



SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2000

ST. MATTHEW, SEPTEMBER 21.

### AUTUMNAL EQUINOX

September 22 at 1:27 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time marks the passing of summer into fall this year. It's said that as the wind and weather is at the time of the equinoxes, so will be the wind and weather during the following three months. If the autumn is warm, it's reputed that the winter will be long. If there's much autumn fog, there will be much winter snow. If the autumn is clear, the winter will be windy. If the leaves on deciduous trees have not fallen by St. Martin's Day (November 11), expect a cold winter. If the storms of September clear off warm, however, you can expect the winter storms to be relatively warm, as well.



The autumn night is changeable.

### TIP OF THE WEEK

Never cut lettuce greens—it makes the edges turn brown. Tear them instead.

### PECAN AND PORK SALAD

1 head Boston or oakleaf lettuce  
1/3 cup pecan halves  
1 tablespoon butter  
1/4 teaspoon paprika  
1/4 pound grilled pork tenderloin (or cooked, smoked turkey, steak, or chicken), cut into strips  
1/8 teaspoon oregano  
salt and pepper, to taste  
vinaigrette of your choice



Rinse, dry, and tear lettuce leaves and place them into a salad bowl. Sauté pecan halves in butter and paprika for 2 to 3 minutes. Set aside pecans and barely heat the pork strips in the same pan. Add oregano and salt and pepper. When just warm, add this to the salad bowl, then toss with pecans and vinaigrette.

Makes 4 servings.

### THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



When corns ache, rain follows.

When beech acorns thrive well and oak trees hang full, a hard winter will follow with much snow.

As many days from the first snow to the next new Moon, so many times will it thaw in winter.

A brisk wind generally precedes rain.

### Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Maryland

Report Supplied by Auction

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000

SLAUGHTER COWS: 90 HEAD, 2.00-3.00 LOWER. UTILITY 37.00-41.00, CANNERS 34.00-39.00, SHELLY 34.00 DOWN.

BULLS: YG#1 1862 LBS. AT 55.25, YG#2 LOW DRESSING 45.00-47.00.

FED STEERS: STEADY PRICES. HIGH CHOICE 1250-1450 LBS. 65.00-67.00, CHOICE #2 AND 3 1190 LBS. AT 63.50.

FED HEIFERS: 2 PRIME 1250-1350 LBS. 67.50, LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1275 LBS. AT 49.50, STOCK HOLSTEINS 41.00-45.00.

CALVES: 162 HEAD. LOW CHOICE 270 LBS. AT 82.00; GOOD 90-115 LBS. 50.00-64.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURNING TO FARM 10.00-15.00 HIGHER. #1 95-120 LBS. 115.00-140.00, FEW 90 LBS. 85.00-110.00, 80-85 LBS. 60.00-72.00, #2 95-120 LBS. 85.00-110.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS GOOD DEMAND! #1 90-115 LBS. 380.00-410.00; #2 80-110 LBS. 240.00-350.00, 70-75 LBS. 130.00-230.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: #1 AND 2 220-260 LBS. 38.00; 1288 LBS. AT 37.50.

SOWS: 18 HEAD. 300-400 LBS. 30.00-33.50, 400-500 LBS. 32.00-33.00, 500-675 LBS. 33.00-36.50.

BOARS: 1578 LBS. AT 17.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 68 HEAD. STEERS, FEW OFFERED. 250-475 LBS. 82.00-96.00, 1680 LBS. AT 78.00.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 75.00-85.00, 400-600 LBS. 76.00-84.00, 600-800 LBS. 67.00-70.00, 800-1000 LBS. 55.00-64.50.

BULLS: 250-450 LBS. 79.00-98.00, 450-600 LBS. 75.00-85.00.

DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: 14 HEAD. LARGE SPRINGING HEIFERS 1150.00-1310.00; SMALL HEIFERS 985.00-1050.00, SPRINGING COWS 785.00-1110.00; 1 HOLSTEIN BULLS 920 LBS. AT 51.00; 1 HOLSTEIN BULL 800 LBS. AT 360.00, SMALL HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 300.00-390.00.

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SHEEP: 40.00-53.00.

LAMBS: 23 HEAD. CHOICE 100-120 LBS. 72.00-75.00, 125-135 LBS. 68.00-74.00, 80-100 LBS. 74.00-79.00.

