

THE OLD FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
JULY 31-AUGUST 6, 2000
LAMMAS DAY, AUGUST 1.

HANDBASTING

August 1 marks the ancient Scottish tradition of handfast marriages, a custom something like a trial marriage. It was customary in Denmark, as well. Sir Walter Scott wrote of it, "Knowest thou not that rite, holy man?" then I will tell thee. We bordermen take our wives for a year and a day, that space gone by, each may choose another mate, or, at their pleasure, [they] may call the priest to marry them for life and this we call handfasting. Some called it handfastening. By some definitions, it took on more the demeanor of a marriage of convenience, such as when a man lost his wife to illness and then handfasted with a nurse or servant who had been in the household.



A bad oyster, like a bad marriage, is not known until it is too late.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Scratch children's names on pumpkins (still on the vine) now.

BLUEBERRY BLINTZES

3/4 cup sifted flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 tablespoon sugar
 3 eggs
 1-1/2 cups milk
FILLING:
 1-1/2 cups blueberries
 3 tablespoons sugar
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 sweetened sour cream
 (optional)

Try in 2 table-spoons butter, as for crepes. Mix filling, spread over cooked crepes, and roll them up, placing the rolled crepes into a shallow baking pan. Bake at 425°F for about 20 minutes. Serve warm, with sour cream over them, if desired.
Mix batter and let stand for 1 hour (or chill for longer periods), then

Makes 4 servings

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



None in August should over the land, / In December none over the sea.

Observe on what day in August the first heavy fog occurs, and expect a hard frost on the same day in October.

A fog in August indicates a severe winter and plenty of snow.

Greencastle Livestock
 Greencastle, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA
 Monday, July 24, 2000

CATTLE 386...(PDA)..(Supply included 74 slaughter steers and heifers, 242 cows, 7 bulls and 63 feeder cattle)...sl. steers and heifers steady, cows unevenly steady 1.00 lower to 1.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: few Choice 2-3 1225-1385 lbs 70.50-71.00, Select 1-3 64.00-68.00, Standard 1-2 57.50-61.00.

HOLSTEINS: Select 1-2 50.25-58.25, Standard 1-2 43.00-49.00.

HEIFERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1215-1335 lbs 70.75-72.00, Choice 2-4 1050-1325 lbs 66.75-72.25, few Select 1-3 63.50-69.25, Standard 1-2 50.00-60.25.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 40.00-44.25, with a couple 46.50 & 47.25, Boners 80-85% lean 38.00-42.50 with low dressing down to 36.00, Lean 85-90% lean 33.00-41.75, bulk of sales 34.00-38.75. Shells down to 25.00.

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1695-2175 lbs 52.00-53.50, few Yield Grade 2 1105-1780 lbs 45.00-49.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 325-405 lbs 100.00-112.00, 500-650 lbs 83.00-88.00, 725-1015 lbs 67.50-78.50, Medium and Large 2 380-450 lbs 81.00-88.00, 600-650 lbs 58.00-77.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 300-435 lbs 90.00-105.00, 535-685 lbs 82.00-91.00, 705-865 lbs 66.00-79.50, Medium and Large 2 300-375 lbs 74.00-79.00, 665-695 lbs 70.00-76.00; **BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 245-390 lbs 106.00-108.00, 475-500 lbs 88.00-97.00, few Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 47.00-54.00.

CALVES 454...**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 80-105 lbs 33.00-50.00, Utility 50-85 lbs 10.00-20.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 85.00-120.00, couple 122.50, 80-90 lbs 57.50-67.50, No 2 80-120 lbs 40.00-87.50; No 1 Holstein heifers 85-100 lbs 295.00-352.50, No 2 65-100 lbs 100.00-255.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 80-100 lbs 110.00-182.50.

HOGS 32...**Sows** 3.00 higher. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** few 40-45% lean 245-325 lbs 38.50-44.50.

