



JULY 12-18, 1999

NEW MOON, JULY 12.

ST. SWITHIN

July 15 is St. Swithin's Day, named for the Bishop of Winchester, who died in A.D. 862. His dying wish was to be buried outside in the churchyard, so that the "sweet rain of heaven" would fall onto his grave. Centuries later, after he was canonized, church authorities thought it more proper to bring him inside. On doing so, a torrential rain commenced and, according to legend, lasted 40 days. Consequently, weather lore has it that rain today bodes ill for the next 40 days. But if clear skies predominate, then, as Chaucer penned about 600 years ago, "Now welcome somer, with thy sonne soft. That hast this wintres weders overshake"

Lord, this is a huge rayn! This were a weder for to slepen inne!

- Geoffrey Chaucer

TIP OF THE WEEK

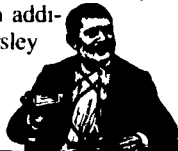
Wash the inside of your windows on rainy days for less trouble with streaks.

SALMON GADZUKES

- 4 salmon fillets (about 6 ounces each)
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1/2 pound small zucchini
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- salt and pepper, to taste

salmon in the skillet, searing it on the outside. Keep salmon warm. When zucchini is soft, blend in blender with remaining 2 tablespoons of butter and chopped parsley. Serve salmon on shallow plates, with zucchini puree around it. Season to taste and garnish with additional parsley

Makes 4 servings.



Rinse salmon fillets, pat dry, and set aside. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a skillet. Meanwhile, cut the zucchini into chunks for steaming. Steam until very soft, about 15 minutes. Panfry the

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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



All the tears St. Swithin (July 15) can cry, St. Bartlemy's (August 24) dusty mantel wipes dry.

If mice run about more than usual, expect wet weather.

As July, so the next January.

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

LEESPORT LIVESTOCK AUCTION

WEDNESDAY JULY 7, 1999

CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
WEDNESDAY	225	147	86
22	11		
LAST WEDNESDAY	230	160	173
11	16		

CATTLE Compared to last Wednesday's auction, slaughter steers sold mostly steady. Slaughter cows were uneven, 100 higher to 100 lower. Slaughter bulls were steady to 100 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS Choice 2-3 1030-1405 lbs 59 25-64 75 Select 1-3 57 00-60 00 Standard 1-2 49 00-55 50

HOLSTEIN STEERS Few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1380-1465 lbs 57 50-58 50 Choice 2-3 1245-1515 lbs 53 25-56 75 Select 1-2 48 00-53 75 Standard 1-2 few 42 75-46 50

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Choice 2-4 few 1060-1120 lbs 59 00-61 00 Select 1-3 few 55 25-57 00

SLAUGHTER COWS Breakers 75-80 pct lean 40 00-45 25, individual 46 75, low dressing 37 50-38 00 Boners 80-85 pct lean 38 00-42 25, low dressing 36 25-37 75 Lean 85-90 pct lean 28 50-39 75 Shells down to 23 00

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1070-2150 lbs 49 00-54 75 Yield Grade 2 few 1205-1710 lbs 44 25-48 50 Bullocks Select 1-3 individual 60 00

FEEDER STEERS Medium and Large 1 few 275-300 lbs 57 00-67 00 Large 2 Holsteins 800-855 lbs 35 00-51 75

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium and Large

2 500-600 lbs 40 00-56 00 FEEDER BULLS Medium and Large 2 300-510 lbs 48 00-51 00 CALVES Compared to last week's auction, Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold 5 00-10 00 higher VEALERS Few Good 130-275 lbs 57 00-60 00 Standard and Good 80-100 lbs 20 00-30 00 Utility 60-90 lbs 5 00-15 00

RETURNED TO FARM Holstein bulls Number 1 95-125 lbs 90 00-127 50, 80-90 lbs 75 00-90 00 Number 2 90-120 lbs 55 00-110 00, 80-90 lbs 37 50-60 00 Holstein heifers Number 1 85-105 lbs 175 00-230 00 Number 2 70-80 lbs 75 00-130 00 Beef type bulls and heifers 75-100 lbs 70 00-120 00

BOARS Individual 170 lbs 10 00

FEEDER PIGS Sold per cwt US 1-3 30-40 lbs 35 00-52 00, one lot 72 50

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 55-80 lbs 77 00-86 00, 95-125 lbs 70 00-78 00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP Utility 1-3 20 00-35 00

GOATS All sold per head Billies Medium individual 65.00 Nannies Large individual 41 00, Kids Large 21 00-55 00 Small 10 00-25 00. hr market info 717/787-6006.

Valley Stockyards

Athens, Pa. July 5, 1999

Report Supplied By Auction
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES: 140.00-255.00.
BACK TO FARM CALVES: 95-120

LBS. 87.50-130.00, 70-95 LBS. 55.00-107.50.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: 10.00-30.00. GRASSERS AND STARTED CALVES: 40.00-67.50.

FEEDERS: 45.00-77.50. LAMBS: 70.00-92.50. SHEEP: NONE. HOGS: 200-250 LBS., 22.00-29.00. SOWS: NONE. BOARS: NONE. PIGS, EACH: 15.00-42.50. HEIFERS: 38.00-44.00. STEERS: 39.50-42.75. BULLS: 36.00-47.25. COWS GOOD: 37.25-42.50. COWS MEDIUM: 31.50-38.75. COWS THIN: 13.50-32.00.

CATTLE MARKET: ABOUT STEADY. CALF MARKET: SOME EASIER. HORSES & PONIES: NONE. GOATS: 15.00-29.00. GOOD SALE FOR AFTER THE HOLIDAY. FEEDER SALE 1ST MON. EACH MONTH; DAIRY SALE 3RD THURS. OF EACH MONTH, 7:30.

MIDDLEBURG LIVESTOCK AUCTION

TUESDAY JULY 6, 1999

CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
TUESDAY			
UNAVAILABLE			
LAST TUESDAY	384	236	351
42	52		

Auction not covered, reporter unavailable

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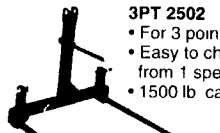
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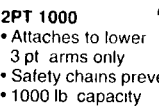
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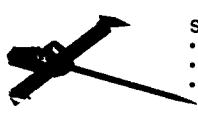


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