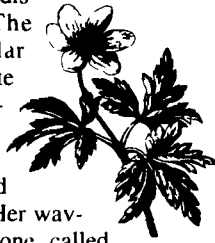




APRIL 2-8, 2001
FULL EGG MOON, APRIL 7

PALM SUNDAY

Coinciding with the first day of Passover this year, Palm Sunday (April 8) marks the beginning of Holy Week in the Christian calendar. Palm branches were said to have been placed on the ground before Christ for his entry into Jerusalem, and even before then, palms carried ceremonial meaning. In medieval Europe, palm branches were ritually blessed and distributed among churchgoers. The British poet and classical scholar A. E. Housman (1859-1936) wrote of the English custom of substituting pussy willows: "Afield for palms the girls repair, / And sure enough the palms are there, / And each will find by hedge or pond / Her waving silver-tufted wand." The anemone, called the passe flower, has also been associated with Passover.



The wood anemone never opens its petals but when the wind blows, hence its name.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Apply kitty litter to an oil spill in the driveway or garage, then just sweep it up.

PROSCIUTTO-WRAPPED ASPARAGUS

- 3 dozen asparagus spears
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- salt and pepper
- 9 thin slices prosciutto
- 12 wooden or metal skewers

rows. (The result will look like a raft.) Mix olive oil, garlic, and salt and pepper. Place asparagus on a broiler pan and drizzle with olive oil mixture. Roast, turning two or three times, until tender. Remove from heat. Wrap 4 spears in a slice of prosciutto and serve. Makes 9 appetizers.



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Valley Livestock

Athens, Pa.

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Tuesday, March 27, 2001

- HOLSTEIN HFR CALVES 200 00-425 00
- BACK TO FARM CALVES 95-120 LBS 120.00-190 00, 70-95 LBS 85 00-160 00
- SLAUGHTER CALVES 15 00-65.00
- GRASSERS & STR CFS 25 00-70 00
- GOATS 25 00-190.00
- LAMBS 80.00-180 00
- SHEEP 46.00-77.50
- PIGS, EACH TO 48 00.
- HOGS 200-250 LBS 37 00-44 00

- SOWS 33.00-35.00
- FEEDERS 65.00-99.00.
- HEIFERS 43.00-64.50.
- STEERS 45.00-55.00.
- BULLS. NONE.
- GOOD COWS 38.00-46 00
- MEDIUM COWS 30 00-36 00
- THIN COWS 10.00-30 50
- CATTLE MARKET ABOUT STEADY.
- CALF MARKET STRONG
- TREND: FEEDERS GETTING HIGHER
- FEEDER SALE 1ST MON. OF MONTH, DAIRY SALE 3RD THUR EACH MONTH.

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Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

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CATTLE 370...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale...(Supply included 145 steers and heifers, 130 cows, 9 bulls and 86 feeder cattle)...steers and heifers 2.00 lower, cows uneven with spots to 2.00 lower, bulls 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1195-1470 lbs 79.50-80.75, Choice 2-3 1050-1475 lbs 74.50-80.25, Select 1-3 68.25-76.00, few Standard 1-2 56.00-64.25

HOLSTEIN STEERS High Choice and Prime 2-3 1315-1550 lbs 69 50-72.75, Choice 2-3 1200-1500 lbs 64.25-69.75, Select 1-2 55.00-62.75, few Standard 1-2 47 00-52 50.

HEIFERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1205-1305 lbs 78.75-80.75, Choice 2-4 1000-1485 lbs 73.75-79.00, Select 1-3 69.25-76.25, few Standard 1-2 47 00-62.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 42.75-46 75, Boners 80-85% lean 37 75-44.00, Lean 85-90% lean 34.00-42 25 Shells 33 50 and down

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1450-1990 lbs 52.50-58.25, Yield Grade 2 1080-2285 lbs 42 75-52 25.

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium and Large 1 270-460 lbs 97.00-100 00, 590-725 lbs 83 00-87.00, one 815 lbs 80.00, Large 2 380-595 lbs 60.00-68 00, 620-750 lbs 62 50-66 00, 800-970 lbs 52 00-64.00; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 360-450 lbs 84.50-91.00, Medium and Large 2 360-470 lbs 80.00-84.00, 525-685 lbs 70.00-73.00, one Large 2 300 lbs Holstein 95 00; BULLS. Medium and

Large 1 385-475 lbs 100.00-102.00, Medium and Large 2 330-520 lbs 67.00-84.00, 580-730 lbs 65.50-80.00.

CALVES 187...VEALERS: few Utility 50-70 lbs 20 00-30.00. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls active 5.00 to 10.00 higher, Holstein heifers steady..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 160.00-197.00, 80-90 lbs 140.00-160.00, No 2 75-125 lbs 80.00-170.00, No 1 Holstein heifers 75-110 lbs 300.00-390.00, No 2 75-90 lbs 130.00-290.00

Beef type bulls and heifers 80-100 lbs 120 00-200.00.

HOGS 274...Barrows and gilts steady, sows steady to 1.00 lower. BARROWS AND GILTS: 45-50% lean 230-275 lbs 43.00-45 00, 40-45% lean 275-310 lbs 37 00-41 50

SOWS: US 1-3 300-490 lbs 28.00-34.00, 500-590 lbs 28 00-36.25, Medium 255-360 lbs 16.00-23.00

BOARS: 425-560 lbs 10.00-15.25, 185-325 lbs 15.00-25.50.

FEEDER PIGS 29 ..SLAUGHTER-Utility 45-50 lbs 12.00-27.00 per head.

SHEEP 29..NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 30-65 lbs 120.00-157.00, couple 85 lbs 96.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 22 00-39 00

GOATS 29...(All sold by the head) Large Billies 79.00-91.00, one Medium 50 00, Large Nannies 53.00-64.00, Large Kids 33.00-50.00, Small 12.00-13 00.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, March 26, 2001

Report Supplied By USDA

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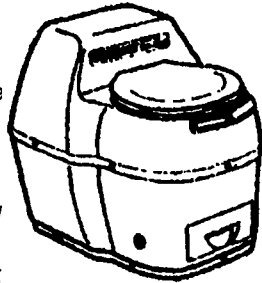
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- 3-6 days a week
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