



JUNE 5-11, 2000

SHAVUOT, JUNE 9.

ST. BARNABAS DAY

St. Barnabas Day, on June 11, was traditionally the time for the start of haying. The most favorable time to cut hay, according to moonlore, is right after the full moon, on June 16 this year. St. Barnabas Day was also when the churches were decorated with box, woodruff, lavender, and roses. This patron saint (along with St. Francis of Assisi) was commonly invoked as a peacemaker or against hailstorms, as was his near calendar neighbor, St. John the Baptist (June 24). St. Barnabas was a companion of St. Paul and is often depicted with him. Bearded and middle-aged, St. Barnabas generally carries an olive branch or a book in his portraits.



On St. Barnabas, put the scythe to the grass.

TIP OF THE WEEK

To boost your immunity and ward off hay fever attacks, drink red clover tea.

CHOCOLATE BANANA PUDDING

- 1 cup chocolate chips, melted
- 2 ripe bananas
- 1 cup plain or vanilla yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- pinch of salt
- 4 to 6 fresh berries, for garnish

Melt chocolate over a double boiler (or in a microwave oven). Meanwhile, place bananas, in chunks, and yogurt into a blender, and pulse to just mix. Add remaining ingredients and blend briefly

When chocolate is melted, add to the banana mixture and blend to just mix. (It's okay if the chocolate is still quite hot.) Pour pudding into individual serving dishes, cover tightly with plastic wrap, and chill for at least 2 hours. Serve with fresh berries on top.



Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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Belknap Livestock

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CATTLE CALVES HOGS SHEEP GOATS

WEDNESDAY

109 116 133 25 13

LAST WEDNESDAY

UNAVAILABLE

CATTLE No comparison with last week's auction

SLAUGHTER STEERS Select and low Choice 2-3 few 1150-1475 lbs 64 00-69 75

HOLSTEIN STEERS Choice 2 3 1250-1400 lbs 60 75-65 50 Select 1-2 few 56 00 58 25

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Select and low Choice 2 3 few 1100 1350 lbs 66 00 69 50 Standard 1 2 few 55 00 57 00

SLAUGHTER COWS Breakers 75-80 pct lean 42 00 45 75 Boners 80-85 pct lean 40 50-45 00, individual 46 50 Lean 80-90 pct lean 38 00-43 75 Shells down to 30 00

SLAUGHTER BULLS Yield Grade 1 few 1350-1980 lbs 50 00 55 50 Yield Grade 2 few 1330-1810 lbs 41 75 49 00

FEEDER STEERS Medium 1 few 775-980 lbs 64 25 65 00

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium 1 few 350 500 lbs 70 00 80 00

FEEDER BULLS Medium and Large 2 500-700 lbs 62 50-68 50

VEALERS Good few 150-225 lbs 104 00-109 00 Standard and Good 65 95 lbs 37 50 60 00 Utility 50 80 lbs 15 00 45 00

RETURNED TO FARM Holstein bulls Number 1 120-130 lbs 140 00 160 00 90-115 lbs 165 00 205 00 Number 2 80 115 lbs 90 00-160 00 some down to 70 00 Holstein heifers Number 1 80-15 lbs 300 00-360 00 Number 2 80-100 lbs 100 00 275 00 Beef type bulls and heifers 80-115 lbs 103 00-185 00, few 180 290 lbs 87 00-104 00

BARROWS AND GILTS 45-50 pct lean 230-280 lbs 43 75-45 50 40-45 pct lean 220-290 lbs 38 00-42 00

SOWS US 1-3 Few 300 450 lbs 30 50-34 25 Medium Few 230-305 lbs 21 00 31 50

BOARS Few 350-730 lbs 12 00-13 00 Small lot 210 lbs 12 25

FEEDER PIGS All sold by the head US 1 3 Few 40 65 lbs 40 00-60 00 mostly 40 00 30-40 lbs 29 00-38 00

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice one lot 64 lbs 82 50, few 85-125 lbs 80 00-96 00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP Utility 1 3 few 24 00-30 00

GOATS All sold by the head Billies Medium and Large 38 00-80 00 Kids Large few 13 00-27 50 Small few 10 00 13 00

Leesport Livestock

Leesport, Pa.

