



APRIL 9-15, 2001

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 13

### TANSY CAKE? WE'LL PASS

Easter and Greek Orthodox Easter coincide this year—both fall on April 15, along with tax day. Tansy cakes were once customary Easter fare. Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*, also called gold buttons) is a bitter herb, once added to spring tonics that were sometimes prescribed after Lenten fasts. Tansy has a dubious reputation now, however, because it is potentially toxic unless administered by a trained herbalist. Nevertheless, its name comes from the Greek word for immortality. The flower of Saint Athanasius, tansy was sometimes worn in amulets to protect against worms, or planted around porches to repel ants. It is still used for its insecticidal action. For Easter cakes, choose something sweeter!



Good Friday rain brings a fertile year.

#### TIP OF THE WEEK

Plant parsley around your rosebushes to deter aphids.

#### GREEK SESAME COOKIES

- 5 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 6 ounces sesame seeds

Preheat oven to 350°F. Sift the dry ingredients into a bowl. Melt butter and add it to the flour mixture, mixing well. Make a

well and add the milk. Beat the eggs with the sugar until thick, then add to the batter, along with the vanilla. Knead the dough, then roll or pat out cookies, as desired, and roll each one in the sesame seeds. Bake on a greased cookie sheet for 20 minutes.

Makes 24 cookies.

**Go Back in Time**  
For replicas of the 1801 and 1901 editions of the Almanac, send \$5 to The Old Farmer's Almanac, Dept. 01R, P.O. Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444, call 800-895-9265, ext. 220, or visit [www.almanac.com/go/01r](http://www.almanac.com/go/01r)

For recipes, gardening tips, and weather forecasts, visit [www.almanac.com](http://www.almanac.com)

#### United Feature Syndicate

(Printed in the U.S.A.)

200 Madison Ave  
NY, NY 10016  
(212-293-8500)

### Randall G. Renninger

Certified Public Accountant

Specializing in agriculture and construction industries

"We help business people discover ways to cut costs, save taxes, and be more profitable"

Call about our FREE seminars

535 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

(717) 299-6480 ♦ Fax (717)299-6390

### Need A Quality Protein Source At A Competitive Price?

- \$ • Reduce your feed cost (Ask about volume discounts)
- \$ • Improve your feed quality
- \$ • Provide around the clock service
- \$ • Buying shelled corn will pick up at your farm

**CALL US TODAY AND COMPARE YOUR CURRENT FEED SOURCE!**

- |                    |               |                       |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| • 48% Soybean Meal | • Ground Corn | • Citrus Pulp Pellets |
| • GR Roasted Beans | • Bakery      | • Vitamins            |
| • Corn Distillers  | • Hulls       | • Minerals            |
| • Prolak           | • Fat Peak    | • Gluten Meal         |
| • Fermenten        |               |                       |



138 AIRPORT ROAD, MARIETTA, PA • 17547-9748

**1-800-544-4574 717-653-8783**

### The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



April and May between them make bread for all the year.

April 15 is called Swallows Day by some, for it is then that they appear.

#### Middleburg Hay

Middleburg, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction

Tuesday, April 3, 2001

HAY: 60 LOTS, TOTAL 98.

ALFALFA: 7 LOTS, 52.50-135.00.

MIXED HAY: 26 LOTS, 52.50-140.00.

TIMOTHY: 12 LOTS, 40.00-95.00.

ROUND BALES: 11.00-22.00.

ORCHARDGRASS: 55.00-105.00.

STRAW: 11 LOTS, 80.00-125.00.

EAR CORN: 10 LOTS, 55.00-70.00.

OATS: 15 LOTS, 1.50-3.60.

#### Morrison's Cove

Livestock Hay

Martinsburg, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction

Monday, April 2, 2001

Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 62.50-80.00.

GRASS: 65.00-92.50.

TIMOTHY: 52.50.

ROUND BALES 25.00-42.50.

LARGE SQUARE BALES AL-

FALFA: 20.00-70.00.

STRAW: 80.00-92.50.

