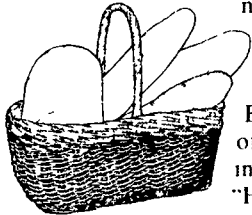


THE OLD FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
JULY 30-AUGUST 5, 2001
 FULL GREEN CORN MOON, AUGUST 4

LAMMAS DAY

From the Old English word meaning "loaf" and "mass," Lammas Day (August 1) was an early blessing of the harvest, especially the first grains. It was traditional to bring a new loaf of bread to the local church or to the landlord as an offering of the first fruits of one's labors. Lammas was one of the quarter-days marked for the payment of rents. Some historians associate Lammas Day with festivities relating to John Barleycorn, a personification of the barley grain that goes into making malt beverages at "Hlaefmaest," or Lammas-tide.



For every problem, there is a solution that is simple, neat, and wrong.

-H. L. Mencken (1880-1956)

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Cream and milk, when they sour at night, often indicate thunderstorms.

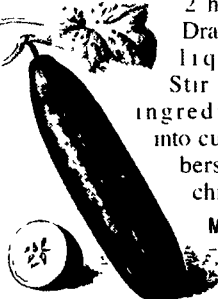
TIP OF THE WEEK

Open your house to breezes at the coolest part of the evening, then close it up and draw the shades before the temperature starts to rise.

COOL-AS-A-CUCUMBER SALAD

- 3 medium cucumbers
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 small yellow onion, sliced thin
- 4 tablespoons apple-cider vinegar
- 1-1/4 teaspoons pepper
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 3/4 cup sour cream

skillet works well) for 2 hours. Drain off liquid. Stir other ingredients into cucumbers, and chill.



Makes 8 servings.

Peel cucumbers and slice thin. Cover with salt. Add onion. Press with a heavy weight (a heavy

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Middleburg Livestock Auction
 Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, July 24, 2001

Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE 260...(PDA) (Supply included 99 steers and heifers, 79 cows, 13 bulls and 69 feeder cattle. Compared with last week's sale...steers and bulls steady, cows uneven, 1.00 higher to 1.00 lower, heifers steady to weak on light supply.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1265-1425 lbs 77.75-79.25, 1550-1630 lbs 72.00-73.25, Choice 2-3 1100-1495 lbs 73.50-78.75, Select 1-3 69.50-73.25, few Standard 1-2 58.00-67.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1660 lbs 63.50-68.75, few Select 1-2 60.00-63.75, Standard 1-2 50.00-57.25.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1050-1380 lbs 70.75-76.00, few Select 1-3 68.00-70.25, few Standard 1-2 53.00-61.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 45.25-48.50, Boners 80-85% lean 42.00-47.00, Lean 85-90% lean 38.00-43.75. Shells 37.00 and down.

BULLOCKS: few Select 1-3 61.00-66.00.

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1600-1730 lbs 55.00-56.50, Yield Grade 2 1130-1775 lbs 52.00-54.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: **STEERS:** Large 3 275-310 lbs Holsteins 84.00-85.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium 1-2 270-280 lbs 91.00, few Medium and Large 2 900-975 lbs 50.00-65.50, Medium and Large 3 680-815 lbs 45.00-59.00, one Large 3 395 lbs Holsteins 117.00; **BULLS:** one Medium 1 260 lbs 113.00, 420-480 lbs 75.00-79.50, Medium and Large 2 415-565 lbs 62.00-76.00, couple Medium and Large 3 250 lbs 83.00 & 84.00, 395-585 lbs 52.00-58.00.

CALVES 261...VEALERS: Standard and Good 70-120 lbs 40.00-65.00, few Utility 65-80 lbs 20.00-40.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 5.00 higher, Holstein heifers 20.00 to 30.00 higher. No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-150.00, 80-90 lbs 100.00-115.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 80.00-122.00 with a few

down to 70.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 85-120 lbs 400.00-560.00, No 2 60-100 lbs 190.00-390.00.

Few beef type bulls and heifers 75-160 lbs 128.00-180.00.

