



OCT. 26-NOV. 1, 1998

ALL SAINTS, NOV. 1.

ALL HALLOW'S EVE

In ancient times, it was believed that on All Hallow's Eve (known as Samhain to the Celts), the spirits of the dead could visit the living before the long, cold winter to come. People lit bonfires and made lanterns by hollowing out potatoes or turnips to carry coals from the fire, similar to our modern-day jack-o'-lanterns. These beacons lit the way for the wandering spirits who visited on Samhain. In the Celtic calendar, Samhain meant "summer's end," and the spirit of Samhain was celebrated by making offerings to the dead and thanking the summer god for the fine weather and continued light that was just drawing to a close.



Things are seldom what they seem . . .

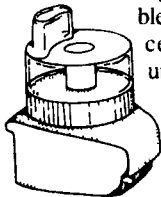
- William S. Gilbert

TIP OF THE WEEK

☞ Add some reflective tape to Halloween costumes for extra safety.

CREAMY PUMPKIN SOUP

- 2 cups chopped onions
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups cooked pumpkin (fresh or canned)
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 potato, diced
- 2 apples, peeled, cored, and diced
- 4 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups milk or apple juice
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon salt and pepper, to taste



Sauté the onions in the butter, then add the other vegetables, apples, and water. Bring to a boil, and simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from heat, add remaining ingredients, and blend in a food processor or blender until creamy. Serve hot.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A good nut year, a good corn year.

If on All Saints Day the beech acorn is dry, we stick behind the stove in winter.

Flowers in bloom late in autumn indicate a bad winter.

Got a Question?
Every day, the editors of *The Old Farmer's Almanac* answer a question on the Internet. All questions are archived there as well. See Web site address below.

Middleburg Livestock Auction
Middleburg, Pa.
Oct. 20, 1998
Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 438 [PDA] No comparison sale not reported last week
SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1170-1435 lbs. 61-75-64-75 Choice 2-3 1040-1465 lbs. 58-25-62-25, Select 1-3 54-75-59-25 Standard 1-2 43-00-53-25
HOLSTEIN STEERS few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1000-1220 lbs. 56-75-58-75 Choice 2-3 1035-1565 lbs. 52-25-55-25, Select 1-2 45-00-49-25 Standard 1-2 38-00-45-50
HEIFERS few Choice 2-4 1100-1415 lbs. 54-75-57-00, few Select 1-3 52-00-56-75, Standard 1-2 40-75-42-50
COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 34-00-38-00, few low dressing 32-50-33-25, Boners 80-85% lean 32-00-36-25, low dressing 28-00-36-75, Lean 85-90% lean 25-00-34-00 Shells down to 17-00
BULLOCKS one Select 2 45-00
BULLS few Yield Grade 1 1435-1825 lbs. 38-75-41-00, few Yield Grade 2 950-1635 lbs. 33-50-38-00
FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium 1 325-500 lbs. 55-00-61-50, Large 2 325-495 lbs. 30-00-47-00, 600-695 lbs. 35-00-42-00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 345-500 lbs. 46-00-52-50, 500-720 lbs. 40-00-44-00, Medium 2 325-470 lbs. 31-00-42-00, few 500-800 lbs. 37-00-40-50, BULLS few Medium and Large 1 400-500 lbs. 47-50-49-00, 500-665 lbs. 47-00-57-00, Medium and Large 2 365-565 lbs. 30-00-45-00, 630-810 lbs. 30-00-40-50

CALVES 203 VEALERS few Good & Choice 135-150 lbs. 42-00-65-00, Standard and Good 75-115 lbs. 23-00-31-00, Utility 55-70 lbs. 10-00-23-00
FARM CALVES Holstein bulls active, strong demand No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 80-00-107-00, 80-90 lbs. 65-00-80-00, No 2 90-130 lbs. 40-00-75-00, 75-90 lbs. 30-00-60-00 No 1 Holstein heifers 85-105 lbs. 160-00-270-00, No 2 75-125 lbs. 60-00-150-00 Few beef type bulls and heifers 85-90 lbs. 60-00-85-00
HOGS 225 (10/19 & 20/98) Bulk of supply sold on Monday and report supplied by the auction
BARROWS AND GILTS 49-54% lean 230-270 lbs. 28-00-29-75, few lots 30-00-31-00, 45-50% lean 220-265 lbs. 25-75-27-00, 40-45% 320-350 lbs. 25-50-28-00, few to 32-50
SOWS US 1-3 320-480 lbs. 18-00-22-50, late sales 24-00-28-00, few 505-610 lbs. 16-50-20-50
BOARS 400-785 lbs. 8-00-8-75, 170-230 lbs. 15-50-16-50
FEEDER PIGS 55 US 1-3 35-55 lbs. 7-00-17-00 -- per head, Utility (sold for slaughter) 70-155 lbs. 13-00-19-00 --- per cwt
SHEEP 17 SLAUGHTER LAMBS few Choice 50-95 lbs. 63-00-68-00, 105-120 lbs. 50-00-61-00, few Good and Choice 55-65 lbs. 55-00-57-00
SLAUGHTER SHEEP 12 00-21 00
GOATS 31 few Medium Billies 46-00-63-00, Large Nannies 39-00-67-00, few Medium 34-00-54-00, Large Kids 28-00-37-00, few Small 17-00-20-00 -- per head

Valley Stockyards

Athens, Pa.
October 19, 1998

Report Supplied By Auction
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES 120.00-220.00.
BACK TO FARM CALVES 95-120 LBS. 70.00-105.00, 70-95 LBS. 50.00-75.00.
SLAUGHTER CALVES 15.00-29.00.
GRASSERS AND STARTED: 25.00-42.50.
FEEDERS 40.00-68.00.
LAMBS 50.00-82.50.
SHEEP, 30.00-41.00.
HOGS, 200-250 LBS. TO 37.00.
SOWS: NONE.
BOARS: NONE.
PIGS: EACH, 7.00-15.00.
HEIFERS 35.00-45.00.
STEERS: 37.50-49.00.
BULLS 35.00-42.50.
COWS, GOOD 31.00-38.00.
COWS, MEDIUM 26.00-32.00.
COWS, POOR OR SMALL 10.50-27.25.
CATTLE MARKET STEADY & ACTIVE.
CALF MARKET STRONGER.
HORSES & PONIES: NONE.
GOATS: 35.00-72.50
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES & BACK TO FARM HIGHER.
FEEDER SALE - 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. DAIRY SALE - 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

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