The OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC THIS WEEK WITH

MARCH 13 - 19, 2000

PURE MONDAY, MARCH 13.

ERIN GO BRAGH

If you're celebrating National Day in Ireland (St. Patrick's Day to Americans, March 17), then you'll greet your friends with "Erin Go Bragh," or Ireland Forever! Forget the green beer and make up a batch of Irish soda bread, with baking soda and buttermilk instead of yeast It's good with coffee, Irish or plain, and can be enjoyed warm or cold In America, we think that green is the color for St. Patrick's Day, but many of us forget that the Irish national flag (adopted in 1922) contains two other colors as well The green is for the Roman Catholics, the orange is for the Protestants, and the white in the middle is to symbolize the desire for peace between the two

Nothing dies so hard, or rallies so often, as intolerance.

–Henry Ward Beecher

TIP OF THE WEEK

☞ **Spring cleaning? Never lean sideways on a ladder; it's dangerous!**

IRISH SODA BREAD

4 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups raisins or currents
1/4 cup butter, softened
1-3/4 cups buttermilk
1 egg

Combine dry ingredients by sifting, then add raisins Cut softened butter into dry ingredients Whisk the buttermilk and egg together, then add it to the flour mixture Knead briefly on floured surface just until smooth, about 2 minutes Grease two pie pans, divide dough in half, and press into two round, flattened loaves Cut crosses into the top of each and bake at 350°F for 40 minutes, or until done

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

In March, many weathers rained and blowed, but March grass never did good.

When March is like April, April will be like March.

St. Joseph's Day (Mar. 19) clear, so follows a good year.

When flies swarm in March, sheep come to their death.

Westminster Livestock

Hagerstown, Maryland
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, March 7, 2000

SLAUGHTER COWS: 126 HEAD, STEADY. UTILITY 37.00-40.75, HIGH DRESSING 41.00-44.75, CANNERS 33.00-38.00, SHELLY 33.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 20 HEAD 1100-2240 LBS. YG#1 48.00-57.50, YG#2 44.00-48.00, LOW DRESSING 40.00-44.00, 6 HEREFORD BULLOCKS 51.00-55.75.

FED STEERS: 17 HEAD 1.50 HIGHER. HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1150-1450 LBS. 70.00-72.50, CHOICE #2-3 66.75-70.00, LOW CHOICE 62.00-65.00, FEW DOWN TO 59.00.

FED HEIFERS: 11 HEAD. CHOICE 1100-1300 LBS. 66.00-68.00, 1 1570 LBS. AT 62.50, LOW CHOICE HOSLTEINS TO 53.00.

VEAL CALVES: 146 HEAD. LOW CHOICE TO PRIME 210 LBS. AT 114.00; CULLS 85-110 LBS. 27.00-34.00, 60-85 LBS. 17.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 95-120 LBS. 120.00-144.00, 80-94 LBS. 60.00-100.00; #2 90-120 LBS. 80.00-115.00, 80-90 LBS. 40.00-60.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 85-110 LBS. 217.00-260.00, #2 75-90 LBS. 105.00-187.00; BEEF X BULLS 92.00-155.00; BEEF X HEIFERS 82.00-120.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 82 HEAD, .50 HIGHER. #1 AND 2 230-265 LBS. 40.00-41.00, #1 AND 3 38.00-39.50; 5 HEAD 300-330 LBS. 28.00-32.00.

SOWS: 22 HEAD, 1.00 HIGHER. 400-500 LBS. 33.00-34.50, 500-600 LBS. 38.00-40.00, 600-700 LBS. 38.00-42.00.

BOARS: 5 HEAD 550-700 LBS. 11.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 219 HEAD, ACTIVE BIDDING 2.00-6.00 HIGHER. STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-425 LBS. 98.00-120.00, 400-600 LBS. 75.00-92.00, 600-800 LBS. 66.00-76.00, 800-1000 LBS. 61.00-73.50.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-500 LBS. 79.00-99.00, 6 HEAD 101.00-105.00; 500-600 LBS. 74.00-89.00; 600-700 LBS. 69.00-77.00; 700-800 LBS. 75.00-62.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 91.00-114.00; 400-500 LBS. 83.00-99.00; 500-600 LBS. 74.00-88.00; 600-700 LBS. 65.00-76.00; 900-1050 LBS. 52.00-58.50.

SHEEP: 64 HEAD. 80-200 LBS. 36.00-61.00; 200-300 LBS. 36.00-49.00.