HOGS 55...Barrows and gilts 2.00 lower, sows 3.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS: 45-50% lean 240-275 lbs 43.50-45.75.

SOWS: 1-3 285-495 lbs 33.50-39.25, 500-690 lbs 37.25-39.25, Medium 370-450 lbs 14.00-25.00.

BOARS: 520-580 lbs 22.25-23.50, one 185 lbs 30.00.

FEEDER PIGS 25...1-3 35-45 lbs 38.00-47.00, 50-65 lbs 48.00-57.00. — per head.

SHEEP 30...Slaughter lambs steady. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice 35-50 lbs 85.00-100.00, 60-70 lbs 78.00-90.00, few 100-125 lbs 71.00-74.00, Good and Choice 55-65 lbs 57.00-73.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 29.00-40.00, Yearlings 49.00-59.00.

GOATS 18...(All sold by the head). Large Billies 64.00 & 74.00, Medium 51.00-56.00, Large Nannies 65.00-73.00, Medium 29.00-44.00, Large Kids 28.00-49.00, one Small 19.00.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA

June 23, 2001

CATTLE 418...(PDA)...(Supply included 114 slaughter steers and heifers, 238 cows, 25 bulls and 41 feeder cattle)...Compared with last week's sale...sl. cows steady to 1.00 lower, bulls 2.00 higher.

STEERS: Choice 2-3 1075-1485 lbs 70.00-78.50, Select 1-3 66.75-72.75, few Standard 1-2 60.25-65.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1680-1825 lbs 63.00-65.75, Choice 2-3 1350-1660 lbs 62.50-67.00, Select 1-2 59.00-62.50, Standard 1-2 51.00-55.50.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1015-1225 lbs 69.75-77.50, Select 1-3 65.25-70.00, Standard 1-2 53.75-64.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 44.00-50.00 with a few low

dressing down to 40.50, Boners 80-85% lean 42.50-49.25, bulk of sales 43.00-48.00, Lean 85-90% lean 37.75-45.25 mostly 38.50-44.50. Shells 37.25 and down.

BULLOCKS: couple Select 1-3 67.75 & 69.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1650-2385 lbs 59.75-62.50 with a couple 67.25, Yield Grade 2 1270-1800 lbs 53.75-58.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: **STEERS:** one Large 2 915 lbs 70.50, few Medium and Large 3 445-775 lbs 57.00-63.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1 490-580 lbs 80.00-89.00, 685-740 lbs 72.00-79.00, one Medium 2 240 lbs 84.00, few Medium and Large 3 375-490 lbs 70.00; **BULLS:** Medium and Large 1 520-660 lbs 73.00-80.00, 720-770 lbs 69.50-72.50, couple Medium 2 785 & 840 lbs 65.50.

CALVES 437...VEALERS: one Good 210 lbs 90.00, Standard and Good 70-90 lbs 40.00-65.00, Utility 65-125 lbs 5.00-30.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady to spots 5.00 lower, Holstein heifers steady...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 120.00-157.50 mostly 125.00-150.00, 80-90 lbs 110.00-125.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 80.00-127.50 with a few down to 70.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 80-105 lbs 390.00-545.00, No 2 70-90 lbs 170.00-350.00.

Beef type bulls and heifers 80-105 lbs 90.00-190.00.

HOGS 22...BARROWS AND GILTS: few 40-45% lean 285-295 lbs 44.00.

SOWS: few 1-3 370-430 lbs 30.00-39.00, few 600-655 lbs 33.50-41.50.

BOARS: one 720 lbs 17.50.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 57...Slaughter lambs steady.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 45-60 lbs 74.00-82.00, 80-110 lbs 69.00-72.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 30.00-41.00.

GOATS 155...(All sold by the head). Large Billies 61.00-125.00, Medium 41.00-67.00 with some up to 105.00, Large Nannies 64.00-95.00, Medium 42.50-64.00, Large Kids 23.00-41.00, few up to 70.00, Small 6.00-16.00. — per head.



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