31 May 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 182 [PDA] [Supply included 53 steers and heifers 86 cows 14 bulls and 29 feeder cattle] Compared with last week's sale sl steers weak 2 00 to 4 00 lower cows steady Lean cows 1 00 to 3 00 lower heifers and bulls steady

SLAUGHTER STEERS few Choice 2-3 1230 1425 lbs 68 00 70 00 few Select 1-3 58 00 67 25

HOLSTEINS couple High Choice and Prime 2-3 1365 & 1525 lbs 63 00 & 64 00, Choice 2 3 1250 1590 lbs 60 00-62 50, Select 1-2 52 00 61 50

HEIFERS Choice 2-4 1005 1525 lbs 61 25-70 75, few Select 1 3 53 00-61 00, Standard 1 2 42 50-49 50

COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 39 00-46 25 Boners 80 85% lean 37 75-44 25, Lean 85-90% lean 25 00-42 75 Shells down to 20 50

BULLOCKS one Choice 2-3 53 25

BULLS Yield Grade 1 1285-2370 lbs 50 00 56 25 one Charolais 62 00, Yield Grade 2 1310-2505 lbs 44 50-51 25

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS few Large 2 345-435 lbs 89 00-105 00, one 935 lbs 65 00 few Medium 1 410-475 lbs 95 00 100 00 HEIFERS few Medium and Large 1 680-735 lbs 72 00-85 00, few Medium and Large 2 415-635 lbs 66 00-77 50 BULLS one Large 1 610 lbs 73 00, Medium and Large 2 395-875 lbs 53 00-70 00

CALVES 165 VEALERS one Choice 130 lbs 162 50 Good 130-200 lbs 50 00-87 50, Standard and Good 80-120 lbs 40 00-80 00, Utility 65-110 lbs 10 00-50 00

FARM CALVES Holstein bulls 5 00 to 10 00 lower, Holstein heifers mostly steady No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 175 00-195 00, No 2 90-120 lbs 75 00-175 00, few No 1 Holstein heifers 90-115 lbs 295 00-325 00, one No 2 105 lbs 250 00

Beef type bulls and heifers 85-135 lbs 100 00-140 00

Belleville Livestock

Belleville, Pa.

31 May 2000

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CATTLE 328 [PDA] [Supply included 208 cows and heifers in the Dairy sale] sl cows 1 00 to 2 00 lower

SLAUGHTER STEERS couple Standard 1-2 51 75 & 54 75

HOLSTEIN STEERS one Select 1-2 53 75, few Standard 1-2 45 00-50 50

COWS few Breakers 75-80% lean 37 00-42 50, Boners 80-85% lean 35 75 41 50, Lean 85-90% lean 32 50-38 00 Shells down to 25 25

BULLS few Yield Grade 1 1085-1630 lbs 48 00-52 00, one Yield Grade 2 1325 lbs 47 75

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium and Large 2 240-580 lbs 54 00-63 50, HEIFERS couple Medium 2 500 & 525 lbs 64 50 & 68 50, BULLS one Medium 1 430 lbs 87 50

CALVES 78 VEALERS few Standard and Good 70-115 lbs 37 00 50 00, few Utility 55-75 lbs 21 00-25 00

FARM CALVES Holstein bulls 10 00 to 15 00 lower No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 155 00-187 50 one 206 00, 80-90 lbs 115 00-140 00, No 2 80-125 lbs 100 00 150 00, few weaker calves 65 00, few No 1 Holsteins heifers 90-95 lbs 280 00 310 00, No 2 70-125 lbs 100 00-265 00

Few beef type bulls and heifers 85-155 lbs 100 00-155 00

HOGS 14 Barrows and gilts 2 00 lower BARROWS AND GILTS 45 50% lean 235-255 lbs 38 00-40 00

SOWS one US 1-3 485 lbs 31 75

BOARS one 485 lbs 7 00

FEEDER PIGS 91 US 1-3 20-35 lbs 21 00-36 00, 40-65 lbs 39 00-67 00 -- per head

SHEEP 17 SLAUGHTER LAMBS few Choice 20-45 lbs 85 00 107 00, 50-80 lbs 86 00-99 00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP 20 00-40 00

GOATS 17 [ALL GOATS SOLD BY THE HEAD] Few Medium Billies 45 00-53 00, Large Nannies 40 00-62 50, few Medium 28 00-36 00, Large Kids 22 00-48 00, Small 7 00-18 00, few down to 2 00

HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS 800 00-1500 00 with one 1675 00 --- per head

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Mist in May, heat in June, makes the harvest come right soon.

When rain falls on St. Barnabas Day, it is good for grapes.

If a north wind blows in June, rye will be splendid at harvest time.

A cold and wet June spoils the rest of the year.



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