



MARCH 29-APRIL 4, 1999

FULL WORM MOON, MARCH 31.

ALL FOOLS'

In France, the children tape paper fish onto each other's backs, then yell "poisson d'avril!" (April Fish!). Whatever your tomfoolery on this day, be sure it is of the harmless variety and not "blind credulity" of the type the second Duke of Buckingham labeled bigotry. "The world is made up . . . of fools or knaves," he said over three centuries ago, "both irreconcilable foes to truth, the first being slaves to a blind credulity, which we may properly call bigotry . . ." Mark Twain had a lighter notion of April Fools': "The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year"



Let a fool hold his tongue and he will pass for a sage.

- Publilius Syrus

TIP OF THE WEEK

Road salt on your leather boots? Rub it away with vinegar and water on a rag.

FAST: A PASTA

- 8 ounces fettucine or angel hair pasta
- 1 pound fresh asparagus
- 4 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup grated fresh Parmesan cheese

Add chicken broth and simmer about 5 minutes. Drain pasta when it's al dente, add vegetables and broth, and sprinkle with Parmesan. Makes 4 servings.



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In a large pot, boil water for the pasta and cook according to directions. Meanwhile, wash and trim asparagus and mushrooms and sauté briefly in the olive oil in a nonstick pan

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



When woodpeckers peck low on the trees, expect warm weather.

If it thunders on April Fools' Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.

If the first three days in April be foggy, rain in June will make the lanes boggy.

New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied By USDA Monday, March 22

| | Calves | Sheep | Goats |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|
| Today | 241 | 1641 | 1975 |
| Last Week | 132 | 950 | 1330 |
| Last Year | 267 | 1205 | 1425 |

CALVES: COMPARED TO THURS. AUCTION, VEALERS SOLD 3.00-4.00 LOWER AND SLAUGHTER CALVES WERE 8.00-12.00 HIGHER ON A STRONG ETHNIC HOLIDAY MARKET. HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURNING TO FEED SOLD WEAK TO 10.00 LOWER. A FEW SALES OF HOLSTEIN HEIFERS WERE NEAR 30.00 LOWER.

VEALERS: GOOD AND CHOICE 70-110 LBS. 23.00-30.00. STANDARD AND LOW GOOD 60-90 LBS. 12.00-22.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: GOOD AND CHOICE 200-300 LBS. 82.00-109.00; 300-500 LBS. 70.00-85.00. STANDARD 300-600 LBS. 60.00-70.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-125 LBS. 80.00-107.00. PLAINER CALVES 80-115 LBS. 42.00-82.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 80-120 LBS. 132.00-175.00. FEW PLAINER HEIFERS 70-90 LBS. 97.00-120.00.

SHEEP: COMPARED TO THURS. SLAUGHTER LAMBS SOLD FIRM TO 10.00 HIGHER, INSTANCES 20.00 HIGHER ON THE LIGHTWEIGHT NEW

CROP LAMBS. THIS MARKS THE FIRST OF FIVE SPECIAL EASTER SHEEP AND GOAT SALES THAT RUN THROUGH MON. APRIL 5. SLAUGHTER EWES SOLD STEADY TO 5.00 HIGHER.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: NEW CROP CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 20-40 LBS. 150.00-210.00; 40-60 LBS. 125.00-150.00; 60-80 LBS. 110.00-125.00; 80-110 LBS. 95.00-110.00. GOOD AND CHOICE PLAINER 20-60 LBS. 100.00-130.00. WOOLED LAMBS CHOICE AND PRIME 2-3 60-100 LBS. 80.00-100.00; 100-140 LBS. 75.00-90.00. GOOD AND CHOICE 40-60 LBS. 70.00-80.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: GOOD AND CHOICE YEARLINGS AND 2 YEAR OLDS 50.00-75.00; UTILITY AND GOOD 1-3 35.00-60.00. AGED BUCKS 200-300 LBS. 40.00-60.00.

GOATS: LARGE BILLIES 130.00-170.00, MEDIUM 100.00-130.00; THIN 75.00-100.00; CHOICE AND PRIME MUTTON 70.00-110.00; LARGE NANNIES 60.00-90.00; MEDIUM 35.00-60.00; CHOICE AND PRIME YEARLINGS 70.00-95.00; CHOICE AND PRIME KIDS 40.00-70.00; GOOD 20.00-40.00.

Frederick Livestock Auction Frederick, Md. March 23

Report Supplied by Auction SLAUGHTER COWS: 91 HEAD. UTILITY 35.00-40.00; HIGH DRESSING TO 41.75, 1 AT 44.50; CANNERS

30.00-35.00; SHELLY 30.00 DOWN. BULLS: 9 HEAD 1100-2100 LBS. YG#1 46.00-47.00; YG#2 43.00-46.00. FED STEERS: NO BEEF BREEDS. CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1650-1725 LBS. 45.75-48.25.

FED HEIFERS: HOLSTEINS 1870 LBS. AT 40.25; CHOICE ANGUS X 1000 LBS. 53.75.

VEAL CALVES: 180 HEAD. GOOD 250 LBS. AT 72.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 24.00-30.00, 60-85 LBS. 17.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 85.00-105.00, 125-135 LBS. 69.00-80.00, 90 LBS. 40.00-70.00; #2 80-90 LBS. 30.00-40.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 110 LBS. AT 215.00; #2 90-115 LBS. 80.00-150.00, 70-90 LBS. 50.00-120.00; BEEF X BULLS 62.00-100.00; HEIFERS 50.00-95.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: #1&2 240-270 LBS. 27.00-27.50; 4 HEAD AT 28.50; #1&3 275-300 LBS. 21.00-26.00.

SOWS: 400-500 LBS. 20.00-21.00; 500-600 LBS. TO 24.50; 755 LBS. AT 23.50.

BOARS: 280 LBS. AT 12.00. STOCK CATTLE: STEERS MED. 400-600 LBS. 78.00-82.00.

HEIFERS: 300-500 LBS. 54.00-63.00; 500-700 LBS. 53.00-56.00.

BULLS: 2 HOLSTEINS 600 LBS. AT 51.50.

SHEEP: 1 160 LB. AT 53.00; 1 230 LB. AT 34.00.

LAMBS: 10 HEAD. CHOICE WOOLED 75-85 LBS. 85.00-92.00; CHOICE SPRING 45-60 LBS. 125.00-142.00; 1 130 LB. AT 155.00.

GOATS: 6 HEAD. 1 LARGE BILLY 106.00; 1 MEDIUM 48.00; SMALL AND THIN 26.00-39.00.

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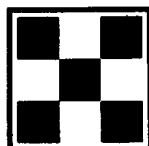
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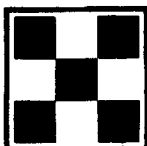
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