

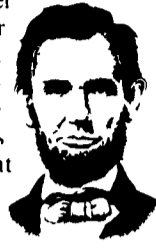


APRIL 10-16, 2000

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 16.

SAD DAY IN HISTORY . . .

April 14, 1865, distinguished itself in U.S. history as the sad day when Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. Apparently, Booth believed that Lincoln's death might help Confederate causes. Lincoln had been putting together a much milder peace settlement than what was later agreed upon. News of Lincoln's death (on April 15) stirred such strong feelings of grief and resentment in the nation that the eventual settlement was probably less generous than it might have been otherwise. The same date, April 14, in 1912 was when the R.M.S. Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg.



History is little more than the register of crimes, follies, and misfortunes of mankind.
-Edward Gibbon

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Fog in April foretells wheat crop failure.

Moist April, clear June.

No more frost after the mulberry tree leafs.

Rainbow to windward, foul falls the day; rainbow to leeward, damp runs away.

When the ash leaves come out before the oak, expect a wet season.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Camellias benefit from a mulch of tea leaves.

SPRING RISOTTO

- 1 small bunch asparagus
- 1/2 pound bay or sea scallops
- 6 to 8 cups chicken broth
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1-1/2 cups arborio rice
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan salt and pepper, to taste

while, heat broth. Sauté onion in butter, add rice to onion and stir over low heat for about 3 minutes. Add hot broth, a half cup at a time, stirring until liquid is absorbed before adding more. Continue until rice is tender, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat, add cream, Parmesan, scallops, and asparagus, and season to taste.



Makes 6 servings

Cut asparagus into 2-inch lengths, steam briefly, drain, and set aside. Poach scallops in lightly salted water and keep warm with asparagus. Mean-

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Weekly Livestock Summary

14 Livestock Auctions
March 31, 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 4900 Compared with 5193 head last week and 4607 head a year ago. Slaughter steers and Holsteins steady, sl heifers steady to spots 1.50 higher, sl cows uneven, 1.00 lower to 1.00 higher, bulls 2.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 71.75-75.50, Choice 1-3 67.50-73.00, Select and Low Choice 2-3 66.00-70.35, Select 1-3 62.00-69.00, Standard 1-2 49.75-59.50.

HOLSTEINS High Choice and Prime 2-3 62.75-65.25, Choice 2-3 56.00-63.25, Select 1-2 51.00-58.75, Standard 1-2 43.50-51.50.

HEIFERS Choice 2-4 66.00-73.75, Select 1-3 60.50-68.75, Standard 1-2 42.00-55.00.

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 38.50-45.00, Boners 80-85% lean 36.00-43.50, Lean 85-90% lean 30.50-42.75 Shells down to 26.50.

BULLOCKS Choice 2-3 58.50-65.00, Select 1-3 50.00-56.75.

BULLS Yield Grade 1 1000-2200 lbs 47.00-55.50, Yield Grade 2 900-2400 lbs 42.25-51.75.

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 86.50-114.00, 500-700 lbs 73.00-96.00, Medium and Large 2 500-700 lbs 62.50-71.00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 77.50-109.00, 500-700 lbs 71.00-92.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 60.00-80.00, BULLS Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 78.50-108.00, 500-700 lbs 80.00-97.00, Medium and Large 2 500-700 lbs 53.00-75.00.

CALVES 3183 Compared with 3063 head last week and 2935 head a year ago. Vealers mostly steady. VEALERS few Choice 140-270 lbs 92.50-105.00, Good 100-245 lbs 50.00-75.00, Standard and Good 75-120 lbs 25.00-50.00, Utility 50-100 lbs 10.00-36.00. **FARM CALVES** Holstein uneven early in week to 20 higher later in week, Holstein heifers 15.00 higher. No 1 Holstein bulls 95-180 lbs 95.00-180.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 50.00-

145.00, No 1 Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 225.00-370.00, No 2 65-105 lbs 130.00-275.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 70-105 lbs 70.00-170.00.

HOGS 1867 Compared with 1690 head last week and 1820 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts 50 to 1.00 lower, sows uneven. **BARROWS AND GILTS** 49-54% lean 230-270 lbs 40.00-42.25, 40-45% lean 230-275 lbs 39.00-42.00, 45-50% lean 280-320 lbs 35.00-40.50. **SOWS** US 1-3 300-500 lbs 29.00-38.50, 500-700 lbs 30.00-39.00. **BOARS** 11.00-16.00.

