



SEPT. 27-OCT. 3, 1999

ST. JEROME, SEPTEMBER 30.

CALLING ALL ANGELS

Michaelmas Day (September 29) is the feast day of Michael the archangel. In the British Isles, crops were harvested and the surplus sold by late September, so farmers paid their yearly rent to landowners on Michaelmas. Appropriate food and drink for All Angels, or Michaelmas Day, was roasted goose (originally a sacrifice to Michael), oat or barley cakes (or, in Scotland, rye), carrots (especially in Ireland), and new wine. Great market fairs were held just before the feast day, and the large crowds made it convenient to hold elections then as well.



If St. Michael brings many acorns, Christmas will cover the fields with snow.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Make a "dream-catcher," a woven mobile of feathers and string, for young children who fear bad dreams.

OAT SCONES

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/4 cups rolled oats
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2/3 cups buttermilk
- rolled oats, for sprinkling

dough. Turn onto floured surface and knead lightly a few times until smooth. Pat out to 1/4-inch thickness and cut into 2 1/2-inch triangles. Brush tops with reserved egg and sprinkle with oats. Bake at 425° F for 12 to 14 minutes, or until golden.

Makes about 12 scones.



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



As September, so the coming March.

A moist autumn with a mild winter is followed by a cold, dry spring.

Spring rain damps, autumn rain soaks.

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SLAUGHTER STEERS: STEADY. CHOICE 2-4 1100-1400 LBS. 65.00-68.50; SELECT & LOW CHOICE 1000-1500 LBS. 59.00-65.00; HOL. STEERS HI CHOICE & PRIME 1250-1400 LBS. 58.00-61.00; CHOICE 1200-1500 LBS. 55.00-58.00; SELECT, ALL WEIGHTS 49.00-53.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: STEADY. CHOICE & PRIME 950-1300 LBS. 64.50-66.50; SELECT ALL WEIGHTS 900-1400 LBS. 55.00-59.00.

COWS: 2.00 HIGHER. BRK. UT. & COMM. 2-4 BULK 38.00-42.00; HI DRESSING 42.00-45.00; CUTTER & BON. UT. 34.00-38.00; HI DRESSING 39.00-41.00; CANNER & CUTTERS 29.00-34.00; LOW DRESSING 27.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 2.00 HIGHER. ALL WEIGHTS 1100-1900 LBS. 42.00-56.00.

VEAL CALVES: STEADY. CHOICE AND PRIME 200-400 LBS. 72.00-84.00; HI GOOD AND LOW CHOICE ALL WEIGHTS 59.00-67.00.

FARM CALVES: STEADY. HOL. BULLS 100-125 LBS. 110.00-130.00; HOL. BULLS 85-95 LBS. 65.00-89.00; HOL. HEIFER CALVES 100-120 LBS. 320.00-365.00; SMALL FRAME 70-105 LBS. 150.00-225.00; SLAUGHTER CALVES ALL WEIGHTS 15.00-30.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: 3.00 HIGHER. BULLS & STEERS 400-900 LBS. 54.00-89.00; HEIFERS 300-700 LBS. 51.00-74.00.

LAMBS: STEADY. CHOICE & PRIME 90-110 LBS. 73.00-84.00; LIGHTER LAMBS 90.00-110.00; EWES - HEAVY 24.00-29.00, LIGHT 33.00-49.00.

GOATS: STEADY. SMALL 25.00-35.00; MEDIUM 40.00-65.00; LARGE 80.00-100.00.

HOGS: 2.00 LOWER. 210-250 LBS. 30.00-31.00; 255-300 LBS. 27.00-31.00; SOWS - HEAVY 22.00-24.00; SOWS-LIGHT 17.00-19.00; BOARS ALL WEIGHTS 7.00-9.00.