WOOD: 44.00-45.00.

ONE LOAD ALFALFA: 160.00

AUCTION EVERY MON., 12:30 P.M.

#### Belleville

Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa.

April 4, 2001

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 411...(PDA)...(Supplied included 347 head of Dairy cows and heifers in dairy sale)...Compared with last week's sale...cows mostly steady, bulls steady.

STEERS: one Choice 2-3 1090 lbs 73.00, one Standard 1-2 55.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: couple Standard 1-2 48.25 & 50.00.

HEIFERS: one Choice 2-4 1035 lbs 74.25, one Select 1-3 65.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 40.25-45.75, Boners 80-85% lean 37.25-45.00, Lean 85-90% 35.00-40.75. Shells 35.00 and down.

BULLS: couple Yield Grade 1 1820 & 2040 lbs 52.00 & 56.25, few Yield Grade 2 1410-1545 lbs 48.50-51.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS. one Large 3 590 lbs Holsteins 70.50, one Medium 2 835 lbs 63.50; HEIFERS: couple Medium 2 685 & 895 lbs 61.50 & 64.00; BULLS: one Medium 2 755 lbs 55.00.

CALVES 93...Vealers steady to 10.00

higher. VEALERS: Standard and Good 70-100-lbs 65.00-102.50, Utility 55-135 lbs 10.00-64.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 5.00 to 10.00 higher, Holstein heifers steady...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 185.00-200.00, 75-85 lbs 145.00-182.50, No 2 85-110 lbs 130.00-185.00; couple No 1 Holstein heifers 85 & 115 lbs 295.00 & 380.00, No 2 75-110 lbs 175.00-220.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 85-110 lbs 145.00-160.00.

HOGS 3...BARROWS AND GILTS: couple 40-45% lean 235 lbs 37.75.

SOWS: one US 1-3 340 lbs 34.00.

FEEDER PIGS 47...US 1-3 25-50 lbs 38.00-68.00 per head.

SHEEP 108...Slaughter lambs mostly steady. SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 10-15 lbs 169.00-200.00, 20-60 lbs 125.00-165.00, 65-90 lbs 80.00-120.00, 100-140 lbs 50.00-74.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 24.00-61.00.

GOATS 107...(All sold by the head). Medium Billies 52.00-85.00, Large Nannies 76.00-91.00, Medium 40.00-80.00, Large Kids 20.00-45.00, Small 11.00-25.00.

DAIRY COWS: 675.00-1775.00 per head.

### COUNTRYSIDE FUEL SERVICE

offering you a ...

Lock in premium diesel fuel price for the "growing" season

Prepay price only

**88.9 @ gal.**

premium treated diesel

Offer Expires April 30, 2001

Enjoy the peace of mind knowing what your off road diesel will cost you for the season!

Serving Berks Co., Lebanon Co., Northern Lancaster Co., Southern Schuylkill Co.

Please call 717-933-9290 or 717-866-5676

1-888-633-0038



### VECTOR TOBACCO UPDATE



#### LABORERS NEEDED

NEW HOLLAND & KIRKWOOD (Produce Auction) PLANT DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

- Will be unloading and loading trucks.
- Must be 16 years old or older.
- Boxes with seedlings will weigh 30-35 pounds
- Must have own transportation
- Approximately 6 hrs. work per day
- 3-6 days a week
- May 1 - June 20

For more information, call the office during regular business hours - 717-351-9221.

Be sure to have 1320 feet distance between another variety of tobacco.

Talk with your neighbor - don't assume anything about where

he is going to plant his tobacco, especially if it is another variety.

We can still come and measure if you have a question about the distance.

**LAST WEEK FOR BUYING 609 TOBACCO NEW AND OLD CROP -- CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT Let's get the sheds cleaned out!**

Working with Vector is your local tobacco company:



Tobacco Company, Inc.

641 Spruce Rd.,  
New Holland, PA 17557  
717/351-9221

Office Hours  
Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM

Jerry Winstead, President, Larry Weaver, Manager, Gail Sensenig, Supervisor