LAMBS; 47 HEAD, 5.00 HIGHER. HIGH CHOCIE TO PRIME 90-110 LBS. 96.00-107.00; 80-90 LBS. 102.00-115.00; 50-80 LBS. 102.00-132.00; 20-40 LBS. 127.00-165.00.

GOATS: 125 HEAD, STRONG DEMAND. LARGE 72.00-100.00, 1 AT 127.00; MEDIUM 45.00-90.00; SMALL FLESHY 40.00-60.00; KIDS 22.00-35.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 46 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 20-30 LBS. 20.00-21.00; BY THE LB. 8 HEAD 27-45 LBS. 97.00-103.00; 3 HEAD 63 LBS. AT 101.00; 5 HEAD 60 LBS. AT 76.00; 7 HEAD 68-80 LBS. 46.00-56.00; 13 HEAD 100-170 LBS. 34.00-43.00.

NEXT TUES., MARCH 14, SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE. PROMISED: 12 LIMI HEIFERS 600-650 LBS. ALSO 15 YEARLING ANGUS STEERS.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
March 7, 2000

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP	GOATS
MONDAY	469	427	52	18	40
LAST MONDAY	447	385	74	18	75

CATTLE Compared to last Monday's auction, slaughter steers sold steady to 1 00 higher Slaughter cows were 2 00 higher Slaughter bulls traded steady

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1265-1470 lbs 69 50-71 00, 1500-1600 lbs 65 50-68 00 Choice 2-3 1100-1490 lbs 62 50-69 00 Select 1-3 60 00-67 00 Standard 1-2 few 44 00-57 25

HOLSTEIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1540-1695 lbs 59 00-61 75, 1700-1800 lbs 57 50-60 00 Choice 2-3 1350-1695 lbs 56 75-60 00 Select 1-2 51 00-57 00 Standard 1-2 few 43 00-49 50

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1230-1265 lbs 69 00-70 25 Choice 2-4 1055-1430 lbs 62 25-69 25 Select 1-3 60 00-66 25 Standard 1-2 few 43 50-53 50

SLAUGHTER COWS Breakers 75-80 pct lean 40 00-45 75 few low dressing down to 37 50 Boners 80-85 pct lean 37 00-42 00, low dressing 33 00-36 00 Lean 85-90 pct lean 30 25-40 00 Shells down to 24 00

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1580-1945 lb 48 50-52 00 Yield Grade 2 few 1215-1565 lbs 41 75-47 50

FEEDER STEERS· Medium and Large 1 390-455 lbs 90 00-102 00, 500-610 lbs 76 00-93 00, 900-1025 lbs 62 00-64 50 Medium and Large 2 200-385 lbs 75 00-87 50, 500-550 lbs 52 00-64 00

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 220-375 lbs 107 50-127 50, 420-560 lbs 86 00-95 00, few 570-930 lbs 63 50-79 00 Medium and Large 2 245-290 lbs 69 00-90 00, individual 595 lbs 63 00

FEEDER BULLS: Medium and Large 1 200-450 lbs 100 00-130 00, 540-600 lbs 68 00-80 50 Medium and Large 2 225-405 lbs 70 00-82 00, few 550-840 lbs 43 50-54 00

CALVES Compared to last week's auction, Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold steady, instances 5 00 higher

VEALERS Standard and Good 70-105 lbs 21 00-34 00 Utility 60-75 lbs 10 00-17 00, few down to 5 00

RETURNED TO FARM Holstein bulls Number 1 90-125 lbs 105 00-147 00, 80-90 lbs 80 00-110 00 Number 2 80-125 lbs 50 00-115 00, few down to 35 00 Holstein heifers Number 1 75-115 lbs 220 00-290 00 Number 2 65-85 lbs 90 00-180 00 Beef type bulls and heifers 80-100 lbs 87 50-135 00

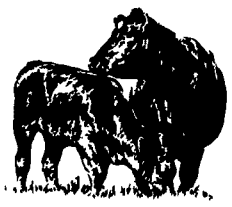
BARROWS AND GILTS 40-45 pct lean Few 250-330 lbs 25 00-33 00

SOWS Prices 3 00 higher than last Monday US 1-3 280-495 lbs 25 00-36 00 500-630 lbs 32 00-43 00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS New Crop Choice 345-65 lbs 122 50-137 50, 70-95 lbs 90 00-110 00 Wooled Choice 90-150 lbs 70 00-100 00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP Utility 1-3 37 00-56 00

GOATS All sold per head Billies Large individual 110 00 Medium 55 00-75 00 Nannies Large 47 50-70 00 Kids Large individual 29 00 Small 6 00-17 50



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