



MAR. 27 - APR. 2, 2000

ALL FOOLS, APRIL 1.

SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight Saving Time is upon us once again at 2:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 2. Spring forward (in October, it was "Fall back!" remember?) by setting the clocks an hour ahead before you retire for the night on All Fools. April seems like the appropriate month for adjusting timepieces. From the Latin *aperio*, for "I open," April is a month dedicated to the budding and flowering of new things. In the age-old Alban calendar, April marked the first month of the year and contained 36 spring days. In the time of Romulus, April took second place in the calendar lineup and lost 6 days, but it had fallen to fourth in line (and been shortened to 29 days) well before Julius Caesar took charge. He put it back to 30 days, at least.

*In April Rome was founded;
Shakespeare died . . .*

-Samuel V. Cole



TIP OF THE WEEK

✂ Prune wisteria and American ivy vines now.

VEGGIE SAUTÉ

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small bunch scallions, trimmed and chopped
- 2 small zucchinis, sliced
- 1 each small red, yellow, and green peppers, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh herbs (basil, thyme, etc.)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- freshly ground pepper
- juice of 1/2 lemon



Heat oil in large skillet and add vegetables, cooking uncovered, and stirring occasionally for about 5 minutes. When veggies are just beginning to soften, add garlic, herbs, salt, and pepper. Continue cooking until just tender, toss with lemon juice, and serve hot, as is or over rice. Makes 4 servings.

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*The March
Sun raises, but
dissolves not.*

*Whatever
March does
not want, April
brings along.*

*Snow in April
is manure;
snow in March
devours.*

*April cold and
wet fills barn
and barrel.*

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Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.

March 20, 2000

Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE CALVE HOGS SHEEP GOATS

MONDAY

514 394 44 29 97

LAST MONDAY

494 432 48 20 51

CATTLE Compared to last Monday's auction, slaughter steers and heifers sold steady. Slaughter cows were steady. Instances 100 higher. Slaughter bulls traded 100 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 1320-1470 lbs 72 00-73 00 Choice 2-3 1100-1435 lbs 66 00-72 50, few 1530-1645 lbs 63 50-68 25 Select 1-3 few 60 00-62 00 Standard 1-2 few 53 75-59 25

HOLSTEIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1325-1625 lbs 62 75-64 25, ind 65 25 Choice 2-3 1345-1620 lbs 58 75-62 50, 1705-1750 lbs 60 00-61 25 Select 1-2 51 25-56 25 Standard 1-2 43 50-49 75

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 few 1305-1375 lbs 72 00-72 50 Choice 22-4 1050-1420 lbs 65 50-70 25 Select 1-3 few 58 50-63 75 Standard 1-2 45 75-57 25

SLAUGHTER COWS Breakers 75-80 pct lean 40 00-45 50, few 47 25 Boners 80-85 pct lean 38 75-43 75, low dressing 36 75-38 00 Lean 85-90 pct lean 31 75-40 50 Shells down to 24 75

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 1345-1835 lbs 50 25-53 00, couple up to 56 25 Yield Grade 2 few 1165-1960 lbs 46 00-48 75

FEEDER STEERS Medium and Large 1 few 250-450 lbs 96 00-102 00, 570-670 lbs 80 00-93 00, 715-920 lbs 65 50-73 00 Medium and Large 2 260-385 lbs 75 00-81 00, 600-800 lbs 58 50-69 00, 825-1035 lbs 47 50-59 50

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 285-490 lbs 81 00-94 00, one lot 104 00, 515-700 lbs 75 00-83 00 Medium and Large 2 240-465 lbs 61 00-80 00, 500-685 lbs 62 00-71 00 Large 2

Holsteins few 740-920 lbs 49 00-53 00, one lot 73 00

FEEDER BULLS Medium and Large 1 300-440 lbs 80 00-95 00, one lot 125 00, 500-665 lbs 70 50-90 00 Medium and Large 2 225-430 lbs 68 00-90 00

CALVES Compared to last week's auction, Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold 10 00-15 00 higher. Holstein heifers 10 00 higher.

VEALERS Standard and Good 75-115 lbs 22 00-40 00 Utility 50-70 lbs 10 00-22 00

SLAUGHTER CALVES Good and Choice few 300-435 lbs 62 00-76 00

RETURNED TO FARM Holstein bulls Number 1 90-120 lbs 110 00-145 00, 80-90 lbs 100 00-115 00 Number 2 80-120 lbs 50 00-112 50 Holstein heifers Number 1 80-115 lbs 260 00-315 00 Number 2 65-95 lbs 80 00-190 00 Beef type bulls and heifers 70-110 lbs 80 00-152 50

BARROWS AND GILTS 45-50 pct lean Few 245-255 lbs 35 00-37 00

SOWS US 1-3 310-480 lbs 27 00-39 00

34 00-38 50 Medium 310-410 lbs 13 50-14 50

BOARS Individual 175 lbs 22 00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS New Crop Choice 30-60 lbs 115 00-130 00, 80-110

lbs 97 00-110 00 Woolled Choice 70-110 lbs 86 00-93 00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP Utility 1-3 25 00-48 00

GOATS All sold per head

Billies Large 70 00-97 50 Medium 54 00-70 00 Nannies Large 69 00-80 00 Medium 40 00-59 00 Kids Large 26 00-52 00 Small 12 00-32 50

Eighty-four Livestock

Eighty-four, Pa.