Oklahoma City Feeder Cattle

Oklahoma City, OK
Wed Sep 22, 1999

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

Compared to last week: Feeder cattle and calves 1.00-2.00 lower. Demand moderate for all classes. Quality plain to mostly average. Feeder cattle in thin to medium flesh with gaunt to average weigh-ups, few full. This an improvement for buyers over last week. Calves in medium to fleshy condition. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher. Slaughter bulls 1.00 higher. Demand very good for few packer cows. Several small herd dispersals included and many of these returning to the country. Demand very good for replacements. Total of 700 cows and bulls sold with 45 percent going to packers. Receipts this week 10,600; last week 9,398; last year 12,006. Supply consisted of 57 percent yearlings over 600 lbs; 37 percent calves and light yearlings under 600 lbs; 6 percent cows and bulls. Heifers comprised 36 percent of supply. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 Calves: 300-350 lbs (336 lbs) 107.00-115.50 (110.11); 350-400 lbs (372 lbs) 100.00-111.00 (107.78); 400-450 lbs (426 lbs) 98.00-103.50 (99.40); 450-500 lbs (462 lbs) 89.75-98.50 (93.34); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 84.00-89.50 (86.36); 600-650 lbs (616 lbs) 78.00-83.00 (80.11); Yearlings: 600-650 lbs (620 lbs) 83.25-87.50 (85.67); 650-700 lbs (670 lbs) 78.75-85.50 (82.35); 700-750 lbs (721 lbs) 77.25-83.25 (80.45); 750-800 lbs (766 lbs) 75.00-80.75 (78.17); 800-850 lbs (819 lbs) 74.00-77.75 (76.31); 850-900 lbs (866 lbs) 72.00-76.25 (74.21); 900-950 lbs (903 lbs) 71.25-73.00 (72.10). Holsteins: Large 2 500-575 lbs

60.50-62.75; lot 695 lbs 59.00; 750-800 lbs 57.50-59.00; 945 lbs 47.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 Calves: 350-400 lbs (376 lbs) 85.00-91.00 (88.09); 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 80.50-86.00 (83.48); 500-550 lbs (515 lbs) 78.50-84.00

(81.90); 550-600 lbs (569 lbs) 76.00-77.00 (76.72); Yearlings: 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 78.00-80.00 (78.94); 600-650 lbs (629 lbs) 75.00-78.50 (77.33); 650-700 lbs (673 lbs) 72.75-78.00 (75.40); 700-775 lbs (750 lbs) 71.50-75.25 (73.03).

Slaughter Cows: Head %Lean Weight Average Dress High Dress Low Dress
*Brk 31 75-80% 1000-1675 34.50-38.00 37.00-43.00 33.50-34.50 *Bnr 67 80-85% 900-1550 34.50-37.50 37.00-40.50 33.25-36.50 Lean 84 85-90% 850-1450 33.50-36.50 36.00-39.50 30.00-33.50

*Brk=Breakers, *Bnr=Boners
Slaughter Bulls: Head Weight Average Dress High Dress Low Dress Yield Grade
1-2 14 1300-2000 45.00-48.00 47.00-51.00 40.00-42.50

Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Lean 75.85; Boners 73.10; Breaker 68.70. Bulls 82.65.

Replacement Cows: Pretested for bangs, pregnancy, and age Medium and Large 1 Age Weight Months Bred Quality Price
Heifers 875-1400 4-8 months High, blacks 650.00-695.00 4-5 yr olds 1350 7-8 months High, Angus 835.00 4-5 yr olds 1225 2-4 months High, Angus 735.00 4-5 yr olds 1100-1350 3-5 months High, blacks 575.00-660.00 3-5 yr olds 875-1150 2-4 months Avg, blacks 510.00-580.00 5-6 yr olds 1000-1250 6-8 months Avg quality 500.00-595.00 7-9 yr olds 1200-1400 4-5 months High, blacks 480.00-550.00 9 yr olds 1150-1350 2-4 months Avg quality 400.00-465.00

Pairs: Medium and large 1 Age Cow Weight Calf Weight Quality Price 7-9 yr olds 1000-1200 150-325 Avg quality 625.00-685.00

