



OCTOBER 2-8, 2000

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, OCTOBER 4.

CHARLIE BROWN TURNS 50

October 2, 2000, marks the 50th anniversary of Charles M. Schultz's comic strip, "Peanuts," which first appeared on this day in 1950. Now translated into 21 languages and published in 75 countries, Schultz's comic has been the most widely read and widely circulated comic in the world. The ongoing adventures of Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy, and others are well-known to children and adults alike. Charlie Brown's beagle, Snoopy, born on Daisy Hill Puppy Farm and active as a World War I flying ace (at least in his dreams) was also a published success, renowned for his "It Was a Dark and Stormy Night."

The anticipation far exceeded the actual event.

—Snoopy, referring to his family reunion

TIP OF THE WEEK

Trying to save money? Translate each discretionary item into hours of work needed to purchase it, then decide if it's worth it.

GREEN BEANS AND BACON

1 pound green beans, trimmed
4 strips bacon
1 onion, sliced
1 red pepper, sliced
2 tablespoons vinegar
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon dill weed

Steam green beans until just tender. Meanwhile, fry the bacon until crisp, then remove and set aside, draining all but 1 teaspoon of grease from

the pan. Sauté the sliced onion and red pepper in the bacon fat, add vinegar and seasonings, and stir in the green beans. Toss and serve with crumbled bacon bits on top

Makes 4 servings.



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field / And
your land its
wealth shall
yield.*



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Westminster Livestock

Hagerstown, Maryland
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000

SLAUGHTER COWS: 93 HEAD, FLESHY COW STEADY, LEAN COWS 2.00 LOWER. UTILITY 39.00-43.00, HIGH DRESSING 43.00-45.00, CANNERS 33.00-37.50, SHELLY 33.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 10 HEAD. YG#1 1000-1200 LBS. 47.00-48.00; 2 HIGH DRESSING 1700-2000 LBS. 53.00-58.00; YG#2 1100-1600 LBS. 44.00-46.00; 1 2466 LBS. AT 46.75.

FED STEERS: 25 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1100-1400 LBS. 65.50-68.75, LOW CHOICE 61.50-65.00, SELECT 55.00-57.50, LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS 54.00-56.00, 1 SELECT TO 48.25.

FED HEIFERS: 10 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1100-1300 LBS. 65.75-68.25, LOW CHOICE 61.00-65.00.

CALVES; 125 HEAD. CHOICE 300-350 LBS. 77.00-85.00, LOW CHOICE 150-250 LBS. TO 80.00; GOOD 100-120 LBS. 55.00-64.00, 70-90 LBS. 42.00-50.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURNING TO FARM, 5.00 HIGHER. #1 94-120 LBS. 120.00-139.00, 85-94 LBS. 80.00-97.00; #2 95-120 LBS. 80.00-115.00, 80-90 LBS. 60.00-80.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS GOOD DEMAND. #1 95-115 LBS. 340.00-400.00; #2 80-95 LBS. 250.00-350.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS NO #1'S; #2 80-125 LBS. 80.00-130.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 78 HEAD, STEADY. #1 AND 2 220-270 LBS. 38.00-39.25; #1 AND 3 35.00-37.00, #2 AND 4 270-300 LBS. 30.00-33.00.

SOWS: 500-750 LBS. 34.50-36.00. STOCK CATTLE: 118 HEAD, STEERS MED. AND LRGE. FRAME 300-500 LBS. 80.00-93.00, FEW 98.00-100.00; 500-700 LBS. 79.00-85.00, 700-800 LBS. TO 77.00; HOLSTEINS 600-700 LBS. TO 69.00.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LRGE. FRAME 200-400 LBS. 75.00-90.00, 400-600 LBS. 68.00-78.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LRGE. FRAME 300-500 LBS. 78.00-94.00, 500-600 LBS. 74.00-82.00, 600-850 LBS. 65.00-69.00.

SHEEP: 25 HEAD, 2.00-4.00 LOWER 34.00-46.00, FEW HEAVY 25.00-33.00.

LAMBS: 100 HEAD, 5.00-10.00 HIGHER. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 100-125 LBS. 80.00-90.00, 80-100 LBS. 90.00-100.00; GOOD 45-75 LBS. 90.00-103.00.

GOATS: 51 HEAD. LARGE BILLIES 75.00-97.00, MED. 50.00-70.00, LRGE. AND MED. NANNIES 40.00-65.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 35 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 6 HEAD 20 LBS. AT 21.00; BY THE LB. SM. LOTS 30-50 LBS. 64.76, 65-80 LBS. 65.00-75.00, 3 HEAD 89 LBS. AT 80.00; BOARS 250-300 LBS. 19.00-23.00.

National Carlot Beef Report

Des Moines, IA
Sept. 26, 2000

Report Supplied By USDA

USDA NATIONAL CARLOT BEEF REPORT (includes major production areas in the Midwest and TX) as of 3:00 PM COW & BULL CARCASS FOB OMAHA 3.0 Loads Reported.

Compared to Monday's 3:00 P.M. report: Utility carcasses 3.00 lower; Cutter carcasses not established. Demand and offerings light to moderate.

UT,brk 2-4 450
p 1.0 62.00 62.00 UT,bng 1-3 400
p 2.0 66.00 66.00 Cutter 1-2 350
p 68.00 A Bulls YG 1 500
p unq

COW & BULL CARCASS CAF WEST COAST Loads Reported. Compared to last week: Market for Week Ended: September 22, 2000 Lds Price

Range UT,brk 2-4 450
p UT,bng 1-3 400
p 66.00 Cutter 1-2 350
p 66.00 Bulls YG 1 500
p

BONELESS PROCESSING BEEFEEF TRIMMINGS 75.0 Loads Reported. Boneless processing beef not established. Beef trimmings firm on fairly good demand and moderate offerings.

FOB OMAHA BASIS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr unq 90% fz unq 85% fr unq 85% fz 75% fr unq 75% fz 65% fr 51.5 - 55.0 52.31 C 65% fz 50% fr 45 26.00 - 27.00 26.87 50% fz 30 36.00 - 38.00 36.67 50% bx unq Bull 92-94 unq

FOB EAST TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr unq 90% fz unq 85% fr 75% fz 65% fr 65% fz

CAF NORTHEAST AREAS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr unq 90% fz 85% fr 85% fz 75% fr 75% fz 65% fr 65% fz

CAF WEST COAST BASIS Market for Week Ended: 09/22/2000 Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr unq 90% - 96.00 94.80 90% fz unq 85% fr 86.00 - 89.00 87.80 85% fz unq 75% fr unq 75% fz unq 65% fr 51.50 - 54.50 52.50 65% fz unq 50% fr 26.00 - 28.50 26.23 50% fz unq

ABCDE after quotes represents days since last actual market test. Quotes are dropped after 5 days of no test or before if they no longer reflect current market conditions.

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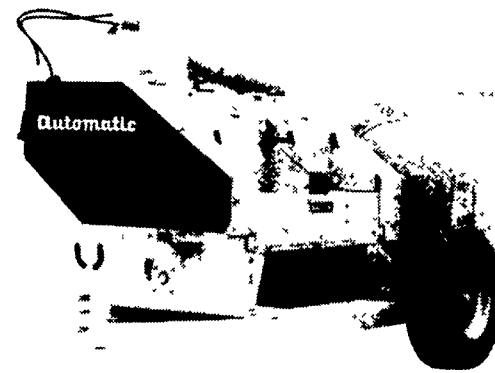
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