45.00; YG#2 1200-1900 LBS. 36.00-40.50.
FED STEERS: NONE OFFERED.
HEIFERS: DAIRY CULLS 1050-1300 LBS. 36.00-43.75.
VEAL CALVES: 116 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS. 23.00-28.00; 60-80 LBS. 16.00-24.00.
FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 10.00-12.00 HIGHER. #1 95-120 LBS. 70.00-86.00; #2 40.00-60.00; 90-95 LBS. 30.00-50.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 95-120 LBS. 135.00-190.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 40.00-65.00.
BUTCHER HOGS: NO TOP WEIGHT-S OFFERED. 270-300 LBS. 26.00-28.00; 1 412 LB. AT 26.50.
SOWS: 300-450 LBS. 15.00-20.00; 500-650 LBS. 17.00-20.50; THIN 300-500 LBS. 10.00-14.00.
STOCK CATTLE: 196 HEAD. STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 57.00-65.00; 500-700 LBS.

58.00-61.00; 800-900 LBS. 53.00-57.0.
HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 49.00-60.00; 500-700 LBS. 47.00-59.00; 44 HEAD CHOICE HEREFORD STOCK COWS DUE IN SPRING AVG. 408.00.
BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 400-500 LBS. 50.00-61.00; 500-700 LBS. 47.00-55.00.
DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: LARGE SPRINGERS 900.00-1100.00; MEDIUM OPEN HEIFERS 240.00-360.00; 5 HEAD 350 LBS. AT 330.00.
SHEEP: 20.00-35.00; FEW TO 43.00.
LAMBS: HIGH CHOICE 90-110 LBS. 63.00-69.00; 8 HEAD 135-140 LBS. 57.00-58.00; 35-50 LBS. 73.00-94.00.
GOATS: MEDIUM 50.00-57.00; SMALL 10.00-30.00.
PIGS AND SHOATS: 28 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 30-40 LBS. 13.00-15.00; 40-60 LBS. 20.00-23.00.
SELLING NEXT WED., OCT 14 AT FOUR STATES: 30 SIMMENTAL STOCK COWS SOME WITH YOUNG CALVES; PREGNANCY CHECKED. ALSO 20 STEERS, HEIFERS AND BULLS 550-750 LBS. 30 ANGUS STEERS AND HEIFERS 400-600 LBS.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables
 Wednesday, October 7, 1998
 Report supplied by auction
104 DAIRY COWS, 50 HEIFERS, 6 BULLS. MARKET STRONGER.
LOCAL FRESH COWS 625.00-1625.00.
FRESH HEIFERS 579.00-1600.00.
LOCAL SPRINGERS 675.00-1350.00.
UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 1000.00-1525.00, 1 AT 1775.00.
BETTER FRESH COWS 1500.00-1775.00.
SPRINGING HEIFERS LARGE 1125.00-1275.00, SMALL 425.00-985.00.
REGISTERED HEIFERS 575.00-1425.00.
OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS 560.00-725.00.
SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 185.00-525.00.
BULLS 560.00-725.00, PUREBREDS 710.00-750.00.

ATTENTION DAIRY FARMERS!

*TIRE*d of low milk checks? *TIRE*d of unpaid bills?
*TIRE*d of hearing "THERE'S A SURPLUS..."
BECOME MORE EFFICIENT...MAKE MORE MILK...

*TIRE*d of the small 10¢ to 15¢ incentives to stay where you're at?
ARE WE NOT WORTH MORE THAN CENTS?

FARMERS do we not have the product? (THE POWER IS IN THE TANK)

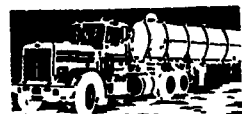
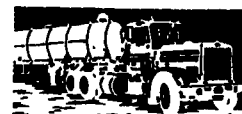
AMERICAN RAW MILK PRODUCERS PRICING ASSOCIATION "ARMPPA"

We are now in 18 states and still growing!!

ARMPPA is not a milk plant, but simply a price setting agency striving to work with all existing milk handlers.

ARMPPA is now working with farmers who want to price their milk before it leaves the farm.

LAST 40 YEARS PRICING HISTORY (Based on M&W series and Basic Formula Price)	
1963	- \$3.11
1973	- \$6.30
1983	- \$12.49
1993	- \$11.80
1997	- \$12.05



IT IS FINALLY ANNOUNCED. THAT THERE IS A SEVERE SHORTAGE!!
 HOW MANY OF YOU DAIRY FARMERS ARE MAKING MONEY FROM IT???

LET'S COMPARE OUR MILK CHECK TO THE CO-OP'S PAYCHECK.

THAT'S A MILLION DOLLAR STATEMENT.

For more information, call toll free:
 East Coast ARMPPA Office 1-877-367-6455

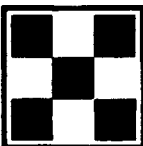


Needed for population this fall through Spring of 99

**Hog Finishing Barns
 1000-4000 Head Capacity
 No experience necessary**

- We Provide:
- Single source of pigs
 - High Health pigs
 - Fixed contract payment
 - Assistance in obtaining financing
 - Successful record in industry
 - Long term contracts

Finishing Barn Ownership Benefits:
 Steady, positive cash flow
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 Excellent Part-time income



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