



MARCH 1-7, 1999

FULL CRUST MOON, MARCH 2.

**BOREAS BLUSTERS**

How the wind blows, and the storm seems as if it would rend all before it! 'Tis trying times for old apple-trees, rickety sheds, and white-pine fences. Now we think of our friends upon the dashing waves!



But, what "if the tempest top-gallant most smack-smooth should smite, and shiver each splinter of wood!" Yet is there not a cherub aloft to keep watch for poor Jack? Indeed there is, and the same kind guardian looks out for the safety of the bewildered teamster, toiling midst snow and sleet upon the desert mountains. Blow on, old equinoctial, and "crack your cheeks!" - *The Old Farmer's Almanac, 1855*

Send me a little garden breeze / To gossip in magnolia trees.

- Hervey Allen

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

In choosing overcoats, look for one with a hood that extends well beyond your cheeks to better fend off the wind.

**CHOCOLATE OATMEAL BARS**

- 2 squares semisweet chocolate
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups instant oatmeal
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts

and vanilla, and then stir in oats and nuts. Press into an 8-inch square pan and bake at 425° F for 12 minutes. When cool, cut into bars. Makes 16 bars



In a double boiler, melt together the first four ingredients. Add salt

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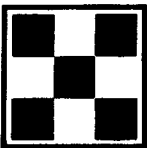
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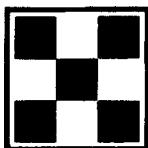
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If clouds fly to the west at sunrise, expect fine weather.

A screeching owl indicates cold or storm.

Special Offer  
Handy chart full of interesting weather proverbs. Send \$3 to Weather Chart, Dept. UF, The Old Farmer's Almanac, P.O. Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444

**Westminster Livestock Auction**

Hagerstown, Md.  
February 23, 1999

Report supplied by auction  
SLAUGHTER COWS: 70 HEAD. STEADY TO \$1.00 LOWER. UTILITY 34.00-38.00; HIGH DRESSING 39.00-42.00; CANNERS 30.00-34.00, SHELLY 30.00 DOWN.  
BULLS: 5 HEAD. YG#1 YIELDING 1876 LBS. AT 51.75; YG#2 1300 LBS. 40.00-44.00; 1 2600 LBS. AT 42.00.  
FED STEERS: 16 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE PRIME 62.75-64.50; CHOICE #2-3 TO 61.50; LOW CHOICE 57.00-59.00; LOW DRESSING CHOICE HOLSTEINS 53.25.  
FED HEIFERS: FEW OFFERED. CHOICE 1100-1250 LBS. 60.00-61.50; CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1500-1600 LBS. 42.00-45.00.  
VEAL CALVES: 103 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS. 25.00-33.00, 60-85 LBS. 17.00-27.00.  
FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 10.00-20.00 LOWER. #1 95-120 LBS. 85.00-104.00; #2 50.00-80.00; 85-92 LBS. 30.00-40.00.  
HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 150.00-195.00; #2 75-110 LBS. 35.00-95.00; BEEF X BULLS 60.00-80.00; HEIFERS 45.00-92.00.  
BUTCHER HOGS: NONE.  
SOWS: FEW OFFERED. 490-500 LBS. 15.50; 500-575 LBS. 16.00; 600-725 LBS. 18.00-20.50.

BOARS: 500-650 LBS. 5.00-6.00.  
STOCK CATTLE: 197 HEAD. STEERS MEDIUM AND LARGE FRAME, STRONG DEMAND: 300-450 LBS. 90.00-91.00; 500-700 LBS. 68.00-82.00; 700-800 LBS. 59.00-65.00; 800-1000 LBS. 51.00-61.00.  
HEIFERS: MEDIUM & LARGE FRAME. 200-400 LBS. 62.00-76.00; 400-600 LBS. 65.00-75.00; 600-700 LBS. 56.00-63.00; 700-900 LBS. 48.00-55.00.  
BULLS: MEDIUM & LARGE FRAME. 200-400 LBS. 72.00-91.00; 150 LBS. 84.00-89.00; 400-500 LBS. 68.00-75.00; 500-600 LBS. 57.00-75.00; 600-800 LBS. 60.00-64.00; 800-1000 LBS. 42.00-52.00.  
SHEEP: 31 HEAD. 75-150 LBS. 38.00-63.00; OVER 150 LBS. 24.00-36.00.  
LAMBS: 8 HEAD. 100-125 LBS. TO 70.00; 60-80 LBS. 64.00-75.00.  
GOATS: 61 HEAD. LARGE 99.00-120.00, SOME 55.00-70.00; MEDIUM 40.00-60.00; SMALL 15.00-40.00.  
PIGS AND SHOATS: 34 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 50 LBS. 21.00-23.00; 70 LBS. 23.00-31.00; BY THE LB. 130-170 LBS. 22.00-25.00.

NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 2 - SPECIAL GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE AT 7 PM.

**Grantsville Livestock**

Grantsville, Maryland  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Saturday, February 20  
STOCK BULLS AND STEERS 200-500 LBS. 50.00-85.00.  
STOCK HEIFERS 35.00-75.00.  
SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD, NA.  
HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 30.00-49.00, LIGHT 40.00-48.00.  
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE AND MEDIUM TO GOOD, NA.  
BULLS: HEAVY 30.00-47.25, LIGHT 32.00-42.50.  
COWS: UTILITY HOLSTEINS 32.00-42.50, CANNERS 27.00-38.00, CULLS 27.00 AND DOWN.  
STOCK COWS 30.00-48.50.  
BOB CALVES 30.00 AND DOWN.  
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM: 90-120 LBS. UP TO 90.00.  
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 185.00.  
BEEF X CALVES RETURN TO FARM, UP TO 75.00.  
HOGS: TOP QUALITY 27.00-35.00, HEAVY 26.00-35.00, LIGHT 22.00-34.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD UP TO 30.00.  
SOWS: UP TO 27.00.  
MALE HOGS: 7.00-20.00.  
LAMBS: 70-85 LBS. UP TO 110.00, 85-125 LBS. UP TO 90.00, 30-60 LBS. UP TO 125.00, CULLS UP TO 60.00.  
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