



JULY 9-15, 2001

BASTILLE DAY, JULY 14

CROPS AND ROBBERS

July 14 is Bastille Day, a national holiday in France that commemorates the storming of the Bastille fortress in Paris. Built in the 14th century and destroyed at the beginning of the French Revolution in 1789, the Bastille prison had become a symbol of royal oppression. Almost two centuries later, on Bastille Day 1976, Canada's House of Commons voted to abolish the death penalty; the vote released 11 men from death row. Canada's last executions (by hanging) had been carried out in 1962. Crimes punishable by execution included rape, murder, and treason. A hundred years earlier, there had been over 200 crimes punishable by death, including the unlawful taking of turnips.



A thief knows a thief as a wolf knows a wolf.

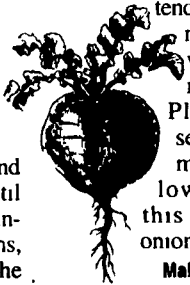
TIP OF THE WEEK

Idling wastes fuel; just 15 seconds consumes more fuel than restarting the car.

STOLEN TURNIP PUREE

- 8 medium white turnips
- 1/8 teaspoon ground caraway
- 3 medium yellow onions
- 5 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- salt and pepper, to taste

buttermilk, lemon juice, and seasonings to onions. When turnips are tender, drain and mash them with remaining butter. Place into a serving bowl, make a hollow, and fill this with the onion mixture. **Makes 4 servings.**



Prepare and slice turnips, and boil with caraway until tender, for about 20 minutes. Peel and chop onions, and sauté them in half the

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



The goat will utter her peculiar cry before rain.

Lightning in summer indicates healthy weather.



ATTENTION, GARDENERS!

The summer 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. GCSU, P.O. Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444.

Corn Belt Feedstuff

St. Joseph, Mo. July 3, 2001

Report Supplied By USDA
CORN BELT FEEDSTUFF: Wholesale Bids. Truck or Rail dollars per ton. Feedstuff prices were steady to slightly higher for the week. Feed ingredients showed some strength due to the upcoming holiday shortened week. Most mills will be shut down for the 4th so buyers will pay more for some products. Tight supplies are being reported by many plants. Demand remained steady this week. Alfalfa and alfalfa by-products were steady as supplies continued tight to lower yields reported.

SOYBEAN MEAL: 44 percent rail bids 11.50 to 12.50 higher at 168.50-171.50. 48 percent rail 11.50 to 12.50 higher at 178.50-180.50. Truck 44 percent 12.50 higher at 172.50-177.50; 48 percent 12.50 higher at 181.50-185.50 per ton.

CORN BY-PRODUCTS: Gluten Feed 21 percent, Interior Points, 1.00 to 2.00 higher at 54.00-62.00; Chicago 2.00 to 5.00 higher at 55.00-62.00; 60 pct Gluten Meal, Interior points, 5.00 higher at 235.00-255.00; Chicago 10.00 higher at 240.00-250.00. Rail hominy feed Central Illinois Points, steady at 48.00-50.00; trucks steady at 50.00-52.00. Crude corn oil steady at 15.50-16.50 cents per lb.

MIDLINGS: Northwest 1.00 lower to 3.00 higher at 43.00-48.00; Buffalo 1.00 to 3.00 higher at 43.00-50.00 per ton.

ALFALFA PELLETS: Toledo, Ohio 17 percent dehydrated, steady at 125.00-142.00 and 15 percent sun-cured, steady at 120.00-137.00 per ton. Toledo, Ohio meal 17 percent, steady at 127.00-144.00. 15 percent, steady at 122.00-139.00 per ton.

DISTILLERS DRIED GRAINS: Central Illinois, steady to 2.00 lower at 73.00-85.00; Chicago steady at 80.00-85.00. Lawrenceburg, steady at 75.00. Nebraska steady at 75.00-83.00. Minneapolis steady to 1.00 lower at 75.00 per ton.

