

**SEPTEMBER 3-9, 2001**  
LABOR DAY, SEPT. 3


**SWIFTLY FLOW THE DAYS**

Cool your heels—it's still summer. School may be starting again, but the sun remains hot at midday. It is estimated that 90 percent of skin-damaging rays from the sun come between 10 A.M. and 3 P.M., so protect yourself and your children. If you don't have sunblock handy, long sleeves, a big straw hat, and good old-fashioned shade are all the precautions you need. There has been increasingly less daylight since the Summer Solstice on June 21, but even on Labor Day there is still plenty of time to soak up a sunbun. Robert Louis Stevenson's poem "Bed in Summer" sums it up: "In winter I get up at night / And dress by yellow candlelight / In summer, quite the other way / I have to go to bed by day."

*Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noonday sun!*

—English proverb

**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**



*Bats flying late in the evening mean fair weather.*


*September rain is good for crops and vines*

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Run a pot of white vinegar and water (half and half) through the coffee maker to clean it.

**STUFFED TOMATOES**

30 ripe cherry tomatoes  
4-1/2 ounces (about 1/2 cup) goat cheese  
3 teaspoons bread crumbs  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
2 teaspoons red wine vinegar  
salt and pepper, to taste  
6 ounces baby arugula leaves



cotes from cherry tomatoes. Spoon goat cheese into hollows, then stand the tomatoes upright in a baking dish. Sprinkle tops with bread crumbs and drizzle half the olive oil over the top. Bake about 15 minutes. In a salad bowl whisk remaining olive oil with vinegar and spices. Toss with arugula.

**Makes 6 servings**

**Go Back in Time**  
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**Pa. Weekly**  
13 Livestock Auctions  
Friday, August 24  
Report Supplied By PDA

**CATTLE 4966...** Compared with 4626 head last week and 4588 head a year ago. Compared with last Friday's summary, sl. steers beef type mostly .50 to .75 lower with Holsteins remaining steady, sl. heifers steady to .25 lower, sl. cows mostly steady to .50 higher, bulls 1.00 higher.

**STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-4 72.00-75.00, Choice 2-3 67.75-73.75, Select and Low Choice 2-3 67.00-71.50, Select 1-3 63.00-69.75, Standard 1-2 55.00-64.75.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 2-3 66.00-67.25, Choice 2-3 62.75-66.00, Select 1-2 56.50-64.00, Standard 1-2 51.00-57.50.

**HEIFERS:** Choice few Prime 2-4 66.25-75.25, Select 1-3 64.50-69.25, Standard 1-2 50.75-64.75.

**COWS:** Breakers 75-80% lean 44.50-53.75, Boners 80-85% lean 41.00-50.00, Lean 85-90% lean 36.00-46.75. Shells 35.00 and down.

**BULLOCKS:** Choice 2-3 61.50-66.25, Select 1-3 53.75-58.00.

**BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1000-2500 lbs 55.00-68.00, Yield Grade 2 900-2400 lbs 47.00-58.50.

**FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS:** Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 80.00-90.00, 500-800 lbs 56.00-82.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 60.00-85.50, 500-700 lbs 56.00-75.00, Large 3 300-500 lbs Holsteins 65.00-90.00, 500-700 lbs Holsteins 57.00-67.50; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 71.50-95.50, 500-700 lbs 66.00-83.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 63.00-77.50, 500-700 lbs 59.00-65.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 300-500 lbs 71.00-95.00, 500-700 lbs 77.00-85.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 57.00-75.00, 500-700 lbs 57.00-72.00.

**CALVES 3611...** Compared with 4330 head last week and 3560 head a year ago. Vealers 10.00 to 15.00 lower.

**VEALERS:** few Choice 275-290 lbs

90.00-91.00, few Good 135-160 lbs 72.50-85.00, Standard and Good 60-120 lbs 30.00-60.00, Utility 50-100 lbs 5.00-40.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bull calves steady, Holstein heifers active, good demand for higher quality heifers. No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 105.00-165.00, No 2 90-120 lbs 70.00-145.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 80-115 lbs 350.00-600.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 100.00-400.00.

**Beef type bulls and heifers 60-145 lbs 75.00-235.00.**

**HOGS 1839...** Compared with 1689 head last week and 1217 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts 1.00 to 2.00 lower, sows mostly 1.00 lower. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 220-280 lbs 48.25-51.50, 45-50% lean 200-280 lbs 47.50-48.50, 40-45% lean 240-280 lbs 40.50-47.00.

**SOWS:** 1-3 300-500 lbs 37.00-38.00, 500-700 lbs 38.00-43.00.

**BOARS:** 22.00-37.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 313...** Compared with 222 head last week and 347 head a year ago. 1-3 20-60 lbs 24.00-45.00, 60-80 lbs 40.00-67.50. — per cwt.

