



MAY 7-13, 2001

FULL MILK MOON, MAY 7

**DON'T FORGET "SAINT MOM"**

This year, Mother's Day (May 13) comes at the tail end of the Three Chilly Saints, May 11, 12, and 13, named for Mammertus, Pancras, and Gervais (or Gervatius). These feast days traditionally bring chilly weather—perhaps some fleece slippers for Mom would be in order, so she can keep her sense of humor through this final cold nip. If her demeanor is still frosty, remind her that the ancient spring festival to honor the mother goddess, Cybele, may have been the precursor to Mother's Day. It was held much earlier, just after the spring equinox, but nevertheless, it was called Hilaria, from the Latin for "cheerful!"



*What is a home without a mother?*

—Thomas Edison, American inventor (1847-1931)

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Shear sheep during the light of the Moon (after May 22 this month).

**GREAT-GRANDMOTHER'S SPONGE CAKE**

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup hot milk
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups fresh berries (any variety)

der. Add to egg mixture. Add vanilla, salt, milk, and butter. Pour into greased and floured 10-inch tube pan. Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes. Cool and cut across middle. Whip cream with the 1/2 cup sugar. Frost the center and the top each with half the cream and 1 cup berries.

Makes 12 servings.



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**Sheep and Goats Direct Buying Market**

Nashville, Tenn.  
May 2, 2001

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Possum Hollow Sheep and Goat Direct Buying Market at McMinnville, Tenn. Estimated receipts this week 800 head. Trends: Market steady. Prices per pound. Prices are good until Tuesday of next week.

**SHEEP SLAUGHTER LAMBS** Choice and Prime 40-60 lb 90-115.00, 60-80 lb 90-105.00, 80-110 lb 80-90.00,

100-120 lb 75-80.00. **FEEDER LAMBS.** 40-60 lb 75-90.00, 60-80 lb 70-80.00. **SLAUGHTER RAMS & EWES** All weights 28-33.00. **GOATS KIDS.** Prime and Choice 30-45 lb 75-80.00, 50-75 lb 85-95.00. Boer cross 30-40 lb 80-88.00, 50-70 lb 92-102.00. **KIDS & YEARLINGS** Good 30-45 lb 65-75.00, 50-70 lb 75-85.00. **MATURE NANNIES** Choice 60-85 lb 50-55.00, 85 lb/up 45-52.00, Good, all weights 42-47.00. **MATURE BILLIES** Choice and Good 75-110 lb 60-67.00; 110 lb/up 63-68.00

**Greencastle Livestock**

Greencastle, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA

Tues., May 1, 2001

**MONDAY CATTLE** 474, CALVES 427, HOGS 60, SHEEP 32, GOATS 74. **LAST MON. CATTLE** 426, CALVES 337, HOGS 3, SHEEP 67, GOATS 37.

**CATTLE:** Compared with last Monday's auction, slaughter steers sold steady. There were not enough slaughter heifers to establish a trend. Slaughter cows traded 1.00-3.00 lower, with most weakness of fleshy types. Slaughter bulls trended 3.00 lower.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 1350-1430 lbs 79.25-81.75. Choice 2-3 1110-1410 lbs 74.50-79.75; couple 1585 lbs 70.25-75.25. Select 1-3 69.00-74.75. Standard 1-2 few 52.50-67.50.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** Choice 2-3 1420-1725 lbs 64.00-69.00. Select 1-2 few 60.00-64.25. Standard 1-2 45.75-52.00.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 3 individual 1205 lbs 76.00. Standard 1-2 few 57.50-60.00.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breakers 75-80 percent lean 44.25-49.75. Boners 80-85 percent lean 42.50-48.50, bulk of the sales 44.00-48.00. Lean 85-90 percent lean 37.00-46.75, mostly 38.50-45.50.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield grade 1 1145-2250 lbs 57.25-62.25. Yield Grade 2 1180-1950 lbs 54.75-57.00.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Medium and Large 1 310-445 lbs 97.00-109.00; 590-795 lbs 78.00-81.50; 825-945 lbs 73.50-74.00. Medium and Large 2 325-420 lbs 80.00-106.00; 720-735 lbs 65.00-70.00. Medium and Large 3 230-395 lbs 72.00-99.00, 430-575 lbs 64.00-74.00; 770-905 lbs 63.00-64.00.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 240-455 lbs 89.00-114.00; 500-665 lbs 77.00-85.00, 750-845 lbs 66.00-77.00. Medium and Large 2 285-475 lbs 79.00-91.00; 525-680 lbs 68.00-84.00; 835-920 lbs 53.00-62.00. Medium and Large 3 240-345 lbs 70.00-81.00; 500-525 lbs 56.00-73.00.

