



FEBRUARY 5-11, 2001

FULL SNOW MOON, FEBRUARY 8

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

That is, go straight from February 28 into March 1 this year. Many people know that Leap Years are divisible by four; last year we learned that the century years have to be divisible by 400. (2000 was a Leap Year, but 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not.) The even decades have three leap years (2000, 2004, 2008) but the odd decades have just two (1992, 1996).



Another clue is that if the first and last day of the year are the same day of the week (Jan. 1, 1999 and Dec. 31, 1999 were both Fridays), then it's not a Leap Year, but if the days differ, it is a Leap Year. So now you know when to leap.

If you leap into a well, Providence is not bound to fetch you out.

TIP OF THE WEEK

When you're breaking in new shoes, apply petroleum jelly to your feet to prevent blisters.

PORK PAPRIKA

- 2 pounds lean pork, cubed
- 1/4 cup flour
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons each butter and olive oil
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 small white onion, sliced
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable or chicken broth
- 1/2 cup sour cream

fat. Add paprika. Add onion and sauté until soft. Pour off excess fat, add broth, and simmer until meat is tender. Stir in sour cream and serve over noodles or rice.

Makes 6 servings.



Redge the meat in the flour, salt, and pepper. Melt butter in olive oil, then brown the meat in the

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Turkeys refusing to descend from their roosts indicate snow.

For every thunder with rain in February there will be a cold spell in May.

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Pa. Weekly

13 Livestock Auctions

Friday, Jan. 26

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE: 4390...Compared with 3923 head last week and 3890 head a year ago. Compared with last week's summary..sl. steers very good demand remains on cattle with prices steady to .50 higher, heifers mostly 1.00 to 1.50 higher, cows continue to strengthen with prices 1.00 to 2.00 higher, bulls 3.00 to 5.00 higher with High Yielding as much as 10.00 higher.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 80.00-84.50, Choice 1-3 74.00-81.75, Select and Low Choice 2-3 72.75-77.50, Select 1-3 63.75-75.25, Standard 1-2 54.00-66.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 67.25-75.25, Choice 2-3 64.25-68.25, Select 1-2 58.50-65.00, Standard 1-2 47.00-54.00.

HEIFERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-4 79.00-82.00, Choice 2-4 72.00-79.00, Select 1-3 63.75-75.25, Standard 1-2 48 00-64.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 40.00-48.50, Boners 80-85% lean 36.00-46.50, Lean 85-90% lean 32.00-44.00. Shells 32.00 and down.

BULLOCKS: couple Choice 2-3 72.00 & 72.25.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1000-2500 lbs 53.00-69.50, Yield Grade 2 900-2400 lbs 41.25-58.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Large 2 300-700 lbs Holsteins 56.00-83.00, Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 80.00-109.00, 500-700 lbs 69.00-94.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 70.00-86.00, 500-700 lbs 57.00-80.00; **HEIFERS:** few Large 2 300-700 lbs Holsteins 57.00-93.00, Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 81.00-96.00, 500-700 lbs 65.00-86.50, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 60.00-82.00, 500-700 lbs 56.00-79.00; **BULLS:** few Large 2 500-700 lbs Holsteins 57.50-70.00, Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 85.00-101.00, 500-700 lbs 73.50-93.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 60.00-82.00, 500-700 lbs 40.00-65.00.

CALVES: 3310...Compared with 2432 head last week and 2675 head a year ago. Vealers mostly steady...**VEALERS:**

Choice 175-240 lbs 87.00-92.00, Good 180-350 lbs 75.00-90.00, Standard and Good 70-155 lbs 30.00-70.00, Utility 50-125 lbs 5.00-57.50; **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bull calves mostly steady with end of week sales 20.00 to 30.00 higher mostly on lighter weights, Holstein heifers mostly steady...No 1 Holstein bulls 80-125 lbs 120.00-199.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 70.00-191.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 80-125 lbs 200.00-315.00, No 2 70-120 lbs 95.00-250.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 75-125 lbs 70.00-195.00.