FEEDER PIGS 329 Compared with 224 head last week and 359 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-40 lbs 22.00-35.00 --- per head.

SHEEP 2134 Compared with 1505 head last week and 4402 head a year ago. Slaughter lambs steady to 10.00 lower. **NEW CROP LAMBS** Choice 30-50 lbs 115.00-160.00, few 175.00, 50-80 lbs 104.00-137.50, **OLD CROP LAMBS** Choice 80-130 lbs 75.00-95.00, few Good and Choice 50-65 lbs 57.00-75.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP 27.00-52.00. **ONE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE** 340 Compared with 269 last week and 1192 head a year ago. Feeder pigs steady. US 1-2 40-50 lbs 90.00-92.00, Slaughter 20-40 lbs 150.00-231.00, 55-90 lbs 60.00-82.00 --- per cwt.

Middleburg Livestock

Middleburg, Pa.

April 4, 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 373 [PDA] Compared with last week's sale sl steers active, spots 50 higher, sl cows steady to 1.00 higher, heifers steady, bulls 1.00 to 2.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 119.00-143.00 lbs 73.50-75.00, Choice 2-3 116.50-145.00 lbs 67.00-73.25, few 151.50-153.00 lbs 68.25-69.00, Select 1-3 64.50-68.00, Standard 1-2 54.00-60.00.

HOLSTEINS High Choice and Prime 2-3 136.00-157.50 lbs 64.75-67.25, one 68.00, Choice 2-3 126.50-155.00 lbs 60.00-63.75, Select 1-2 53.00-60.75 Standard 1-2 46.25-50.50.

HEIFERS High Choice and Prime 2-4 105.00-124.00 lbs 73.00-73.50, Choice 2-4

1000-1375 lbs 66.75-71.75, Select 1-3 62.50-67.75, Standard 1-2 48.50-60.00.

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 40.50-44.75, Boners 80-85% lean 38.50-42.75, low dressing down to 36.00, Lean 85-90% lean 32.75-40.75 Shells down to 26.75.

BULLS Yield Grade 1 1600-2040 lbs 49.75-57.75, one 60.00, Yield Grade 2 1000-2335 lbs 42.25-47.00.

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium and Large 1 375-450 lbs 78.00-83.00, 500-670 lbs 74.00-84.00, few Medium and Large 2 300-640 lbs 51.00-65.00, HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 350-490 lbs 76.00-84.00, 500-650 lbs 66.00-77.50, 675-780 lbs 57.50-64.50, Medium and Large 2 450-520 lbs 63.00-69.00, 525-750 lbs 50.50-62.00, BULLS Medium and Large 1 420-580 lbs 73.00-86.00, 600-690 lbs 62.00-67.00.

CALVES 155 VEALERS few Standard and Good 90-115 lbs 24.00-39.00, Utility 60-80 lbs 10.00-17.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 15.00 to 20.00 higher, Holstein heifers 15.00 higher. No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 130.00-165.00, 80-90 lbs 90.00-110.00, No 2 85-125 lbs 90.00-130.00, 75-85 lbs 45.00-85.00, No 1 Holstein heifers 90-130 lbs 310.00-365.00, No 2 70-85 lbs 185.00-230.00.

Few beef type bulls and heifers 60-65 lbs 110.00-140.00.

HOGS 216 (04/03 & 04/00) Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. Barrows and gilts 2.00 higher, sows uneven.

BARROWS AND GILTS 49-54% lean 230-270 lbs 42.50-43.50, 45-50% lean 230-275 lbs 40.25-42.35, 40-45% lean 290-315 lbs 36.25-39.00.

SOWS US 1-3 330-490 lbs 28.00-34.75, 500-745 lbs 35.00-38.00.

BOARS 425-640 lbs 7.50-11.25.

FEEDER PIGS 5 Few US 1-3 45.50 lbs 27.00 --- per head.

SHEEP 27. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice 40-60 lbs 110.00-122.00, 65-90 lbs 80.00-94.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP** 26.00-41.00. **GOATS** 41 [All sold by the head] Large Biltes 50.00-80.00, Medium 51.00-65.00, Large Nannies 62.50-80.00, Medium 35.00-50.00, Large Kids 25.00-50.00, Small 10.00-35.00 --- per head.

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