



DECEMBER 11-17, 2000

FULL COLD MOON, DECEMBER 11

HALCYON DAYS

It should come as no surprise that "Halcyon" is among the most popular boat names, gracing the sterns of everything from the smallest day-sailer to the largest yacht. The name comes from a Greek legend about the daughter of Aeolus, god of the winds, who was so upset at the loss of her husband in a shipwreck that she threw herself into the sea. According to lore, she was transformed into a kingfisher, called alkyon or halkyon by the Greeks. Around the time of the winter solstice, the bird built its floating nest of sticks and bones upon the seas, and the wind was charmed into a period of tranquility for about two weeks, so that the eggs could be safely incubated. This peaceful time, known as Halcyon Days, is what we wish you throughout the holidays.



We shall get no rest 'till we get to sea.

-Anonymous

TIP OF THE WEEK

If coffee has burned onto the bottom of a pot, cover the burnt area with salt, let it sit, then rinse well.

CREAMED FISH

- 3 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1-1/2 cups flaked cooked fish (salmon, tuna, mackerel)
- 1/3 cup grated Cheddar salt and pepper, to taste
- biscuits, toast, or corn bread



Sauté onion in butter, and then blend in flour. Add milk slowly, stirring until thickened. Add fish and cheese, then season. Serve over warm biscuits or toast, or with corn bread.

Makes 4 servings.

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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Wind roaring in the chimney, rain to come.

When soot falls down the chimney, rain is near.



ATTENTION, GARDENERS!
The 2001 Early Spring Gardener's Companion goes on sale on January 9. You can buy it at supermarkets, bookstores, and garden centers. Or to order, call 800-895-9265, ext 220, or visit www.almanac.com/gofuf.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, Nov. 27, 2000

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 347...(SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION).

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Standard 1-2 51.50-54.00.

HEIFERS: Standard 1-2 42.00-58.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 37.00-44.50, few to 48.00, Boners 80-85% lean 34.00-39.50, Lean 85-90% lean 29.00-35.00. Shells 30.00 & down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1265-2055 lbs 42.00-48.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 380-500 lbs 95.00-114.00, 515-600 lbs 78.00-87.50, Medium and Large 2 325-500 lbs 65.00-80.00, 515-850 lbs 60.50-81.00; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 79.00-89.00, 500-600 lbs 69.00-79.00, Medium and Large 2 330-500 lbs 55.00-70.00, 525-800 lbs 55.00-67.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 325-500 lbs 85.00-100.00, 505-650 lbs 74.00-85.00, Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 59.00-85.00, 505-780 lbs 54.00-70.00.

CALVES 178...(All calves sold per cwt). VEALERS: Standard and Good 90-125 lbs 40.00-70.00, 60-85 lbs 35.00-60.00, Utility 45-85 lbs 20.00-37.50.

FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-165.00, No 2 75-125 lbs 80.00-115.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 95-120 lbs 290.00-370.00, No 2 85-100 lbs 200.00-260.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 80-120 lbs 95.00-175.00, 180-295 lbs 72.50-120.00.

HOGS 12...BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 240-260 lbs 35.00-36.00.

SOWS: one US 1-3 525 lbs 32.00, one 345 lbs 25.00.

FEEDER PIGS 24...US 1-3 16.00 per head.

SHEEP 111...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 40-65 lbs 95.00-116.00, 80-100 lbs 78.00-90.00, Good and Choice 95-115 lbs 66.00-71.00.

FEEDER LAMBS: Good and Choice 65-75 lbs 74.00-86.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 35.00-46.00, Yearlings 58.00.

GOATS 34...(All sold by the head). Medium Billies 50.00-60.00, Large Nannies 45.00-55.00, Medium 37.00-45.00, Large Kids 10.00-25.00.

Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: COWS, ACTIVE! BREAKERS 40.00-47.00, BONERS 37.00-42.00, LEAN 35.00-41.00, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 30.00-34.00, SHELLY 29.00 AND DOWN; BULLS YG#2 1190-1800 LBS. 41.50-47.50; CALVES RETURNING TO THE FARM ACTIVE! HOLSTEIN BULLS #1 80-130 LBS. 115.00-151.00, #2 MOSTLY STARTED 135-185 LBS. 89.00-110.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 115 LBS. 390.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #2 70-100 LBS. 110.00-240.00.

SWINE: HOGS US#1-3 230-280 LBS. 35.00-36.00, 290-310 LBS. 33.00-36.00; US#2-4 COUPLE HEAD ALL WEIGHTS 33.00; BOARS OVER 300 LBS. 9.50-14.00; SOWS US#1-3 300-650 LBS. 31.50-36.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB., 1 LOT AT 19 LBS. 155.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, MEDIUM AND LARGE NANNIES AND BIL- LIES 72.00-130.00, FANCY KIDS 57.50-70.00, FLESHY KIDS 47.00-57.00, SMALL, THIN KIDS 34.00-46.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 50-80 LBS. 97.50-150.00, 80-110 LBS. 97.50-112.50.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 30.00-38.00.

SALE EVERY TUES. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY, AND EGGS. 6:30 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALES TUES., DEC. 5 AND 26; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES FRI., DEC. 15; SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., DEC. 5 AND 26. PEN LOTS OF CATTLE SOLD IN ORDER RECEIVED; EARLYBIRD PENS CLOSE TUES., 2 P.M. NO SPECIAL FAT AND FEEDER CATTLE SALE DEC. 19 DUE TO HANUKKAH. SALE TO BE HELD DEC. 26.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables

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Monday, Nov. 27, 2000

173 HEAD, MARKET STEADY. WORK HORSES 875.00-1100.00. DRIVING HORSES 485.00-925.00, 1 AT 2100.00.

RIDING HORSES 485.00-900.00. REGISTERED RIDING 885.00-1350.00.

BETTER RIDING 1 AT 1575.00. PONIES 185.00-400.00.

LARGE PONIES, NONE. COLTS, NONE.

REGISTERED COLTS 1 AT 775.00.

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