**SHEEP 1459...** Compared with 1380 head last week and 1590 head a year ago. Slaughter lambs steady with lighterweights 10.00 to 20.00 higher.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice 40-60 lbs 70.00-125.00, 60-90 lbs 68.00-100.00, 90-120 lbs 55.00-75.00, Good and Choice 90-120 lbs 55.00-60.00.

**SLAUGHTER SHEEP:** 20.00-55.00.

**ONE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE 720...** Compared with 716 last week and 1076 head a year ago. Feeder pigs mostly steady.

**FEEDER PIGS:** 1-2 50-55 lbs 110.00-120.00, 65 lbs 90.00, 80 lbs 85.00, 105 lbs 97.00, 2-3 30-45 lbs 90.00-92.00; Slaughter 20-40 lbs 80.00-160.00, 40-70 lbs 95.00-114.00. — per cwt.

**Mercer Livestock Auction**  
Mercer, Pa.  
August 28, 2001  
Report Supplied By USDA  
CATTLE 359...(PDA)..Compared

with last week's sale...steers steady to 1.00 lower, cows 1.50 lower instances 3.00 lower.

**STEERS:** Choice 2-3 1125-1450 lbs 69.50-73.25, Select 1-3 61.00-70.75, Standard 1-2 51.50-60.50.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** few Select 1-2 59.00-63.00, few Standard 1-2 48.00-56.00.

**HEIFERS:** few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1115-1220 lbs 70.75-71.75, Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lbs 66.00-72.25, Select 1-3 61.00-68.50, Standard 1-2 51.00-57.75.

**COWS:** Breakers 75-80% lean 42.00-45.00, Boners 80-85% lean 39.00-44.00, Lean 85-90% lean 32.50-40.00. Shells down to 25.25.

**BULLS:** couple Yield Grade 1 1480 & 1650 lbs 55.75 & 57.25, few Yield Grade 2 1150-1755 lbs 42.50-52.75.

**FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS:** Medium 1-2 600-850 lbs 70.50-89.00; Medium 2 325-630 lbs 78.00-81.00; HEIFERS: Medium 1 500-750 lbs 78.00-88.00, Medium 2 300-550 lbs 78.00-88.00, 550-700 lbs 68.50-80.00; BULLS: Medium 1-2 300-500 lbs 84.00-92.00, 500-700 lbs 70.00-80.00.

**CALVES 107...VEALERS:** Standard and Good 70-115 lbs 25.00-50.00, Utility 50-70 lbs 5.00-20.00.

**FARM CALVES:** No 1 Holstein bulls 85-115 lbs 120.00-142.50, No 2 80-115 lbs 80.00-120.00; one No 1 Holstein heifers 89 lbs 460.00, few No 2 80-110 lbs 160.00-400.00.

One beef type bull and heifer 90 lbs 80.00.

**HOGS 47...BARROWS AND GILTS:** one lot 49-54% lean 233 lbs 49.75, 45-50% lean 210-280 lbs 45.00-46.75, 40-45% lean 250-290 lbs 44.00-45.00.

**SOWS:** few 1-3 480-580 lbs 35.00-38.50.

**BOARS:** 440 & 590 lbs 20.00 & 21.50.

**FEEDER PIGS 4...** Few 1-3 175-180 lbs 54.00-55.00. — per cwt.

**SHEEP 9...NO MARKET TEST!**  
**GOATS 2...NO MARKET TEST!**

**Valley Livestock**  
Athens, Pa.  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Tuesday, August 27, 2001

**HOLSTEIN HFR. CALVES 200.00-570.00.**

**BACK TO FARM CALVES 95-120 LBS. 75.00-140.00, 70-95 LBS. 65.00-110.00.**

**SLAUGHTER CALVES 18.00-53.00.**

**GRASSERS & STR CFS. 50.00-63.00.**

**GOATS 20.00-137.50.**

**LAMBS 60.00-112.50.**

**SHEEP 26.00-37.00.**

**PIGS, EACH, NONE.**

**HOGS 200-250 LBS., 36.00-47.00.**

**SOWS, NONE.**

**FEEDERS 60.00-82.00.**

**HEIFERS, NONE.**

**STEERS 53.00-62.50.**

**BULLS 48.00-59.50.**

**GOOD COWS 45.50-57.00.**

**MEDIUM COWS 34.50-44.00.**

**THIN COWS 24.00-44.50.**

**CATTLE MARKET HIGHER.**

**CALF MARKET EASIER.**

**HEIFER CALVES STILL HIGH;**

**THIN COWS REAL STRONG.**

**FEEDER SALE 1ST MON. EACH MONTH; DAIRY SALE 3RD THUR. EA. MONTH.**

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