



MAY 28-JUNE 3, 2001
MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED), MAY 28

BLANKET THOSE BERRIES

Ruled by Venus, according to 17th-century herbalists, strawberries were once used in remedies for inflamed eyes and sunburned skin, and as lotions, gargles, and cooling drinks. In 1615, Captain George Weymouth noted that on the Maine island of Monhegan, "all along the shore... grow plentifully raspberries, gooseberries, strawberries, roses, currants, [and] wild vines." Today's crops seem to require more tending, particularly a good mulching once the spring soil has warmed. Grass clippings or other organic matter are common, but where slugs and fruit rot are problems, landscape cloth may be preferable. Ask your local garden nursery for advice.



No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth. —Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

TIP OF THE WEEK

Remove runners from strawberry plants every two weeks to encourage large berries.

ROASTED BEETS AND ARUGULA

- 2 pounds beets
- handful of fresh thyme (about 2 dozen sprigs), chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/4 cup herb-flavored or other vinegar
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red-wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 2 large bunches arugula, chopped
- 1 cup grated fresh Parmesan

Preheat oven to 400°F. Trim beets, combine with fresh thyme, garlic, orange juice, the 1/4 cup vinegar, salt, and pepper. Cover and roast for 1 hour. Peel and cube beets. Combine olive oil, red-wine vinegar, and zest. Add arugula, toss, and sprinkle cheese on top. Makes 8 servings.



The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Ne'er cast a clout till May be out.

Mist in May and heat in June / Makes the harvest right soon.



ATTENTION, GARDENERS!

The spring 2001 *Gardener's Companion* is now on sale. You can buy it at supermarkets, bookstores, or garden centers. Or send \$3.99 to The Old Farmer's Almanac, Dept. GCSP, P.O. Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444

For recipes, gardening tips, and weather forecasts, visit www.almanac.com/go/uf5

Pa. Weekly

13 Livestock Auctions
Friday, May 18
Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 4135...Compared with 4557 head last week and 3856 head a year ago. Compared with last Friday's summary. sl. steers steady to 1.50 lower while Holsteins were steady to 1.00 higher, sl.heifers uneven, mostly steady to weak, sl. cows mostly steady, sl. bulls mostly 1.00 higher.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 77.50-80.75, Choice 1-3 74.50-79.00, Select and Low Choice 2-3 73.00-75.75, Select 1-3 67.50-74.00, Standard 1-2 56.50-66.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 70.50-74.50, Choice 2-3 67.75-70.00, Select 1-2 58.75-66.25, Standard 1-2 50.75-56.50.

HEIFERS: Choice few Prime 2-4 74.00-79.50, Select 1-3 66.00-76.50, Standard 1-2 55.00-64.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 45.25-53.00, Boners 80-85% lean 41.50-48.25, few to 51.00, Lean 85-90% lean 38.00-46.50. Shells 37.50 and down.

BULLOCKS: Select 1-3 57.00-64.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1000-2500 lbs 58.25-66.00, Yield Grade 2 900-2400 lbs 49.50-58.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 90.00-114.00, 500-700 lbs 77.00-92.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 80.00-87.00, 500-700 lbs 65.00-86.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 80.00-93.00, 500-700 lbs 80.00-85.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 70.00-90.00, 500-700 lbs 60.00-78.00; **BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 66.00-86.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 65.00-80.00.

CALVES 2729...Compared with 2996 head last week and 2898 head a year ago. Vealers: Small supply mostly

steady...**VEALERS:** Choice 150-310 lbs 100.00-125.00, Good 140-290 lbs 82.00-95.00, Standard and Good 75-110 lbs 50.00-76.00, Utility 55-100 lbs 25.00-45.00, **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bull calves steady to 15.00 higher, Holstein heifers Steady with spots 50.00 higher as heifers shatter the 500.00 mark; No 1 Holstein bulls 80-120 lbs 145.00-215.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 100.00-170.00, weaker calves to 75.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 80-120 lbs 350.00-490.00, few to 550.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 190.00-360.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 75-130 lbs 145.00-200.00.

HOGS 1994...Compared with 1758 head last week and 1771 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts 1.25 to 2.00 higher, sows 1.00 to 4.00 lower. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 220-275 lbs 49.25-50.25, 45-50% lean 220-275 lbs 47.00-49.60, 40-45% lean 240-300 lbs 43.50-48.25. **SOWS:** US 1-3 300-500 lbs 36.00-39.00, 500-700 lbs 38.00-41.00. **BOARS:** 19.00-25.00.

FEEDER PIGS 171...Compared with 209 head last week and 157 head a year ago. US 1-3 30-45 lbs 36.00-40.00, 50-65 lbs 47.00-63.00 per head.

SHEEP 1652...Compared with 1479 head last week and 1939 head a year ago. Slaughter lambs 20.00 lower on weights under 50 lbs while weights over 50 lbs were 10.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 25-50 lbs 97.00-125.00, 50-110 lbs 90.00-110.00, Good and Choice 40-110 lbs 90.00-110.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 20.00-45.00. **TWO GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES** 1862...Compared with 309 last week 249 head a year ago...Feeder pigs steady to 30.00 lower. US No 1-2 25-30 lbs 101.00-117.00, 30-50 lbs 82.00-106.00, 50-70 lbs 82.00-95.00, 70-80 lbs 79.00-87.00; US 2 30-50 lbs 80.00-100.00, 60-80 lbs 83.00-85.00; Slaughter 20-35

lbs 150.00-177.00, 50-115 lbs 72.00-91.00 per cwt.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland
Report Supplied by Auction
Saturday, May 19, 2001

STOCK STEERS AND BULLS 200-500 LBS. 62.00-110.00.

STOCK HEIFERS 45.00-95.00. **SLAUGHTER STEERS** GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 77.50, MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-67.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 42.00-61.00, LIGHT 57.00-62.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE 50.00-74.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-55.50.

BULLS HEAVY 45.00-63.00, LIGHT 35.00-64.50.

COWS UTILITY HOLSTEINS 42.00-50.00, CANNERS 35.00-44.00, CULLS 35.00 AND DOWN.

BOB CALVES 50.00 AND DOWN. **HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES** RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. UP TO 140.00.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 225.00.

BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 190.00.

HOGS TOP QUALITY UP TO 48.00, HEAVY UP TO 43.00, LIGHT 34.00-70.00, FEEDER PIGS BY HEAD UP TO 64.00.

SOWS 20.00-41.00. **MALE HOGS** 8.00-30.00.

LAMBS 70-85 LBS. UP TO 92.00, 85-125 LBS. UP TO 98.00, 30-60 LBS. UP TO 100.00, CULLS UP TO 70.00. **SHEEP** UP TO 40.00.

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