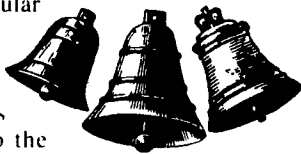




FEB. 26-MAR. 4, 2001
PURE MONDAY FEBRUARY 26

A DAY WITH THREE NAMES

Whether you call it Pancake Day, Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday, it's all the same. Falling immediately before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday is the final day before Lent, when cooking fats will be forbidden. The custom of "shriving" is the process of purification by confessing one's sins. Pancakes are among the traditional foods eaten before the fasting period. The Pennsylvania Dutch celebrate with "fast-nacht kuchen," a rectangular doughnut with a slit in the middle, traditionally made without yeast. In parts of England, the bells that call churchgoers to the Shrove Tuesday service are called the pancake bells.



*But hark, I hear the pancake bell
And fritters make a gallant smell.*

-Poor Richard's Almanac 1684

TIP OF THE WEEK

Save your children's letters and artwork in a portfolio case or stationery box. They can decorate it however they choose.

CHOCOLATE WAFFLES

- 2 cups cake flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/4 cups milk
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 2 eggs, separated and beaten
- whipped cream, for topping

order listed, beating well after each, except for the beaten egg whites which should be gently folded in to the batter. Fill griddle 2/3 full and bake until steam stops emerging. Top with whipped cream.



Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Preheat waffle iron. Mix dry ingredients, then add wet items in the

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



When the sun is shining on Shrovetide Day, it bodes well for the rye and the peas.

Thunder on Shrove Tuesday foretelleth wind.

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Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA, PDA
February 20, 2001

TUESDAY CATTLE 86, CALVES 93, HOGS 62, SHEEP 0, GOATS 0
LAST TUESDAY CATTLE CATTLE 128, CALVES 119, HOGS 50, SHEEP 3, GOATS 1

CATTLE Compared with last Tuesday's auction, an outstanding offering of top quality slaughter steers sold 50-1.00 higher. Slaughter heifers were mostly steady. Slaughter cows traded 2.25-3.25, instances 5.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 few 1355-1440 lbs 79.25-79.50 Choice 2-3 1260-1470 lbs 77.50-79.50

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Select 1 individual 64.50

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Prime 4 individual 1190 lbs 79.25. Choice 2-4 1050-1290 lbs 75.50-78.50 Select 1-3 68.00-75.75. Standard 1-2 few 53.25-54.75.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 percent lean 44.75-49.25, individual up to 52.00. Boners 80-85 percent lean 41.25-47.75. Lean 85-90 percent 35.00-41.75.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 individual 2335 lbs 60.50.

FEEDER STEERS: Large 3 Holsteins one lot 675 lbs 66.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium 2 one lot 700 lbs 53.00.

CALVES: Compared to last week's auction, Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold mostly 10.00 lower, while Holstein heifers were mostly steady.

VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-110 lbs 40.00-60.00. Utility 60-90 lbs 20.00-37.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls Number 1 85-125 lbs 137.00-172.00. Number 2 80-120 lbs 106.00-135.00, few

weaker calves down to 80.00 Holstein heifers Number 1 85-110 lbs 250.00-315.00. Number 2 65-100 lbs 140.00-235.00. Beef type bulls and heifers 70-120 lbs 100.00-145.00.

BARROWS AND GILTS PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT PRICE

SOWS: Prices steady to .75 higher than last Tuesday. US 1-3 385-500 lbs 26.50-29.00 500-710 lbs 30.25-31.50 Medium 295-405 lbs 14.00-25.00.

BOARS: Individual 810 lbs 14.00 Individual 210 lbs 28.00

FEEDER PIGS: Utility 60-85 lbs 13.00-19.00/per wt

SHEEP: No market test.

GOATS: No market test.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Maryland

Report Supplied by Auction

February 21, 2001

SLAUGHTER COWS: 111 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 HIGHER. UTILITY 44.00-48.50, HIGH DRESSING 49.00-52.25, FEW TO 55.00, CANNERS 39.00-45.00, SHELLY 39.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 6 HEAD, NO YG#1 OFFERED. YG#2 52.00-57.00, 1 LOW DRESSING AT 49.25.

FED STEERS: 51 HEAD, STEADY. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 1200-1550 LBS. 79.00-81.25, CHOICE 2-4 76.00-80.00, OVER 1550 LBS. 73.00-75.75, CHOICE 2-3 74.00-78.00, SELECT TO LOW CHOICE 65.00-75.00.

FED HEIFERS: 20 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 77.00-78.25, FEW TO 81.75, LOW CHOICE 70.00-75.00, SELECT 60.00-69.00, LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1100 LBS. TO 56.50, STANDARD TO 49.75.

CALVES: 161 HEAD, GOOD SLAUGHTER. 80-110 LBS. 60.00-75.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS RETURN-

ING TO FARM 10.00 HIGHER. #1 88-120 LBS. 140.00-160.00, 75-85 LBS. 105.00-125.00; #2 90-120 LBS. 100.00-135.00, 75-88 LBS. 75.00-105.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 85-130 LBS. 320.00-395.00, #2 75-105 LBS. 200.00-330.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS #1 75-105 LBS. 170.00-230.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 290-375 LBS. 33.00-39.00.

SOWS: 35 HEAD. 300-500 LBS. 30.00-33.00, 500-700 LBS. TO 31.75.

BOARS: TO 14.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 113 HEAD. STEERS MED. AND LRGE. FRAME 300-500 LBS. 95.00-110.00, FEW 81.00, 400-600 LBS. 85.00-97.00, 600-700 LBS. TO 80.00, 700-900 LBS. TO 69.00.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 87.00-111.00, 400-500 LBS. 76.00-86.00, 500-600 LBS. 68.00-79.00, 600-700 LBS. 61.00-71.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 400-600 LBS. 85.00-93.00, HOLSTEINS 300-500 LBS. 74.00-79.00, 500-800 LBS. 52.00-61.00.

DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: 47 HEAD. LARGE SPRINGERS 1150.00-1410.00, MED. 850.00-1100.00, SMALL 390.00-575.00, LARGE COWS MILKING 700.00-850.00, RECENTLY FRESH TO 1035.00, SHORT BREDS 650.00-1075.00, LARGE OPEN HEIFERS 700.00-875.00, MEDIUM 600.00-700.00, SMALL 350.00-460.00, STARTED CALVES 190.00-375.00.

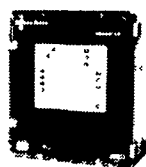
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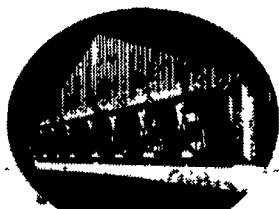
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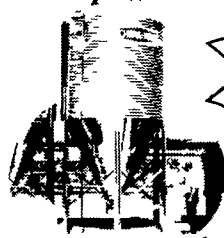
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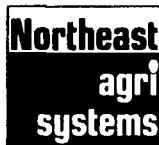
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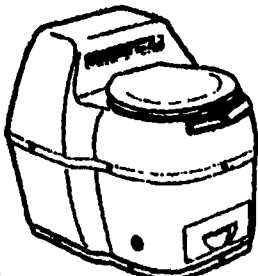
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