



MARCH 6 - 12, 2000

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.

MARCH MESSAGES

On March 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received the patent for the device he called the telephone. Three days later, he transmitted the first complete comprehensible sentence: "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you." By contrast, the first Morse code telegraph message (May 1844) had queried, "What hath God wrought?" A year later, Thomas Edison chose "Mary had a little lamb" for his first recorded message, in 1877. By the 20th century, radio offered the chance to wax eloquent in greater length. Just six days into office, on March 12, 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt sat by the White House hearth and began the first of his radio broadcast "fireside chats."

Words are what hold society together.

—Stuart Chase

TIP OF THE WEEK

To help prevent tabletops from warping, polish or oil the undersides occasionally.

CHICKEN & SALSA PITAS

1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 pound boneless chicken, cubed
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 teaspoon cumin
1 can (16 ounces) black beans, drained
1 can (10 ounces) corn, drained
juice from 1 lime
1/2 cup salsa
4 large pita pockets
sour cream or grated cheese, as garnish



Heat oil in a skillet and cook chicken and garlic until chicken is done, about 5 minutes. Add cumin, sauté for one minute, then add remaining ingredients and cook to just heat through, about 2 minutes. Meanwhile, warm pitas in 350°F oven for 3 to 4 minutes. Spoon mixture into pockets and garnish with sour cream or grated cheese.

Makes 4 servings.

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THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A new Moon with a north wind will hold until the full (Mar. 19).

If the dog refuses meat, it is a sign of rain.

As much dew as shown in March, so much fog rises in August.

The March Sun lets snow stand on a stone.

Leesport Livestock

Leesport, Pa.

March 1, 2000

Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE CALVES HOGS SHEEP GOATS

WEDNESDAY

230 150 33 17 8

LAST WEDNESDAY

289 136 83 12 4

CATTLE Compared with last Wednesday's auction, slaughter steers sold steady to 50 higher. Slaughter cows sold mostly steady, with Lean grade selling 2.00-3.00 higher to a very good demand. Slaughter heifers and slaughter bulls were 1.00-2.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS Choice 2-3 1100-1555 lbs 63.25-67.50 Select 1-3 56.50-64.50 Standard 1-2 40.00-57.50

HOLSTEIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1320-1555 lbs 60.00-62.00 Choice 2-3 1250-1640 lbs 59.00-60.75 Select 1-2 52.00-59.25 Standard 1-2 43.25-50.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Choice 2-4 965-1335 lbs 61.50-67.25 Select 1-3 55.50-61.00 Standard 1-2 44.75-45.50

SLAUGHTER COWS Breakers 75-80 pct lean 38.50-41.25 Boners 80-85 pct lean 36.00-41.00 Lean 85-90 pct lean 28.00-39.00 Shells down to 21.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1220-1810 lbs 51.00-58.50 Yield Grade 2 1505-2380 lbs 41.50-50.00 Bullocks

Select 3 individual 50.00

FEEDER STEERS Large 2 Holsteins 590-840 lbs 54.00-58.00

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium 1 individual 355 lbs 72.50 Medium and Large 1 645-935 lbs 59.00-65.50

FEEDER BULLS Medium 1 few 475-675 lbs 64.00-72.50 Large 2 few 580-775 lbs 44.00-48.00

CALVES Compared to last week's auction, Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold steady while Holstein heifers were 20.00-30.00 higher.

VEALERS Choice couple 135 lbs 100.00-112.50. Good 130-170 lbs 70.00-90.00 Standard and Good 90-115 lbs 40.00-60.00 Utility 65-110 lbs 20.00-42.50

RETURNED TO FARM Holstein bulls Number 1 90-120 lbs 112.50-142.50, 80-85 lbs 97.50-107.50 Number 2 90-120 lbs 80.00-125.00, 80-85 lbs 50.00-95.00

Holstein heifers Number 1 90-115 lbs 240.00-295.00 Number 2 80-90 lbs 152.50-225.00 Individual beef type bull and heifer 90 lbs 125.00

BARROWS AND GILTS Steady to 1.00 lower than last Wednesday 45-50 pct lean 230-275 lbs 39.00-41.00 40-45 pct lean 215-340 lbs 33.00-36.75

SOWS 1.00-2.00 higher US 1-3 375-425 lbs 28.50-32.50

540-600 lbs 38.00-40.00 BOARS 390-590 lbs 10.00-

10.50

SHEEP Slaughter lambs mostly steady with last week

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 95-115 lbs 82.50-94.00, individual 155 lbs 82.50

GOATS Sold by the head Nannies Medium 60.00-62.50 Individual Large 60.00

Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey

Hackettstown, N.J.

Report Supplied by Auction

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 8 LOTS, 2.70-4.40 BALE.

MIXED HAY: 14 LOTS, 2.10-3.20 BALE.

TIMOTHY: 12 LOTS, 2.00-3.00 BALE.

GRASS: 13 LOTS, 1.85-3.60 BALE.

OAT STRAW: 1 LOT AT 2.10 BALE.

WHEAT STRAW: 8 LOTS, 1.70-2.30 BALE.

OATS: 3 LOTS, 3.00-4.50 BAG.

RYE: 2 LOTS, 2.90 AND 3.75 BAG.

WHEAT: 3.50 BAG.

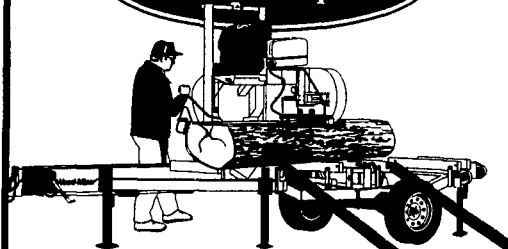
FIREWOOD: 2 LOTS, 8.00 AND 12.00 LOAD.

64 LOTS TOTAL.

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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.

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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.

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