SOWS: US 1-3 405-490 lbs 34.00-37.50, 500-675 lbs 33.50-37.50.

BOARS: one 655 lbs 16.50, one 220 lbs 38.00.

FEEDER PIGS 13...**SLAUGHTER:** Utility 75-90 lbs 48.00-50.00. — per cwt.

SHEEP 17...**Slaughter lambs** 5.00 to 10.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 50-60 lbs 72.50-78.00, 75-90 lbs 79.00-82.00, Good and Choice 50-90 lbs 57.50-68.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: couple 30.00 & 35.00.

GOATS 173...(All sold by the head). Large Billies and Wethers 67.50-112.50, Medium 45.00-65.00, Large Nannies 47.50-70.00, Medium 36.00-60.00, Large Kids 22.00-39.00, Small 6.00-16.00.

Westminster Livestock

Hagerstown, Maryland
 Report Supplied by Auction

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

SLAUGHTER COWS: 102 HEAD, 1.00 LOWER. **UTILITY** 38.50-42.00, **HIGH DRESSING** TO 44.00, **CANNERS** 34.00-38.00, **SHELLY** 34.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 4 HEAD. **LOW DRESSING** **HOLSTEINS** 1638 LBS. AT 45.00.

FED STEERS: 20 HEAD. **HIGH CHOICE** 1150-1400 LBS. 70.50-71.25; **YG#3 AND 4** 67.50-69.00; **LOW CHOICE** 63.75-68.50, **HIGH CHOICE** **HOLSTEINS** 1300-1500 LBS. 57.00-59.25; **LOWER DRESSING** 52.00-55.00; **2 CHOICE** 1600 LBS. TO 55.00.

FED HEIFERS: FEW OFFERED.

CALVES: 139 HEAD. **1 CHOICE** 258 LBS. AT 90.50; **CULLS** 80-110 LBS. 40.00-55.00; **HOLSTEIN BULLS** RETURNING TO FARM 10.00-20.00 **HIGHER.** #1 95-125 LBS. 95.00-118.00, 85-95 LBS. 50.00-102.00; #295-115 LBS. 60.00-90.00, 80-90 LBS. 40.00-50.00; **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS** FEW OFFERED. #1 128 LBS. AT 220.00; #2 80-100 LBS. 190.00-275.00; **JERSEYS** 60-80 LBS. 77.00-105.00; **1 BEEF X HEIFER** 115 LBS. AT 140.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 29 HEAD, 2.00 **HIGHER.** #1 AND 2 230-250 LBS. 44.00-45.00, 215-230 LBS. 42.00; #1 AND 3 278 LBS. AT 40.00; #2 AND 3 290-315 LBS. 34.00-35.00.

SOWS: 4 HEAD. 300-400 LBS. TO 31.00; 500-600 LBS. TO 37.50.

BOARS: 1 760 LBS. AT 17.25.

STOCK CATTLE: 40 HEAD. **STEERS** 200-400 LBS. TO 99.00; 700-800 LBS. 68.00-76.00; **HOLSTEINS** 200-400 LBS. 80.00-92.00, 500-800 LBS. 66.00-69.00; 2 1035 LBS. AT 56.00.

HEIFERS: 200-400 LBS. 85.00-103.00, 400-500 LBS. 80.00-89.00, 600-700 LBS. 67.00-79.00, 900-1000 LBS. 67.00-73.00.

BULLS: 200-400 LBS. 100.00-117.00, 700-900 LBS. 61.00-68.00.

SHEEP: 35 HEAD. **LIGHT** 35.00-52.00, **HEAVY** 29.00-44.00.

LAMBS: 128 HEAD. **CHOICE** 90-125 LBS. 79.00-84.00, 130-140 LBS. 71.00-74.00, 40-85 LBS. 82.00-105.00; **INDIVIDUALS** 112.00-127.00; **MED. TO GOOD** 50-90 LBS. 65.00-75.00; **YEARLINGS** 50.00-75.00.