BREWERS DRIED GRAINS: Newark, NJ steady at 80.00. Williamsburg, VA steady at 65.00.

East Fluid Milk And Cream Review

Madison, Wis. July 3, 2001

Report Supplied by USDA
 Spot prices of class II cream, dollars per lb. butterfat: F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast - 2.6288-2.7692. Delivered Equivalent: Atlanta - 2.5686-2.7692 mostly 2.6488-2.7291.

PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, dollars per lb. wet solids, F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast, Class II, includes monthly formula prices: 1.0500-1.1500; Northeast, Class III, spot prices: .8000-.9600.

The following are the June 2001 Class and component prices under the Federal Milk Order pricing system: Class II \$16.05 (up \$.33 from April), Class III \$15.02 (up \$.19); and Class IV \$15.33 (up \$.29). Product price averages used in computing Class prices are: butter \$1.9263, NDM \$1.0148, cheese \$1.6211, and dry whey \$.2764. The Class II butterfat price is \$2.2159 and the Class III/IV butterfat price is \$2.2089.

An early-week cold front broke the heat wave that plagued the Northeast most of last week. Milder temperatures currently prevail, but milk output is still dropping through the region. In the Southeast, the milk flow is still easing lower, but at a slower pace. Following typical summer patterns, butterfat and protein tests on incoming milk are falling. Bottled milk sales are reported as poor throughout much of the East. In scattered areas, first-of-the-month orders are slightly improved. Surplus milk volumes are lighter and manufacturing plants are operating on slightly reduced schedules. Florida handlers are still shipping some milk out of state. A year ago at his time, Florida's exports had dipped to almost zero and imports began in late July.

The Fourth of July holiday falling in the middle of a week does disrupt demand and processing schedules, but most contacts see few problems in clearing any extra milk that may show up.

The condensed skim market is mostly

steady. Demand is fair to good and supplies are more than adequate to meet those needs. Some operations did temporarily restart their dryers to clear some of their excess condensed skim. Also, some did clear to Midwest plants.

The fluid cream market is firm. Supplies are tighter and demand is often improved. Spot prices are about steady. The CME weekly average for butter is up fractionally and multiples are occasionally higher. Some cream buyers are looking at Western suppliers to supplement their regular sources. Ice cream output is steady to heavier now that summer is in full swing. Sales of soft serve mix, ices, sherbet, and frozen novelties are all improving along seasonal patterns. Cream cheese output is steady to slightly heavier. Churning activity is limited.

Belleville Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa. July 4, 2001

Report Supplied By Auction
CATTLE 393...(SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION).

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1100-1400 lbs 61.00-64.00, Select 1-3 50.00-55.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 43.50-48.00, Boners 80-85% lean 39.75-44.00, Lean 85-90% lean 36.75-42.00. Shells down to 30.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1200-1700 lbs 57.00-58.75.

CALVES 115...VEALERS: Standard and Good 90-110 lbs 70.00-82.50, Utility 60-80 lbs 20.00-30.00.

FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 95-120 lbs 155.00-174.00, No 2 85-110 lbs 77.50-150.00.

HOGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!
FEEDER PIGS 37...1-3 39.00-50.00 — per head.

SHEEP 25...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 40-70 lbs 75.00-99.00.

FEEDER LAMBS: Good and Choice 70-100 lbs 65.00-73.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 26.00-47.00.

GOATS 9...(All sold by the head).
 Large Billies 40.00-125.00, Large Nannies 55.00-71.00, Large Kids 27.00-50.00- per head.

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Westminster Hay

Westminster, Maryland
 Report Supplied By Auction
 July 3, 2001

Hay—Straw—Grain

99 LOTS.

ALFALFA: BALE 1.80-6.10, ROUND

14.00.

TIMOTHY: .75-2.10.

MIXED HAY: .50-3.50.

GRASS: .35-1.20, ROUND 5.00-

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STRAW: .15-1.30.

GROUND CORN: 3.50-4.25.

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