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LEAP INTO SPRING WITH CHICKS

It's time to think about starting that clutch of chicks for spring. Wait until the light of the Moon (between March 7 and 18) to start a hen setting. Eggs set on a Sunday produce more roosters, according to the old-timers. Breeders suggest 1 rooster for every 8 to 12 standard-size hens; more than that, and you're apt to have trouble in the pecking order. If you don't have hens to set eggs for you, you can order straight-run (mixed pullets and cockerels) or sexed chicks (separated by sex) to start your flock. Call your local extension service.



We didn't starve, but we didn't eat chicken unless we were sick, or the chicken was.

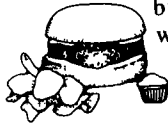
- Bernard Malamud

TIP OF THE WEEK

Recycle used or outdated tea bags by steaming them in a pot on the woodstove. They make a great air freshener.

SALMON BURGERS

- 1 pound salmon, skinned
- 4 scallions, chopped
- 2 teaspoons Dijon-style mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce (optional)
- 1/3 cup bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 hamburger buns
- lettuce
- tartar sauce (or ranch dressing)



Shred salmon and mix with next 7 ingredients. Form into 4 patties, wrap tightly in plastic wrap, and chill for at least 1 hour (and up to 6). When ready to cook, sauté patties in olive oil for about 3 minutes per side. Burgers should be cooked through and crispy on the outside. Toast hamburger buns, then top each with lettuce, salmon burgers, and dressing.

Makes 4 servings.

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Weekly Livestock Summary

12 Livestock Auctions
February 18, 2000

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CATTLE 4561 Compared with 5034 head last week and 4277 head a year ago. Slaughter steers mostly to mostly 100 spots 2 00 lower with Holsteins steady to 1 00 lower, sl heifers steady to 1 50 lower, sl cows 1 00 to mostly 2 00 lower, bulls unevenly steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 68 50-71 85, Choice 1-3 65 50-69 50, Select and Low Choice 2-3 64 00-68 00, Select 1-3 57 50-66 25, Standard 1-2 53 50-57 50

HOLSTEINS High Choice and Prime 2-3 61 60-64 00, Choice 2-3 58 00-61 25, Select 1-2 50 50-57 50, Standard 1-2 47 00-50 50

HEIFERS Choice few Prime 2-4 65 25-70 25, Select 1-3 57 00-64 75, Standard 1-2 50 50-57 75

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 36 00-41 00, few to 44 00, Boners 80-85% lean 33 75-39 00, few to 41 00, Lean 85-90% lean 29 00-36 75 Shells down to 20 00

BULLOCKS Choice 2-3 64 50-66 75, Select 1-3 49 75-58 50

BULLS Yield Grade 1 1000-2500 lbs 49 00-55 50, Yield Grade 2 900-2400 lbs 42 00-49 50

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 84 00-112 50, 500-700 lbs 75 00-99 00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 71 00-85 00, 500-700 lbs 66 00-75 00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 72 00-86 00, 500-700 lbs 65 00-78 00, Medium and Large 2

300-500 lbs 60 00-78 00, 500-700 lbs 51 00-66 00, BULLS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 82 00-108 00, 500-700 lbs 77 00-79 00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 60 00-81 00

CALVES 3290 Compared with 3626 head last week and 2832 head a year ago. Vealers small supply mostly steady. VEALERS Choice 150-350 lbs 85 00-105 00, Good 140-275 lbs 74 00-87 00, Standard and Good 75-120 lbs 20 00-40 00, Utility 50-100 lbs 10 00-22 00. FARM CALVES Holstein bulls steady to 20 00 lower with continued strong demand for weights under 90 lbs. Holstein heifers steady to 15 00 lower under lighter pressure. No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 100 00-145 00, few to 160 00, No 2 80-120 lbs 66 00-125 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 240 00-298 00, No 2 80-120 lbs 125 00-230 00

Beef type bulls and heifers 75-130 lbs 75 00-127 50

HOGS 1712 Compared with 1549 head last week and 1552 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts steady to firm with some spots showing 25 to 50 higher, sows mostly steady to weak.

BARROWS AND GILTS 49-54% lean 220-265 lbs 39 00-42 50, 45-50% lean 245-300 lbs 37.75-39 25, 40-45% lean 245-300 lbs 35 00-38 00. SOWS US 1-3 300-500 lbs 26 00-39 00, 500-700 lbs 35 00-41 00

BOARS all weights 9 00-12 00. FEEDER PIGS 236 Compared with 282 head last week and 128 head a year ago. US 1-3 30-45 lbs 25 00-36 00, 45-55 lbs 39 00-46 00 --- per head

SHEEP 1367 Compared with 1422 head last week and 1107 head a year ago

New Crop lambs steady to 15 00 higher. NEW CROP LAMBS Choice 40-60 lbs 125 00-160 00, 80-100 lbs 100 00-110 00, WOOLED LAMBS: Choice 80-100 lbs 90 00-110 00, 100-120 lbs 80 00-90 00, Good and Choice 55-85 lbs 82 00-97 00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP 25 00-52 00. TWO GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES 471 Compared with 282 last week and 1506 head a year ago. Feeder pigs very active with strong demand. US 1-2 40-50 lbs 86 00-90 00, 50-60 lbs 90 00-98 00, 60-70 lbs 90 00-91 00, US 2 40-60 lbs 85 00-90 00, 60-70 lbs 79 00-85 00, Slaughter 20-40 lbs 120 00-180 00, 40-50 lbs 80 00-90 00 --- per cwt

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

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Monday, February 21, 2000

STEERS: 50.00-66.50.
HEIFERS: 40.00-50.00.
GOOD COWS 28.00-39.00.
CANNERS AND CUTTERS 18.00-28.00.
BULLS 41.50.
VEAL 90-190 LBS. 90.00-295.00, 70-90 LBS. 20.00-90.00.
HOGS 36.00-40.00.
SOWS 39.50-45.50.
FEEDER PIGS 14.00-35.00 PER HEAD.

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Tobina Schmidt

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Jason VanGilder

Jason is a farmer from Somerset County with the largest vertical storage system in North America. Jason will discuss the reasons behind choosing vertical storage. He will also talk about how they operate this state of the art storage and feeding system.

Crop Storage Institute

Drew Freeman from the Crop Storage Institute will also be on the program. Drew will be providing the latest information on storage including a summary of recent information developed by Brian Holmes from the University of Wisconsin entitled, **Summary of Factors Affecting Bunker Silo Densities**. Also, interactive spreadsheets comparing different storage methods will be presented. During this session input from the audience will be used to show which storage method is the most profitable.

TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL THE CROP STORAGE INSTITUTE OR FAX OR E-MAIL THE FORM TO:

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