



FEBRUARY 15-21, 1999

PRESIDENTS DAY, FEB. 15.

HAPPY DAY, OH GALILEO!

The Italian astronomer, Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), marks his birthday on February 15. It's the start of a planetary celebration, with the Moon in its ascending node on this day and a spectacular conjunction of Venus and Jupiter beginning on the 22nd. These two brightest planets will seem to nearly touch, with Mercury making an appearance below them. Galileo would be touched if he could train his telescope on the sight. (He was not this tool's inventor, but its first user.) It was Galileo who first observed the four moons of Jupiter, which, combined with other Copernican theories, landed him under house arrest for his final years.

*Pur si muove.
(Nevertheless, it does move.)*



- Galileo

TIP OF THE WEEK

Cover your rhubarb plants now for an earlier spring pile.

MAPLE SYRUP CAKE

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 2-1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2/3 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger

water. Bake in greased angel food cake pan for about 50 minutes at 350° F. Cover with vanilla or maple icing and garnish with pecan or walnut halves.

Makes 12 servings.

Cream butter with sugar. Add beaten eggs and maple syrup. Sift together dry ingredients and add, alternating with hot



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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Winter's back breaks about the middle of February.

All the months in the year curse a fair Febreuer.

February rain is as good as manure.

Violent north winds herald a fertile year.

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.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa. February 8

CATTLE 499...PDA...SUPPLY INCLUDED 122 SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS, 256 SL. COWS, 38 BULLS AND 83 FEEDER CATTLE. SL. STEERS STEADY TO 1.00 HIGHER, SL. COWS 2.00 HIGHER, SL. BULLS 1.00-1.50 HIGHER.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 2-4 1260-1450 LBS. 62.25-64.00, CHOICE 2-3 1210-1465 LBS. 59.50-62.75, 1510-1580 LBS. 57.00-59.25, SELECT 1-3 55.00-56.00, STANDARD 1-2 52.50-54.75.

HOLSTEINS: COUPLE HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 1625 AND 1785 LBS. 55.50, FEW CHOICE 2-4 1365-1590 LBS. 54.00-54.25, SELECT 1-3 45.25-49.50, STANDARD 1-2 37.75-43.00.

HEIFERS: COUPLE HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 2-4 1100 AND 1125 LBS. 62.25 AND 63.50, CHOICE 2-4 1000-1355 LBS. 59.50-61.00, SELECT 1-3 54.00-58.50, STANDARD 1-2 40.75-47.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 36.00-42.25, LOW DRESSING DOWN TO 34.25, FEW UP TO 45.00, BONERS 80-85% LEAN 34.50-40.25, FEW LOW DRESSING 31.50-33.75, LEAN 85-90% LEAN 27.50-38.75. SHELLS DOWN TO 22.50.

BULLOCKS: COUPLE SELECT 1-3 45.50 AND 55.25. BULLS: YG#1 1285-2065 LBS.

46.00-50.75, YG#2 1150-2080 LBS.

38.75-45.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS MED. AND LARGE 1 240-525 LBS. 94.00-105.00, 400-550 LBS. 76.00-86.00, 570-620 LBS. 66.00-72.50, FEW MED. AND LRGE. 2 490-845 LBS. 40.00-50.00; HEIFERS MED. AND LRGE. 1 200-300 LBS. 68.00-80.00, 300-495 LBS. 66.00-75.00, 530-625 LBS. 62.00-68.50, ONE LOT 975 LBS. 49.00, FEW MED. 2 235-440 LBS. 53.00-65.00, 695-840 LBS. 39.00-46.00, FEW LARGE 2 760-860 LBS. HOLSTEINS 44.00-45.00, WITH ONE 75.00; BULLS MED. AND LRGE. 1 335-490 LBS. 69.00-84.00, COUPLE 570 LBS. 62.00 AND 65.50, 945-1350 LBS. 44.50-58.00, FEW MED. 2 310-620 LBS. 38.00-46.00.

CALVES: VEALERS FEW GOOD 150-330 LBS. 63.00-65.00, STANDARD AND GOOD 70-115 LBS. 20.00-30.00, UTILITY 60-85 LBS. 5.00-15.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 10.00-20.00 HIGHER...#1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-125 LBS. 90.00-126.00, 80-90 LBS. 67.50-75.00, #2 80-125 LBS. 32.00-70.00 WITH A FEW UP TO 85.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 85-110 LBS. 150.00-255.00, #2 75-100 LBS. 65.00-100.00 ONE 140 LBS. 125.00.

BEEF TYPE BULLS AND HEIFERS 85-120 LBS. 75.00-112.50.

HOGS: 46...BARROWS AND GILTS COUPLE 45-50% LEAN 220 AND 225 LBS. 26.00 AND 31.00, 40-45% LEAN 330-365 LBS. 18.00-29.00.

SOWS: US#1-3 340-485 LBS. 15.00-25.00, 500-555 LBS. 19.50-26.50.

BOARS: COUPLE 500 AND 565 LBS. 5.00 AND 5.25, FEW 180-265 LBS.

14.00-20.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 0...NO MARKET TEST.

SHEEP: 11...SLAUGHTER LAMBS FEW CHOICE 60-70 LBS. 89.00-94.00, 85-100 LBS. 76.00-89.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 23.00-34.00, COUPLE YEARLINGS 42.00 AND 44.00.

GOATS: 112...LARGE BILLIES 66.00-125.00, MED. 45.00-67.00, LARGE NANNIES 57.50-95.00, MEDIUM 36.00-72.50, LARGE KIDS 25.00-55.00, SMALL 2.00-21.00 HEAD.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables

Wednesday, February 10, 1999

Report Supplied By Auction

133 DAIRY COWS, 237 HEIFERS, 11 BULLS. MARKET STEADY.

LOCAL FRESH COWS 485.00-1150.00.

FRESH HEIFERS 725.00-1475.00.

LOCAL SPRINGERS 560.00-1300.00.

UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 1175.00-1600.00.

BETTER FRESH COWS 1400.00-1600.00.

SPRINGING HEIFERS LARGE 1125.00-1335.00, SMALL 500.00-1050.00.

SHORT BRED HEIFERS 775.00-1000.00.

OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS 600.00-785.00.

SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 135.00-550.00. BULLS 400.00-700.00, PUREBREDS 760.00-1175.00.

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