GOATS: 157 HEAD. **LARGE** 70.00-96.00, **FEW TO** 114.00; **MEDIUM** 35.00-60.00, **SMALL FLESHY** 35.00-50.00; **KIDS** 14.00-30.00.

Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.
 Tuesday, July 25

Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE 340...(PDA)...steers, heifers and bulls 1.00 lower, cows unevenly steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1365-1425 lbs 70.50-71.50, Choice 2-3 1125-1485 lbs 66.00-70.75, Yield Grade 4 1320-1650 lbs 60.00-64.00, Select 1-3 62.50-68.00, Standard 1-2 55.00-60.25.

HOLSTEINS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1410-1530 lbs 63.50-65.00, Choice 2-3 1165-1680 lbs 59.00-62.50, Select 1-2 51.50-58.75.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1080-1465 lbs 65.25-70.00, Select 1-3 61.00-65.50, Standard 1-2 49.50-60.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 40.00-44.75, Boners 80-85% lean 38.00-43.00 with a few up to 47.50, Lean 85-90% lean 33.00-40.25, bulk of sales 35.00-40.00. Shells down to 25.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1020-1725 lbs 50.75-55.25, Yield Grade 2 1015-2055 lbs 45.00-49.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: one Large 1 585 lbs 81.00, Medium and Large 2 525-880 lbs 62.00-69.00; **HEIFERS:** one Large 2 340 lbs Holstein 107.00, 880-1045 lbs 41.00-57.00, Medium and Large 1 360-450 lbs 84.50-89.00, 605-695 lbs 65.00-68.00, few Medium and Large 2 410-670 lbs 61.00-79.00; **BULLS:** one Medium 1 425 lbs 93.00, Medium and Large 2 575-790 lbs 60.00-68.00.

CALVES 224...**VEALERS:** one Good 190 lbs 87.00, Standard and Good 70-105 lbs 30.00-50.00, few Utility 55-75 lbs 12.00-17.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls fully steady, Holstein heifers steady to spots 10.00 lower..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 100.00-135.00, 80-85 lbs 92.00-87.00, No 2 90-125 lbs 50.00-95.00, 70-85 lbs 40.00-55.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 85-120 lbs 270.00-345.00, No 2 70-105 lbs 115.00-260.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 90-120 lbs 130.00-170.00.

HOGS 128...(7/4 & 250)..Bulk of supply sold on Monday and reported by the auction. Barrows and gilts .50 lower, sows 1.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS: 45-50% lean 230-275 lbs 42.25-44.00.

SOWS: few US 1-3 400-495 lbs 28.50-35.00, 500-865 lbs 33.00-37.50.

BOARS: one 460 lbs 14.50.

FEEDER PIGS 31...US 1-3 45-60 lbs 31.00-50.00. — per head. **SLAUGHTER:** Utility 90-125 lbs 42.00-61.00. — per cwt.

SHEEP 20...**Slaughter lambs** steady. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** few Choice 30-45 lbs 87.00-92.00, 65-80 lbs 83.00-90.00, few 100-140 lbs 59.00-79.00, Good and Choice 35-65 lbs 60.00-71.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: few 16.00-31.00.

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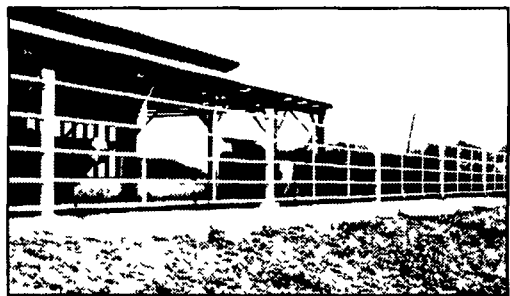
New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
 Report Supplied by Auction
 Monday, July 24, 2000

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 HEAD 1300 00-1500.00.
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