HOGS: 1171...Compared with 1635 head last week and 1043 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts steady to 3.00 higher with spots of 5.00 to 7.00 higher, due to local buyer interest, sows mostly steady. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 225-265 lbs 39.00-39.75, few to 43.75, 45-50% lean 225-270 lbs 36.50-39.00, few to 41.50, 40-45% lean 240-300 lbs 33.00-36.25, few to 41.50.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-500 lbs 23.50-34.50, few to 38.50, 500-700 lbs 26.50-34.50.

BOARS: 8.00-18.00. **FEEDER PIGS:** 210...Compared with 167 head last week and 70 head a year ago. US 1-3 20-45 lbs 17.00-36.00, 50-85 lbs 23.50-55.00 per head.

SHEEP: 982...Compared with 1348 head last week and 1092 head a year ago. Slaughter lambs 10.00 to 25.00 lower. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice 60-80 lbs 90.00-130.00, 80-120 lbs 84.00-110.00, 120-140 lbs 80.00-95.00, Good and Choice 50-75 lbs 55.00-100.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 30.00-70.00.

ONE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE: 341...Compare with 1268 last week 0 head a year ago...Feeder pigs mostly 5.00 to 10.00 lower..US 1-2 45-50 lbs 72.00-85.00, 50-55 lbs 72.00-77.00; Slaughter: 20-35 lbs 110.00-200.00, 40 lbs 92.00 per cwt.

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

January 30, 2001

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE: 353...(PDA)...Compared

with last week's sale...steers weak on small supply of Choice steers, cows .50 to 1.00 lower.

STEERS: Choice 2-3 1075-1500 lbs 74.75-78.00, Select 1-3 63.25-75.00, Standard 1-2 53.00-63.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1390-1525 lbs 69.00-74.25, Choice 2-3 1275-1535 lbs 64.75-68.25, few Select 1-2 62.00-64.75, few Standard 1-2 50.00-58.00.

HEIFERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1095-1305 lbs 78.50-80.75, Choice 2-4 1025-1475 lbs 75.00-79.25, Select 1-3 67.00-75.00, Standard 1-2 54.00-60.75.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 42.50-48.00, Boners 80-85% lean 39.50-44.00, Lean 85-90% lean 34.00-40.00. Shells down to 25.50.

BULLOCKS: few Select 1-3 1185-1430 lbs 50.00-58.50.

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1420-1805 lbs 55.00-64.25, few Yield Grade 2 980-1645 lbs 44.75-54.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium 2 250-300 lbs 83.00-90.00, few 575-625 lbs 66.00-75.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium 1 375-550 lbs 88.00-90.00, few 95.00, Medium 2 375-550 lbs 65.00-89.00; **BULLS:** few Medium 1-2 375-550 lbs 84.00-98.00.

CALVES: 91...**VEALERS:** Standard and Good 80-100 lbs 23.00-52.50, Utility 55-80 lbs 10.00-23.00.

FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 85-115 lbs 150.00-172.50, No 2 80-120 lbs 52.00-150.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 85-110 lbs 275.00-290.00, few No 2 80-115 lbs 200.00-255.00.

Few beef type bulls and heifers 75-110 lbs 85.00-190.00.

HOGS: 50...**BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 250-275 lbs 40.75-44.00, 45-50% lean 220-280 lbs 37.25-40.50, few 40-45% lean 230-240 lbs 36.00-37.00.

SOWS: couple Medium 340 & 390 lbs 26.00 & 32.00.

BOARS: one 515 lbs 13.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 0...**NO MARKET TEST!**

SHEEP: 2...**SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** couple 65.00.

GOATS: 0...**NO MARKET TEST!**

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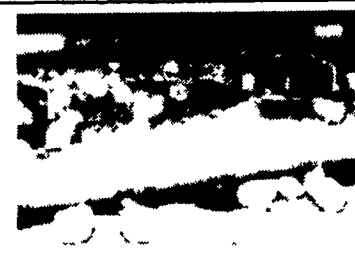
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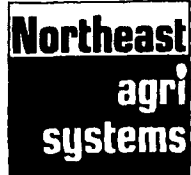
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