



JULY 3-9, 2000

DOG DAYS BEGIN, JULY 3.

SUMMER ROSES

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may" for summer is fleeting, and the roses will bloom and fade. Not everyone loves the lovely rose, however. Poet Dorothy Parker (1893-1967) penned, peevishly, "Why is it no one ever sent me yet / One perfect limousine, do you suppose? / Ah no, it's always just my luck to get / One perfect rose." Elizabeth Graeme Ferguson (1737-1801) wrote of the damask rose "A transient, rich, and balmy sweet / Is in thy fragrance found" Today, however, even the scents of the fragrant varieties—damask, gallica, musk, alba, etc—have been mixed and diffused by hybrids. Willa Cather believed that the fleeting quality of the rose was its best calling card. "Oh, this is the joy of the rose" she wrote, "That it blows, / And goes"

Any nose / May ravage with impunity a rose.

—Robert Browning

TIP OF THE WEEK

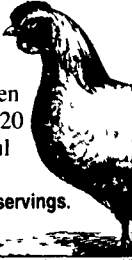
Although modern floribunda roses often lack fragrance, most climbing roses have at least some scent.

MARINATED ROSEMARY CHICKEN

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary leaves
- 4 sage leaves, chopped
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 8 skinless chicken breast halves

marinade, coating both sides. Place chicken into a shallow roasting pan, cover, and refrigerate for up to 24 hours prior to cooking. When ready to bake, preheat oven to 375°F and bake chicken for about 15 to 20 minutes, or until juices run clear.

Makes 8 servings.



THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



As Dog Days commence (July 3), so they end.

When a rainbow appears in wind's eye, rain is sure to follow.

If anthills are high in July, the coming winter will be hard and long.

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Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.
Tuesday, June 27

Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE 416...(PDA)..Compared with last week's sale...sl. steers 1.00 to 1.50 lower, heifers 1.00 to 2.00 lower, cows steady to 2.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1140-1395 lbs 73.00-74.00, Choice 2-3 1150-1500 lbs 68.25-73.25, Select 1-3 64.50-69.50, few Standard 1-2 51.50-54.00.

HOLSTEINS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1310-1545 lbs 63.50-66.25, Choice 2-3 1100-1600 lbs 59.75-63.75, Select 1-2 52.25-60.50, Standard 1-2 45.50-51.25.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1075-1355 lbs 67.50-71.25, Select 1-3 62.00-68.00, Standard 1-2 57.50-61.50.

COWS: (early sales)Breakers 75-80% lean 41.75-47.75, Boners 80-85% lean 39.50-45.00, Lean 85-90% lean 34.00-42.00. Shells down to 23.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1555-2075 lbs 53.00-60.50, few Yield Grade 2 1235-2100 lbs 49.00-52.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 330-380 lbs 86.00-104.00, Medium and Large 2 315-320 lbs 79.00-83.00, 585-725 lbs 68.50-74.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 315-490 lbs 89.00-94.50, 590-625 lbs 80.00-96.50, Medium and Large 2 490-540 lbs 55.00-74.00, 700-990 lbs 46.00-62.00; **BULLS:** one Medium 1 355 lbs 92.00, Medium and Large 2 455-600 lbs 50.00-60.00.

CALVES 261..VEALERS: Standard and Good 95-115 lbs 32.00-55.00, Utility 55-90 lbs 10.00-30.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 40.00 to 50.00 lower, Holstein heifers steady..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 100.00-135.00, few down to 90.00, 80-85 lbs 80.00-90.00, No 2 90-120 lbs 45.00-85.00, 75-85 lbs 35.00-65.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 95-110 lbs 270.00-350.00, No 2 75-135 lbs 90.00-240.00.Few beef

type bulls and heifers 70-85 lbs 70.00-95.00.

HOGS 197...(6/46 & 270) Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. Barrows and gilts steady, sows unevenly steady.**BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 230-275 lbs 47.00-48.50, 45-50% lean 225-275 lbs 44.00-46.50, lightweights 40-45% lean 200-210 lbs 40.00-59.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-475 lbs 31.00-37.50, 500-750 lbs 36.00-40.00.

BOARS: couple 450-470 lbs 8.00 & 15.00, one 175 lbs 32.00.

FEEDER PIGS 28...US 1-3 25-30 lbs 12.00-18.00, 35-50 lbs 25.00-51.00 per head.

SHEEP 62...Slaughter lambs 10 00 to 20.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 35-45 lbs 82.00-92.00, 50-75 lbs 75.00-94.00, 85-120 lbs 65.00-80.00, Good and Choice 40-55 lbs 55.00-70.00

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: few 38.00.

GOATS 66...(All sold by the head). Large Nannies 40.00-69.00, Medium 27.00-50.00, Large Kids 20.00-35.00, Small 8.00-21.00.

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Cattle Calves Hogs Sheep Goats
TUESDAY

105 98 12 0 0

LAST WEEK

94 151 108 0 1

CATTLE: Compared to last week, slaughter cows sold steady to 1.25 higher. Other classes were not fully tested.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Few Choice 2-3 1225-1330 lbs 69.75-72.50. Select 1-3 66.75-67.25.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Few Select 1-2 55.75-59.00. Standard 1-2 51.00-51.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1115-1300 lbs 64.25-69.00. Individual

Select 2 64.75. Standard 1-2 50.50-54.25.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 pct lean 41.75-46.00. Boners 80-85 pct lean 39.25-42.25. Lean 85-90 pct lean 32.00-41.75, mostly 33.00-37.50. Shells down to 22.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1800-1895 lbs 52.00-53.25. Bullocks: Indiv. Select 2 50.00.

FEEDER BULLS: Few Large 2 Holsteins 320-365 lbs 61.00-72.00.

VEALERS: Individual Standard 95 lbs 37.00. Utility 45-90 lbs 10.00-37.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls Number 1 90-125 lbs 100.00-125.00. Number 2 80-125 lbs 70.00-105.00. Holstein heifers few Number 1 80-100 lbs 300.00-335.00. Few Number 2 70-100 lbs 100.00-250.00. Beef-type bulls and heifers 85-100 lbs 130.00-195.00.

SOWS: Prices were 1.00-3.00 lower than last week.

US 1-3: 375-570 lbs 28.00-35.00. Indiv. Medium 490 lbs 24.00.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, June 26, 2000

STEERS: 50.00-63.75.

HEIFERS: 50.00-69.00.

GOOD COWS 38.00-45.75.

CANNERS AND CUTTERS 25.00-

38.00.

BULLS, 1 AT 54.00.

VEAL 90-190 LBS. 120.00-360.00, 70-

90 LBS. 40.00-120.00.

HOGS 45.00-48.50.

SOWS 34.00-40.00.

FEEDER PIGS 20.00-50.00 PER

HEAD.



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Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey

Hackettstown, N.J.

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Tuesday, June 27, 2000

CALVES .15-3.35.

COWS .13-.50.

EASY COWS .01-.38%.

FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .43-1.08.

HEIFERS .49-.65%

BULLS .36%-.65.

STEERS .49%-.65.

HOGS .40-.46%.

ROASTING PIGS EA. 24.00-50.00.

BOARS .29.

SOWS .32-.46.

SHEEP .09-.63.

LAMBS EA. 20.00-62.00.

LAMBS PER LB. .62-1.28.

GOATS EA. 42.50-117.50.

KIDS EA. 19.00-92.50.

712 HEAD TOTAL.



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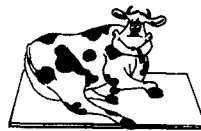
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