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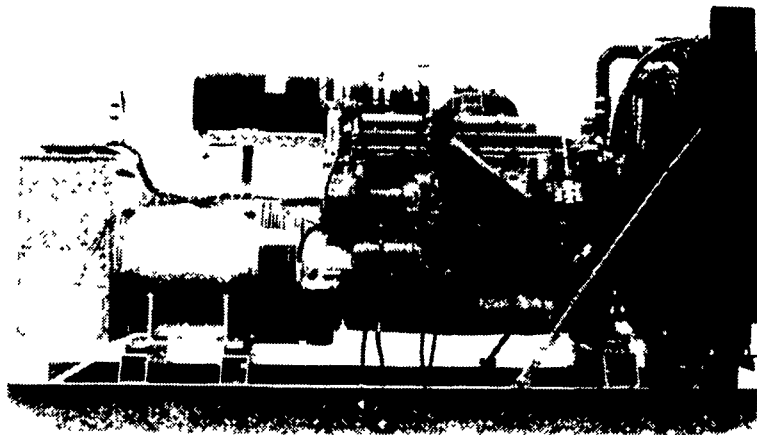
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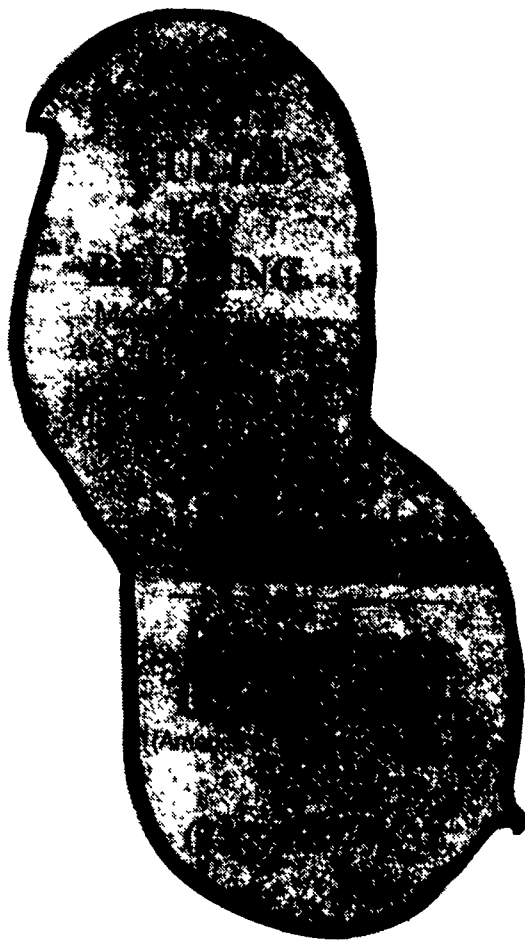
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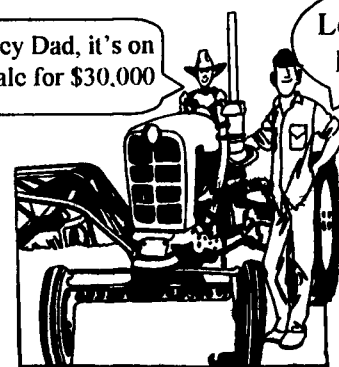
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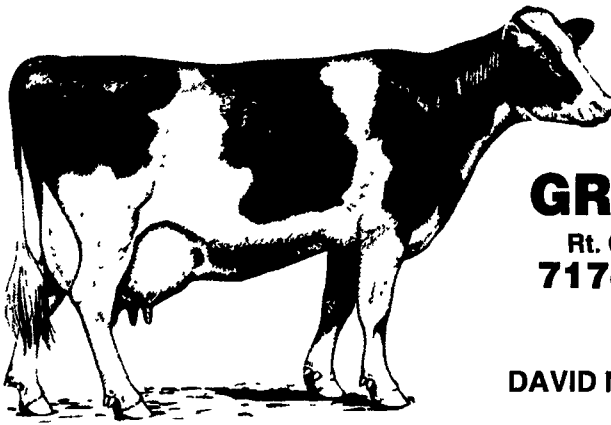
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