

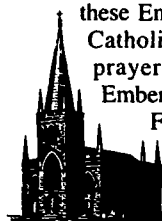


MARCH 5-11, 2001

MOON RIDES HIGH, MARCH 5

READING THE EMBERS

The first set of this year's twelve Ember Days, said to indicate the weather for the coming year, occur on March 7, 9, and 10—the first Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following the first Sunday in Lent. The weather on Wednesday represents that of April, Friday's weather prognosticates that for May, and Saturday's weather will tell us about June. Historically, four sets of these Ember Days were set aside in the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches for fasting, prayer and the ordination of clergy. Other Ember Days this year will be the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays that follow Whitsunday (or Pentecost) on June 3; Holy Cross, always September 14; and the Feast of St. Lucy on December 13.



As it rains in March, so it rains in June.

TIP OF THE WEEK

If wet weather brings on your rheumatism, apply heat with a heating pad, hot tub, or sauna.

BABOOTIE

- 2 pounds any combination of ground beef, pork, or lamb
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 pound canned tomatoes
- 1-1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons curry
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- salt
- 2 firm bananas, peeled and sliced
- 1 apple, peeled, cored, and chopped
- 2 tablespoons apricot jam or 1 can apricots
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1 cup tomato juice, for thinning

Brown meat, drain off fat, sauté onion, then combine all ingredients and simmer for a half hour. Thin with tomato juice, as needed, and serve over rice. Can be made in a crock pot.

Makes 8 servings.



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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



A damp, rotten March brings pain to farmers.

March grass never did good.

If it does not freeze on the 10th, a fertile year may be expected.

Calling All Cooks Indispensable Kitchen Reference Chart Send \$3 to The Old Farmer's Almanac, Dept. KR, P.O. Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444, call 1-800-895-9265, ext 220, or visit www.almanac.com/go/kr.

Middleburg Livestock Auction
Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, February 27, 2001
Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE 404...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale...steers 2.00 higher, cows steady to 1.00 lower, heifers 1.50 to 2.00 higher, bulls 2.00 higher.
STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1265-1480 lbs 82.25-85.00, 1515-1580 lbs 78.25-82.00, Choice 2-3 1100-1485 lbs 75.00-81.50, Select 1-3 67.75-77.75, Standard 1-2 54.00-66.50.
HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1400-1495 lbs 69.50-70.25 with one 72.00, Choice 2-3 1100-1625 lbs 64.25-69.50, Select 1-2 57.25-62.00, Standard 1-2 48.00-51.75.
HEIFERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1240-1400 lbs 81.25-82.50, Choice 2-4 1000-1450 lbs 74.50-81.00, Select 1-3 67.00-76.75.
COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 45.25-50.00, Boners 80-85% lean 43.00-48.75, Lean 85-90% lean 36.00-45.50. Shells

35.00 and down.
BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1180-2065 lbs 59.50-62.50, Yield Grade 2 900-1450 lbs 55.00-61.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium and Large 1 355-645 lbs 85.00-105.00, Medium and Large 2 250-420 lbs 80.00-92.00, 525-550 lbs 70.00-75.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 295-440 lbs 89.00-98.00, 535-585 lbs 82.00-89.00, Medium and Large 2 270-425 lbs 81.00-89.00, 520-665 lbs 54.00-68.00; **BULLS:** few Medium 1 230-420 lbs 85.00-100.00, Medium and Large 2 380-420 lbs 87.00-91.00, 44 head of beef bred cows sold for 45.00-75.00 per cwt, most are due to calf in 60-90 days.
CALVES 255...VEALERS: few Standard and Good 80-95 lbs 49.00-55.00, Utility 50-90 lbs 10.00-37.00.
FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady to 5.00 lower, Holstein heifers steady..No 1 Holstein bulls 85-125 lbs 120.00-172.00 mostly 135.00-165.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 75.00-140.00; No 1 Holstein

heifers 80-105 lbs 270.00-380.00, No 2 60-105 lbs 125.00-260.00.
Beef type bulls and heifers 95-100 lbs 140.00-187.00.
HOGS 206...Barrows and gilts 1.00 to 2.00 higher, sows steady to 1.00 higher.
BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 230-270 lbs 40.00-41.25, 45-50% lean 235-275 lbs 38.00-39.50, few 40-45% lean 280-295 lbs 38.00-34.00.
SOWS: US 1-3 300-485 lbs 25.00-33.50, 500-655 lbs 27.50-34.00, few Medium 315-475 lbs 16.50-20.50.
BOARS: 320-825 lbs 14.50-15.25.
FEEDER PIGS 13...US 1-3 45-60 lbs 30.00-38.00 per head.
SHEEP 29...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** few Choice 70-85 lbs 93.00-97.50.
NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 35-55 lbs 150.00-155.00.
SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 42.00-48.00.
GOATS 30...(All sold by the head). Few Large Nannies 69.00-80.00, Large Kids 36.00-62.00, Small 14.00-34.00.

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(PESTICIDE POINTS GIVEN)

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March 6, 2001
7:00 pm
Blue Ball Fire Hall
Blue Ball, PA

March 7, 2001
7:00 pm
Hoffman Bldg.
Solanco Fairgrounds
Quarryville, PA

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