GOATS: MED. NANNIES TO 59.00, SMALL FLESHY BILLIES 35.00-44.00, KIDS 14.00-31.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 24 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 45-55 LBS. 34.00-35.00, 3 HEAD 20 LBS. AT 16.00.

NEXT WED., SEPT. 20, DAIRY CONSIGNMENT SALE. PROMISED: 1 HOLSTEIN BULL LARGE ENOUGH FOR HERD, 15 STARTED HEIFER CALVES (HOLSTEIN AND HOLSTEIN JERSEY X). ALSO 16 BEEF COWS PLUS 2 YR. OLD LIMI, ANGUS BULL. COWS MAINLY BLACK, HALF BRED BACK FOR SPRING, OTHERS SELL WITH YOUNG CALVES AT SIDES.

### Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland

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Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000

STOCK STEERS AND BULLS 200-500 LBS. 50.00-100.00.

STOCK HEIFERS 45.00-90.00  
SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 64.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-60.50

HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 36.00-53.50, LIGHT 35.00-55.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE 56.00-64.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-55.50.

BULLS HEAVY 44.00-56.00, LIGHT 35.00-61.50.

COWS UTILITY HOLSTEINS 32.00-39.00, CANNERS 25.00-35.00, CULLS 22.00 AND DOWN.

BOB CALVES 40.00 AND DOWN  
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. UP TO 113.00.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 170.00

BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 140.00.

HOGS TOP QUALITY UP TO 44.00, HEAVY UP TO 42.00, LIGHT 20.00-45.00, FEEDER PIGS BY HEAD UP TO 55.00.

SOWS 20.00-34.00.

MALE HOGS 12.00-30.00.

LAMBS 70-85 LBS. UP TO 90.00, 85-125 LBS. UP TO 85.00, 30-60 LBS. UP TO 100.00, CULLS UP TO 65.00.

SHEEP UP TO 35.00.

GOATS LARGE 60.00-100.00, MEDIUM 40.00-70.00, SMALL 20.00-50.00, ALL BY THE HEAD.

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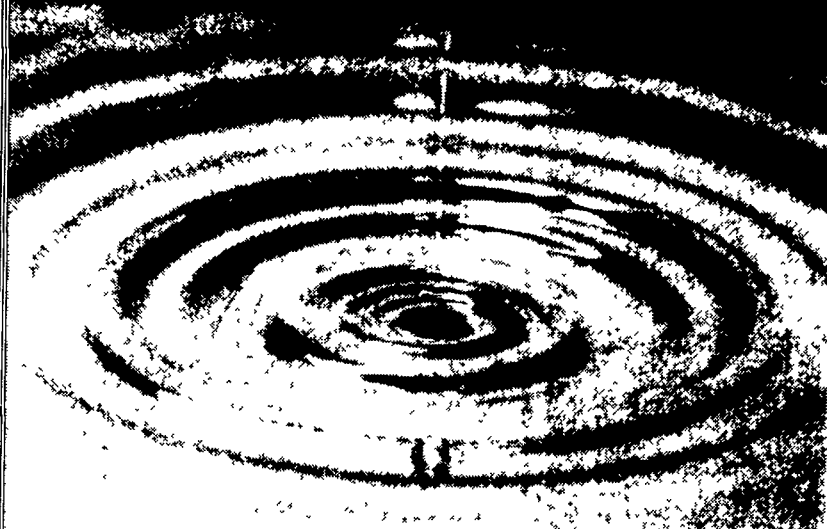
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### Estimated Daily Livestock Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection  
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2000

|                             | CATTLE  | CALVES | HOGS      | SHEEP  |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Wednesday 2000-08-02 (est)  | 130,000 | 4,000  | 379,000   | 13,000 |
| Week ago (est)              | 130,000 | 4,000  | 380,000   | 14,000 |
| Year ago (act)              | 129,000 | 5,000  | 330,000   | 14,000 |
| Week to date (est)          | 518,000 | 19,000 | 1,521,000 | 51,000 |
| Same Period Last Week (est) | 395,000 | 14,000 | 1,177,000 | 41,000 |
| Same Period Last Year (act) | 519,000 | 22,000 | 1,475,000 | 54,000 |

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