



SEPTEMBER 13-19, 1999

HOLY CROSS, SEPTEMBER 14.

**EMBER DAYS**

This Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday (September 15, 17, and 18) are Ember Days. According to folklore, these days predict the weather for the next three months. Whatever the weather is on Wednesday, it will be echoed in October. Friday marks the trend for November, and Saturday will tell whether December's winds are mild and mel-



low or frozen blasts. Ember Days are also repeated on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday that follow the first Sunday in Lent, Whitsunday (or Pentecost), and the Feast of St. Lucy. They were times set aside in the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches for special prayer, fasting, and the ordination of clergy.

*There is never a Saturday without some sunshine.*

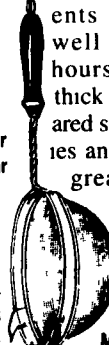
**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Time to dig up some parsley and chives for the windowsill. For best results, plant in a deep pot.

**SOFT GINGER COOKIES**

- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 medium egg, well beaten
- 3 teaspoons baking soda, dissolved in 1/2 cup boiling water
- 5-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

egg. Add soda and water. Sift together dry ingredients and add, mixing well. Chill for several hours. Roll out 1/4 inch thick on floured and sugared surface. Cut out cookies and bake at 400° F on greased cookie sheets for 8 to 10 minutes. Watch carefully. (This recipe is at least 150 years old!).



Beat together oil and sugar; add molasses and beat well. Str in

Makes 4 to 5 dozen.

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**The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



On Holyhood Day (Sept. 14), the devil goes a nutting.

September rain is good for crops and vines.

Weather on September 15 is nearly always fine.

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.

**Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle**

USDA-OK Dept Ag Market News Oklahoma National Stockyards - Weekly Cattle Summary

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle and calves not well tested, few heifer calves steady. Demand moderate for light holiday receipts of feeders and calves. Cow and bull receipts a normal affair despite holiday interruption. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter bulls firm. Total of 435 cows and bulls sold with 55 percent to packers. Receipts this holiday shortened week 1,550; last week 11,021; last year 3,578. Supply consisted of 22 percent yearlings; 50 percent calves; 28 percent cows and bulls. Heifers comprised 61 percent of feeder supply. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1: 410 lbs 98.00; 465 lbs 85.00; 505 lbs 83.25; 675-700 lbs 74.50-75.25.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1: 335 lbs 86.00; 350-400 lbs (386 lbs) 80.50-82.50 (80.99); 400-500 lbs (440 lbs) 77.00-82.25 (79.50); 500-550 lbs (518 lbs) 75.00-77.00 (76.51); 550-600 lbs (579 lbs) 76.25-77.50 (76.95); 600-650 lbs (619 lbs) 76.00-77.00 (76.66); 650-700 lbs (672 lbs) 73.50-75.00 (74.06); 750-800 lbs (769 lbs) 70.00-70.25 (70.12).

Slaughter Cows: Head %Lean Weight Average Dress High Dress Low Dress \*Brk 25 75-80% 1000-1625 34.75-37.00 36.50-38.00 32.00-34.00 \*Bnr 38 80-85% 850-1350 34.50-37.00 37.00-39.50 32.00-32.50 Lean 103 85-90% 850-1350 33.00-35.50 35.50-38.50 31.00-34.25

\*Brk=Breakers (fat cows), \*Bnr=Boners (smooth cows)

Slaughter Bulls: Head Weight Average Dress High Dress Low Dress Y.G. 1-2 30 1250-1975 46.00-50.50 51.00-55.00 43.00-46.50

Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Lean 75.65; Boners 71.60; Breakers 68.00. Bulls 86.40.

Replacement Cows: Pretested for bangs, pregnancy, and age Medium and Large 1 Age Weight Months Bred Quality Price

2-6 yr old 950-1250 5-8 months Avg, blacks 535.00-600.00 Avg quality 475.00-535.00 2-6 yr old 900-1200 3-4 months Avg quality 455.00-490.00 7-8 yr old 950-1350 5-8 months Avg, blacks 515.00-535.00 7-8 yr old 900-1250 2-4 months Avg quality 410.00-495.00 9 yr old 950-1200 5-8 months Avg quality 365.00-430.00 9 yr old 850-1150 2-4 months Avg quality 325.00-380.00

Pairs: Medium and Large 1 Age Cow Weight Calf Wt Quality Price 2-3 yr old 800-1050 150-250 Avg, blacks 630.00-720.00 6-7 yr old 800-1050 100-250 Avg quality 590.00-660.00

**Westminster Livestock Auction**

Hagerstown, Md. September 7, 1999

Report supplied by auction SLAUGHTER COWS: 110 HEAD, 1.00 LOWER. UTILITY 36.00-39.50; HIGH DRESSING TO 41.00; CANNERS 30.00-34.50; SHELLY 30.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 3 HEAD, YG#1 1160 LBS. AT 46.00; YG#2 TO 43.50; 1 1920 LB. AT 41.75.

FED STEERS: 15 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE 1050-1250 LBS. 66.00-68.00; AVG. CHOICE 60.00-64.50; HIGH CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1100-1300 LBS. 55.75-58.75.

FED HEIFERS: 8 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE 900-1100 LBS. 63.50-65.50.

VEAL CALVES: 165 HEAD. CHOICE 300-360 LBS. 70.00-78.00; CULL \$85-110 LBS. 25.00-34.00, 60-85 LBS. 17.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES: 5.00 HIGHER. HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 97.00-121.00; #2 50.00-95.00; 85-95 LBS. 35.00-70.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 250.00-290.00; 1130 LB. AT 240.00; 75-80 LBS. TO 155.00; BEEF X BULLS 95-120 LBS. 75.00-110.00; 75-95 LBS. 40.00-80.00; BEEF X HEIFERS 75-90 LBS. 40.00-60.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 36 HEAD, 2.00 HIGHER. #1&2 235-260 LBS. 34.00-35.00, 265-285 LBS. 33.00-34.00; #2&3 320-350 LBS. 24.00-25.00, 375-410 LBS. 15.00-19.00.

SOWS: 7 HEAD. 400-500 LBS. 14.00-17.00; 500-650 LBS. TO 22.75.

BOARS: 4 HEAD. 500-750 LBS. 5.00; 1 298 LB. AT 8.75.

STOCK CATTLE: 77 HEAD. STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 70.00-84.00; 500-600 LBS. 70.00-77.00; 600-800 LB. HEREFORDS TO 66.00; 1 BLK 850 LB. AT 69.00.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 65.00-78.00; 400-500 LBS. 70.00-76.00; 500-600 LBS. TO 69.50; 1 HOLSTEIN 200 LBS. AT 132.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 75.00-85.00, 1 AT 97.00; 400-500 LBS. 79.00-84.00; 550-700 LBS. 58.00-69.00.

SHEEP: 12 HEAD, 4.00 HIGHER. 27.00-46.00.

LAMBS: 44 HEAD, 1.00 HIGHER. HIGH CHOICE 100-125 LBS. 74.00-83.00, 80-100 LBS. 77.00-85.00, 70-90 LBS. 85.00-99.00; MED. TO GOOD 40-70 LBS. 75.00-83.00.

GOATS: 132 HEAD, PRICES LOWER. LARGE BILLIES 85.00-104.00; MED. BILLIES 50.00-75.00, LARGE NANNIES 40.00-65.00, MED. NANNIES 32.00-55.00, SMALL FLESHY 35.00-55.00, SMALL 12.00-30.00.

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