



AUGUST 9-15, 1999

NEW MOON, AUGUST 11.

**LOOK TO THE SKIES!**

August 11 marks a total eclipse of the Sun, just as the Dog Days of summer come to an end. Only the partial phase will be visible from North America, and this only from the northeastern parts of the United States and eastern Canada, where the Sun will rise partially eclipsed. It's an early-morning event — over between 6:15 and 6:45 A.M., Eastern Daylight Time, depending on your exact viewing location August 11 to 13 is also the best time for viewing the Perseid meteor showers, with their approximate peak rate of 75 per hour. They originate in the northeastern sky and are best seen around 5:00 A.M.

*Lovely flowers fade fast. Weeds last the season.*

— Swedish proverb

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Don't give up on your weeding or watering yet!

**EASY CRANBERRY CHICKEN**

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 6 boneless chicken breasts
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 can (15 ounces) whole-berry cranberries
- 1/2 cup water
- dash ground nutmeg

Remove chicken and set aside. Add remaining ingredients to skillet, stir, and bring to boil. Reduce heat, return chicken to skillet, cover, and simmer about 20 minutes, until chicken is tender. Baste with the sauce and serve.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.



In a shallow dish, combine flour, salt, and pepper; dredge chicken. Melt butter in a large skillet and brown chicken

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**The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*Five or six fogs in a row, and you'll have rain.*

*When the months of July, August, and September are unusually hot, January will be the coldest month.*

*If corn blades twist up, it will rain.*

**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. August 2, 1999

CATTLE 454...(PDA)...SUPPLY INCLUDED 122 SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS, 215 SL. COWS, 34 BULLS AND 83 FEEDER CATTLE. SL. STEERS STEADY TO STRONG, BULLS STEADY, HEIFERS STEADY TO .75 HIGHER.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 2-4 1265-1400 LBS. 66.00-68.00, CHOICE 2-3 1100-1390 LBS. 60.00-65.25, SELECT 1-3 57.00-63.00, FEW STANDARD 1-2 51.00-51.75.

HOLSTEINS: CHOICE 2-3 1135-1480 LBS. 52.00-55.00, SELECT 1-2 46.00-51.25, FEW STANDARD 1-2 44.50-45.00.

HEIFERS: HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 2-4 1140-1235 LBS. 64.75-67.25, CHOICE 2-4 1040-1310 LBS. 59.00-64.50, SELECT 1-3 56.00-61.00, STANDARD 1-2 48.00-55.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS: BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 37.25-42.00, BONERS 80-85% LEAN 35.50-39.25, LOW DRESSING 32.00-35.00, LEAN 85-90% LEAN BULK OF SALES 27.00-34.75, HIGH DRESSING 35.75-38.00. SHELLS DOWN TO 22.50.

BULLS: YG#1 935-1885 LBS. 46.75-54.00, ONE 57.75, YG#2 1000-2400 LBS. 43.00-47.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS FEW MED. AND LARGE 1 300-610 LBS. 70.00-74.00, 900-995 LBS. 62.00-63.50, MED. AND LARGE 2 260-320 LBS. 60.00-66.00, 465-640 LBS. 46.00-52.00, 700-970 LBS. 51.00-59.00; HEIFERS

MED. AND LARGE 1 200-295 LBS. 77.00-97.50, 335-485 LBS. 63.00-76.00, 500-600 LBS. 69.00-74.00, MED. AND LARGE 2 315-600 LBS. 59.00-74.00; BULLS MED. AND LARGE 1 200-300 LBS. 93.00-107.00, 420-485 LBS. 72.00-82.00, MED. AND LARGE 2 225-295 LBS. 52.00-70.00.

CALVES: 502...VEALERS FEW GOOD 140-180 LBS. 60.00-75.00, STANDARD AND GOOD 75-100 LBS. 20.00-32.50, UTILITY 50-75 LBS. 10.00-20.00, FEW DOWN TO 5.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY TO SPOTS 5.00 HIGHER, HEIFERS 10.00 TO 20.00 HIGHER...#1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 95-120 LBS. 95.00-130.00, 80-90 LBS. 60.00-90.00, #2 90-115 LBS. 45.00-97.50, 80-90 LBS. 30.00-55.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 75-110 LBS. 200.00-300.00, #2 65-100 LBS. 80.00-190.00, 55-65 LBS. 35.00-60.00.

BEEF TYPE BULLS AND HEIFERS 70-135 LBS. 65.00-117.50.

HOGS: 9...SOWS FEW US#1-3 355-415 LBS. 9.00-14.50, FEW 530-735 LBS. 19.00-22.00.

BOARS: ONE 535 LBS. 5.00. FEEDER PIGS: 0...NO MARKET TEST.

SHEEP: 60...SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE 30-50 LBS. 67.00-75.00, 60-80 LBS. 70.00-80.00, 90-110 LBS. 68.00-72.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 20.00-39.00, YEARLINGS 40.00-58.00.

GOATS: 129...BY THE HEAD, LARGE BILLIES 62.50-70.00, MED. 37.00-65.00, LARGE NANNIES 35.00-62.50, MED. 27.50-57.00, LARGE KIDS 15.00-42.50, SMALL 12.50-20.00 PER HEAD.

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HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 50.00-56.75, LIGHT 40.00-48.00. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE 56.00-60.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-55.50.

BULLS: HEAVY 44.00-50.00, LIGHT 42.00-55.50.

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LAMBS: 70-85 LBS. UP TO 70.00, 85-125 LBS. UP TO 68.00, 30-60 LBS. UP TO 82.50, CULLS UP TO 65.00.

SHEEP: UP TO 32.00. GOATS: ALL BY THE HEAD, LARGE 40.00-92.00; MEDIUM 20.00-50.00; SMALL 7.00-39.00.

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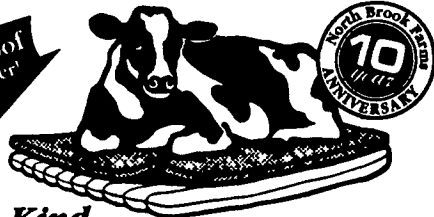
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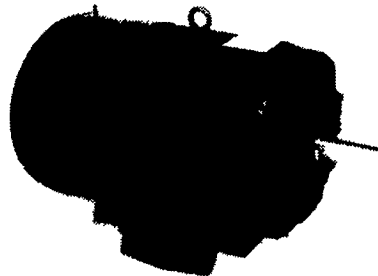
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