**FEEDER BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 235-315 lbs 111.00-115.00; 500-595 lbs 78.50-91.00. Medium and Large 2 300-

465 lbs 82.00-95.00; 615-650 lbs 61.00-72.00. Medium and Large 3 285-460 lbs 56.00-74.00; 525-630 lbs 62.00-73.00.

**CALVES:** Compared to last week's auction, Holstein bulls and Holstein heifers returning to the farm sold steady.

**VEALERS:** Standard and Good few 70-114 lbs 52.50-60.00. **RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein bulls Number 1 90-120 lbs 170.00-212.50, mostly 180.00-205.00; 80-90 lbs 160.00-187.50. Number 2 75-125 lbs 100.00-177.50, weaker calves down to 72.50. Holstein heifers Number 1 80-115 lbs 350.00-480.00. Number 2 75-100 lbs 145.00-335.00. Beef type bulls and heifers 70-115 lbs 120.00-170.00; 145-190 lbs 97.50-125.00.

**BARROWS AND GILTS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT PRICE**

**SOWS:** Prices were steady with last Monday. US 1-3 305-495 lbs 33.00-39.00, mostly 35.00-37.50. 500-680 lbs 36.00-42.00. **BOARS:** 415-895 lbs 13.50-18.00. 190-245 lbs 30.00-34.00.

**SHEEP:** Slaughter lambs sold steady with last week's auction. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice 40-60 lbs 122.50-142.50. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** Utility 1-3 32.00-40.00.

**GOATS:** All sold per head. Billies: Large 76.00-114.00. Medium 47.00-60.00. Nannies: Large 50.00-82.50. Medium 37.00-70.00. Kids: Large 24.00-37.00. Small 10.00-23.00.

**Frederick Livestock**

Frederick, Maryland

Report Supplied by Auction

April 30, 2001

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** 70 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 LOWER. **BREAKERS** 44.00-49.25, **FEW TO 50.75**, **BONERS** 42.00-46.00, **LEAN** 39.00-43.00, **THIN AND SLOW** 39.00 DOWN.

**BULLS:** 6 HEAD. YG#1 1975 LBS. AT 61.75, YG#2 1400-1925 LBS. 54.00-55.00.

**FED STEERS: NO BEEF BREEDS. LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS** 1200-1525

LBS. 60.00-63.50, 1600-1650 LBS. TO 59.50.

**FED HEIFERS: SELECT HOLSTEINS** 1300-1500 LBS. 51.00-52.75.

**CALVES:** 121 HEAD. **CHOICE** 230-350 LBS. 89.00-94.00, **GOOD** 80-120 LBS. 50.00-70.00; **HOLSTEIN BULLS** RETURNING TO FARM 20.00-40.00 LOWER. #1 95-120 LBS. 135.00-165.00, 75-95 LBS. 122.00-150.00; #2 95-125 LBS. 107.00-127.00, 70-90 LBS. 80.00-120.00; **HOLSTEIN HEIFERS** MOSTLY STEADY. #1 80-110 LBS. 390.00-470.00, #2 270.00-360.00, 1 STARTED 145 LBS. AT 175.00; 1 JERSEY X 65 LBS. AT 220.00; **BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS** #1 80-120 LBS. 140.00-195.00.

**BUTCHER HOGS:** 37 HEAD, 1.00 HIGHER. #1 AND 2 240-265 LBS. 46.50-47.25, #1 AND 3 260-280 LBS. 44.00-45.00; 2 300 LBS. AT 40.00.

**SOWS:** 1 620 LBS. AT 43.00. **STOCK CATTLE: STEERS, NONE. HEIFERS: MEDIUM** 400 LBS. TO 75.00, 500-700 LBS. 59.00-64.00, 3 **HOLSTEINS** 690-925 LBS. 90.00-96.00.

**BULLS:** 200-250 LBS. 110.00-113.00, **HOLSTEINS** 5 HEAD 700-900 LBS. 47.00-56.50.

**Greencastle Livestock Special Monthly Feeder Cattle Sale**

Greencastle, Pa.

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Friday, April 27, 2001

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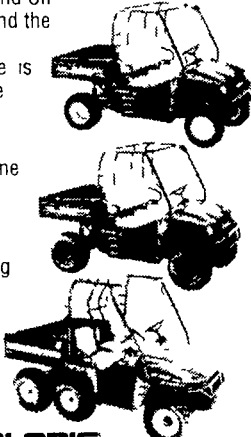
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