

OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC
THIS WEEK WITH


AUGUST 13-19, 2001
NEW MOON, AUG. 18

RAISING CANE

Now is the time to cut back raspberry canes that have already borne fruit, but leave the fall-bearing varieties alone. Let the strawberry runners go wild, taming them only to keep them out of the way. Seek out wild blueberries, and remember that the berries that face the sun are bluest and often the sweetest. If you're growing your own blueberries, give them a loose, acid soil and a fall mulch of oak leaves, pine needles, or sawdust. Try some loganberries, boysenberries, or tayberries for hardier, cool-area crops. If berries don't grow well in your neck of the woods, fear not the frozen berry, which cooks up well in a pie, cobbler, or muffin, great for family reunions or any picnic.

Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush affire with God.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)



OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

Lightning in the South is a sign of drought.

As August, so the next February

TIP OF THE WEEK

Pick blueberries by gently grasping the berries from underneath and coaxing them into your bucket.

WILD BLUEBERRY SMOOTHIE

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| 6 ounces small wild blueberries 6 ounces yogurt (vanilla or blueberry) 1 tablespoon honey 3 or 4 ice cubes sprig of mint (optional) | tougher-skinned, cultivated berries. Blend berries, yogurt, honey, and ice at high speed. Serve immediately. Garnish with mint if desired, or by dropping a berry or two on top. |
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Serves 2

ATTENTION, GARDENERS!

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

For recipes, gardening tips, and weather forecasts, visit www.almanac.com go u!8.

Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.
August 8, 2001

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 135...(PDA)...(Supply included 39 steers and heifers, 70 cows, 6 bulls and 20 feeder cattle...Compared with last week's sale...Holstein steers mostly steady on a light offering, sl. cows 85-90% lean mostly steady.

STEERS: few Select 1-3 69.00-71.75, few Standard 1-2 62.00-67.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: one Choice 2-3 1520 lbs 67.75, few Select 1-2 62.75-66.25, few Standard 1-2 56.00-61.50.

HEIFERS: few Select 1-2 68.50-71.50, few Standard 1-2 46.50-65.50.

COWS: few Breakers 75-80% lean 47.25-49.75 with one low dressing to 44.75, few Boners 80-85% lean 42.75-47.75, Lean 85-90% lean 41.50-47.00. Shells 39.50 and down.

BULLS: one Yield Grade 1 2160 lbs 56.00, few Yield Grade 2 995-1220 lbs

53.50-59.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 275-450 lbs 88.00-110.00, one Medium 2 725 lbs 75.00, one Large 3 Holstein 610 lbs 77.00; **HEIFERS:** one Medium 1 545 lbs 75.00; **BULLS:** few Medium 1 380-595 lbs 60.00-67.50, Large 3 Holsteins 530-865 lbs 52.50-62.50.

CALVES 156...Vealers weak on a light offering. **VEALERS:** few Standard and Good 65-125 lbs 45.00-85.00, few Utility 50-80 lbs 5.00-45.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls fully 10.00 lower with spots to 15.00 lower on No 1 calves. No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 122.50-137.50 mostly 127.50-135.00, No 2 75-120 lbs 75.00-130.00, mostly 80.00-125.00. Couple No 1 Holstein heifers 100 & 115 lbs 390.00 & 430.00, few No 2 60-120 lbs 77.50-290.00 with weaker calves down to 45.00.

Beef type bulls 60-110 lbs 65.00-135.00.

HOGS 48...Barrows and Gilts mostly steady. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-

54% lean 251-264 lbs 47.75-48.25, 45-50% lean 248-294 lbs 46.00-47.75, one 40-45% lean 305 lbs 45.50.

FEEDER PIGS 20...Few 1-3 47 lbs 90.00, few 1-3 61-67 lbs 70.00-87.00, few 1-3 145 lbs for slaughter 45.00. — per cwt.

SHEEP 49...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** few Choice 30-45 lbs 77.50-95.00, few 50-60 lbs 77.00-78.00, few 80-115 lbs 80.00-85.00, few 120-125 69.00-72.00, few Good and Choice 20-33 lbs 40.00. **SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 15.00-45.00 with yearlings to 50.00.

GOATS 49...(All sold by the head). Few Medium Billies 35.00-55.00, few Medium Nannies 40.00-69.00, Large Wethers 70.00-77.50, Mediums 36.00-73.00, few Large Kids 17.50-32.50. — per head



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Saturday, August 4, 2001

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HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 47.00-64.00, LIGHT 57.00-70.00.
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE 60.00-75.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 50.00-58.50.
BULLS HEAVY 45.00-60.50, LIGHT 35.00-68.00.
COWS UTILITY HOLSTEINS 42.00-47.50, CANNERS 38.00-41.50, CULLS 35.00 AND DOWN.
BOB CALVES 50.00 AND DOWN.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. UP TO 138.00.
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 225.00.
BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 105.00.
HOGS TOP QUALITY UP TO 51.00, HEAVY UP TO 50.00, LIGHT 45.00-50.00, FEEDER PIGS BY HEAD UP TO 60.00.
SOWS 20.00-35.00.
MALE HOGS 15.00-30.00.
LAMBS 70-85 LBS. UP TO 84.00, 85-125 LBS. UP TO 86.00, 30-60 LBS. UP TO 94.00, CULLS UP TO 60.00.
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| WED | SEPT 5 | WINROSS, HESS, FARM TRAC & TOYS | 6 30 PM |
| FRI | SEPT 14 | TRACTORS, FARM EQ & SUPPLIES | 9 00 AM |
| TUES | SEPT 25 | QUILT, CRAFT & BUGGY | 9 00 AM |
| WED | SEPT 26 | QUILT & CRAFT | 9 00 AM |

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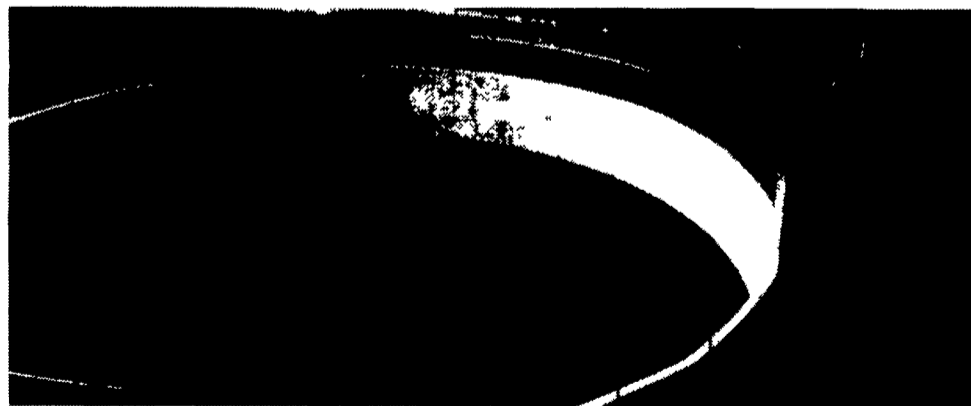
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