



JUNE 19-25, 2000

SUMMER SOLSTICE, JUNE 20.

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER . . .

In the summer of 1871 in Oxford, Mississippi, the Ku Klux Klan trials were just beginning. In the summer of 1893, Lizzie Borden was found innocent of an ax murder in New Bedford, Massachusetts. On June 20, 1921, the town of Circle, Montana, got 11.5 inches of rain, a state record. In Tennessee on June 20, 1924, a baby boy was born and named Chet Atkins, destined to become one of America's great guitar players. In the summer of 1948, Ed Sullivan began hosting the first of the *Toast of the Town* shows. In Newport, Rhode Island, as the summer of 1969 began, over 150,000 fans flocked to the music festival where Jimi Hendrix was going to be playing. Now, how are you going to spend your summer?

One swallow does not make a summer.

TIP OF THE WEEK

✂ Cut your thistles before St. John (June 24), and you will have two instead of one. (So, wait until after!)

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Summer comes with a bound; winter comes yawning.

Before St. John's Day (June 24), we pray for rain; after that, we get it anyhow.

13 Livestock Auctions

Thursday, June 9

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 4477...Compared with 3259 head last week and 4464 head a year ago. Slaughter steers mostly steady to .25 higher, Breakers steady, Boners and Lean cows .50 lower, heifers and bulls steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 72.50-76.00, Choice 1-3 69.50-74.50, Select and Low Choice 2-3 66.50-72.00, Select 1-3 62.00-68.50, Standard 1-2 55.00-60.00.

HOLSTEINS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 64.00-67.75, Choice 2-3 60.00-64.75, Select 1-2 54.50-60.25, Standard 1-2 45.75-56.00.

HEIFERS: Choice few Prime 2-4 68.50-73.25, Select 1-3 60.00-66.75, Standard 1-2 49.50-59.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 39.00-47.50, Boners 80-85% lean 36.00-44.00, Lean 85-90% lean 33.00-43.75. Shells

down to 25.00.

BULLOCKS: Choice 2-3 56.50-65.25, Select 1-3 53.00-59.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1000-2500 lbs 51.00-60.00, Yield Grade 2 900-2400 lbs 47.00-54.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 78.00-96.00, 500-700 lbs 59.00-80.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 71.00-82.00, 500-700 lbs 58.00-66.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 60.00-88.00, 500-700 lbs 58.00-77.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 54.00-81.00, 500-700 lbs 51.00-75.00; **BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 72.00-104.00, 500-700 lbs 54.00-73.50, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 78.00-95.00, 500-700 lbs 51.00-85.00.

CALVES 3557...Compared with 2541 head last week and 2517 head a year ago. Vealers 10.00 to 15.00 lower...**VEALERS:** Choice 140-300 lbs 80.00-149.00, Good 115-245 lbs 60.00-

115.00, Standard and Good 70-115 lbs 30.00-70.00, Utility 50-115 lbs 12.00-58.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bull calves 15.00 to 20.00 lower, Holstein heifers 10.00 to 20.00 lower...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 125.00-200.00, No 2 90-120 lbs 60.00-185.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 265.00-360.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 105.00-320.00. Beef type bulls and heifers 75-130 lbs 67.50-180.00.

HOGS 2042...Compared with 1068 head last week and 1948 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts .50 to 1.00 higher, steady to 2.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 220-265 lbs 42.25-48.00, 45-50% 220-275 lbs 40.00-46.25, 40-45% lean 240-300 lbs 35.00-44.00. **SOWS:** US 1-3 300-500 lbs 28.00-38.25, 500-700 lbs 32.50-40.00. **BOARS:** 5.00-14.50.

FEEDER PIGS 338...Compared with 259 head last week and 239 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-35 lbs 20.00-45.00, 35-65 lbs 40.00-62.50. — per head.

SHEEP 1899...Compared with 1426 head last week and 1974 head a year ago. Slaughter lambs steady to 10.00 lower. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice 30-60 lbs 110.00-145.00, 60-80 lbs 85.00-122.50, 80-110 lbs 84.00-110.00, Good and Choice 30-80 lbs 50.00-105.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 15.00-48.00.

ONE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE 321...Compared with 779 last week 996 head a year ago...Feeder pigs mostly steady...US 1-2 30-40 lbs 115.00-130.00, few 150.00, 40-50 lbs 117.00-124.00; Slaughter: 20-30 lbs 125.00-190.00. — per cwt.

SAUSAGE-AND-SHRIMP KEBOBS

- 8 long wooden skewers
- 6 to 8 ounces precooked chorizo sausages (or other spicy sausages)
- 2 pounds large shrimp (about 50), shelled and cleaned
- 1/2 cup peach or apricot jam
- 1/4 cup water

on the skewers. Cook for just a minute or two per side. (If using the broiler, place the skewers on a broiler pan, separated just slightly.) Prepare the dipping sauce by stirring the jam with the 1/4 cup water, and heating.

Soak skewers in water overnight. Start the barbecue or preheat the broiler. Cut the sausages into chunks, and alternate shrimp and sausage chunks

Makes 8 servings.



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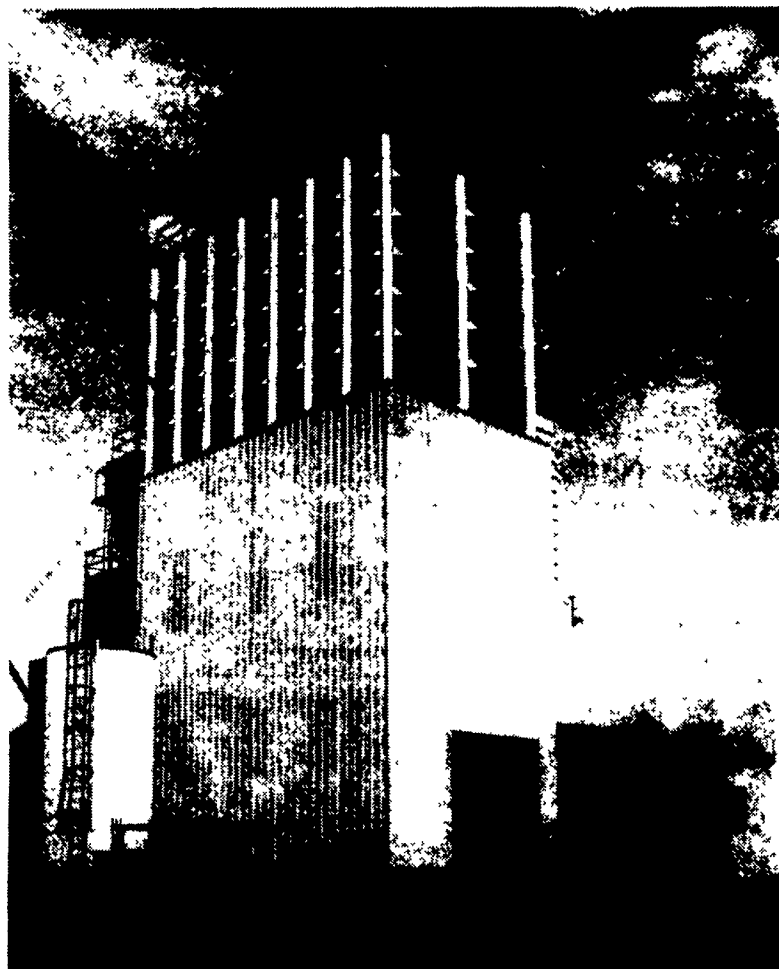
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