March 20, 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 381 [PDA] Compared with last week's sale sl cows steady to 1 00 higher. SLAUGHTER STEERS few Select 1-3 59 50-64 75, one Standard 1-2 50 00 HOLSTEINS couple Select 1-2 50 00 & 55 50 HEIFERS one Choice 2-4

1270 lbs 65 00, Standard 1-2 45 00-54 00

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 40 00-46 00, Boners 80-85% lean 36 00-40 50, Lean 85-90% lean 31 00-36 50 Shells 31 00 and down

BULLS couple Yield Grade 1 1790 & 2120 lbs 55 50 & 57 00, couple Yield Grade 2 1400 & 1750 lbs 47 50 & 49 00

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium and Large 1 315-580 lbs 84 00-110 50, few Medium and Large 2 340-860 lbs 63 50-81 00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 315-500 lbs 80 00-103 00, 525-700 lbs 70 00-86 50, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 63 00-80 00, 550-750 lbs 54 00-74 00, BULLS few Medium and Large 1 300-625 lbs 83 50-102 50, Medium and Large 2 305-560 lbs 70 00-85 00, 510-950 lbs 54 00-81 00

CALVES 196. [All calves sold per cwt] VEALERS one Choice 135 lbs 75 00, Standard and Good 90-110 lbs 30 00-50 00, 70-85 lbs 27 00-45 00, Utility 50-70 lbs 12 50-25 00

FARM CALVES Holstein bulls steady No 1 Holstein bulls 85-120 lbs 102 50-135 00 mostly 110 00-122 50, No 2 75-100 lbs 55 00-97 50, No 1 Holstein heifers 90-120 lbs 200 00-300 00, No 2 65-135 lbs 105 00-200 00 Beef type bulls and heifers 65-115 lbs 75 00-150 00, 195-285 lbs 65 00-107 00

HOGS 8 BARROWS AND GILTS 45-50% lean 235-270 lbs 45 00, couple 40-45% lean 180 & 190 lbs 32 00 & 36 50

SOWS couple US 1-3 540 & 605 lbs 36 00 & 37 00

FEEDER PIGS 3 US 1-3 60-90 lbs 25 00-37 00 --- per head

SHEEP 91 Slaughter lambs steady

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 35-50 lbs 100 00-121 00, 55-75 lbs 85 00-116 00, couple 129 00, 80-85 lbs 80 00-108 00

FEEDER LAMBS Good and Choice 40-85 lbs 50 00-67 50

SLAUGHTER SHEEP 35 00-55 00

GOATS 83 Large Billies 85 00-120 00, Medium 43 00-75 00, Large Wethers 53 00-97 00, Medium Wethers 31 00-50 00, Large Kids 30 00-45 00, Small Kids 20 00-27 00 --- per head

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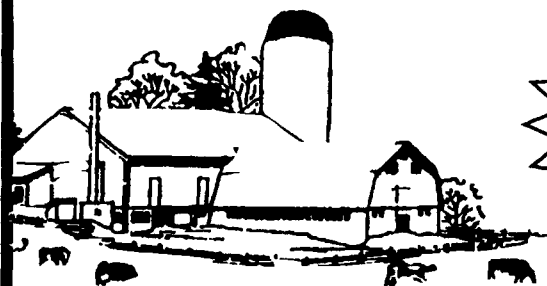
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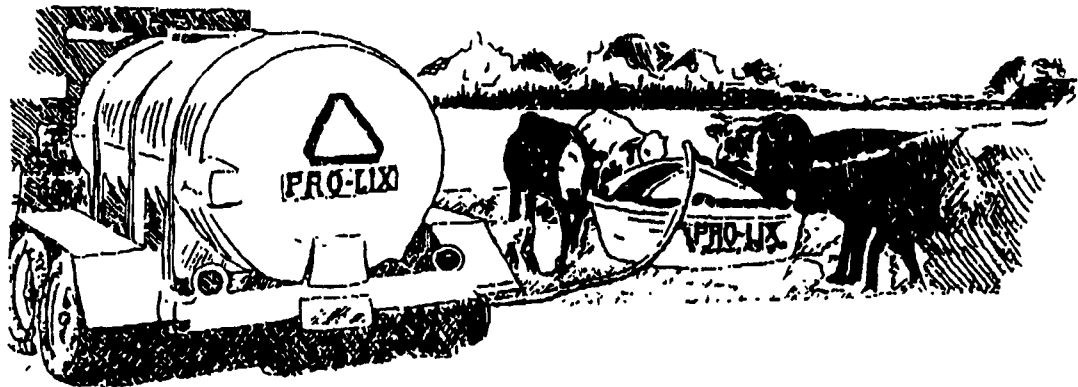
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