



OCTOBER 8-14, 2001

COLUMBUS DAY, OCT. 11

**SIGN OF THE SCALES**

Libra rules from September 23 to October 22, and Venus rules Libra. As befits the scales of justice, Libra is said to govern diplomats, lawyers, relationships, partners, and politics. Libras are said to be idealistic, tactful, good listeners, and intelligent but sometimes naive. Libras don't like arguments and tend to be gracious and understanding, but they are sometimes stubborn or prone to depression. People born under this sign include writers Ursula LeGum, William Faulkner, and Thomas Wolfe, "Muppets" creator Jim Henson, television personalities Ed Sullivan and Barbara Walters, stateswoman Eleanor Roosevelt, former president Jimmy Carter, and former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher.



*This living in a democracy is a problem, isn't it?*  
—Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Sow seeds of lupines now.

**MUSHROOM SALAD**

- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, trimmed and sliced
- 1/2 cup white-wine vinegar
- 2 shallots, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander seeds, crushed in a mortar
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- paprika, to taste
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley



Saute mushrooms with the vinegar, shallots, and seasonings. Cover and cook for about 10 minutes. Remove the mushrooms, but continue cooking down the liquid until it is reduced by half. Add lemon juice, mushroom mixture, and parsley. Chill before serving.

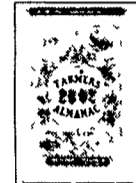
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**Lebanon Valley Livestock**

Fredericksburg, Pa.  
Report Supplied By PDA  
October 2, 2001

**CATTLE** 365..(PDA)..(Supply included 226 head in feeder sale)..Compared with last week's sale...steers and heifers steady to 1.00 lower, cows 1.00 to 1.25 higher on lean types while Breakers were 3.00 to 4.00 lower.

**STEERS:** Choice 2-3 1260-1490 lbs 64.75-68.75, one 1625 lbs 62.50, Select 1-3 58.00-64.50, one 66.00, Standard 1-2 55.00-58.00.

**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** one Choice 2 1450 lbs 57.00.

**HEIFERS:** Choice few Prime 2-4 1130-1460 lbs 64.75-68.75, one 69.25, few 900-990 lbs 58.25-62.50, Select 1-3 62.00-63.75, few to 55.00, Standard 1-2 52.50-55.25

**COWS:** Breakers 75-80% lean 38.00-42.50, low dressing to 35.00, Boners 80-85% lean 37.00-40.25, few to 42.25, Lean 85-90% lean 34.00-38.25. Shells 33.00 and down.

**BULLS:** few Yield Grade 1 1670-1795 lbs 50.00-52.25, few Yield Grade 2 900-1470 lbs 42.50-48.00

**FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS:** Large 1 450-700 lbs 70.00-86.50, Large 2 500-740 lbs 59.50-80.00, Large 3 300-500 lbs 50.00-57.00, 4 head 73.00, Large 3 520-870 lbs 46.50-59.50, Medium 1 600-675 lbs 80.00-83.50, Medium 2 400-765 lbs 61.50-78.00, Medium 3 440-500 lbs 50.00-57.00, Small 1-2 435-660 lbs 77.00-80.00; **HEIFERS:** Medium 2 300-500 lbs 60.00-71.50, 500-800 lbs 53.00-60.00, lot Large 1 625 lbs 75.50, Large 2 350-500 lbs 52.50-65.50, Large 3 500-850 lbs 61.50-75.50, Large 3 500-760 lbs 40.00-54.00; **BULLS:** Medium 2 350-400 lbs 55.00-72.00, Large 3 345-485 lbs 56.00-60.00

**CALVES** 80. **VEALERS:** Standard and Good 70-110 lbs 30.00-50.00, Utility 55-90 lbs 20.00-27.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls fully 25.00 lower..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 100.00-122.00 mostly 112.00-117.00, No 2 90-120 lbs 70.00-100.00, few 107.00, 80-90 lbs 40.00-50.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 90-105 lbs 420.00-500.00, few No 2 75-110 lbs 140.00-170.00.

Few beef type bulls and heifers 85-120 lbs 110.00-165.00.

**HOGS** 26 Sows steady to 2.00 higher. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** 40-45% lean 245-290 lbs 38.00-39.00.

**SOWS:** 1-3 440-650 lbs 30.00-34.00, Medium 360-595 lbs 20.00-25.00.

**BOARS:** one 745 lbs 21.50.

**FEEDER PIGS** 2...Utility 50 lbs 37.00. — per cwt.

**SHEEP** 5. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** one lot Choice 85 lbs 51.00

**Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle**

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 1, 2001— USDA Market News Service  
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for  
Week Ending Sunday, September 30, 2001

Confirmed Sales: 187,290 Week Ago: 192,291

**LIVE BASIS SALES: SLAUGHTER STEERS**

	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	4,900	900-1,600	65.50-70.00	1,327	66.84
65-80% Choice	6,993	900-1,600	64.50-68.00	1,325	66.46
35-65% Choice	41,502	840-1,600	64.35-68.00	1,262	66.17
1-35% Choice	5,842	1,025-1,550	64.00-68.10	1,282	65.91

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS**

Over 80% Choice	2,248	800-1,485	65.00-68.00	1,197	66.59
65-80% Choice	4,152	910-1,512	65.50-69.50	1,192	66.49
35-65% Choice	39,752	850-1,435	65.00-68.00	1,139	66.10
1-35% Choice	1,752	840-1,425	65.00-67.00	1,152	66.09

**DRESSED BASIS SALES: SLAUGHTER STEERS**

Over 80% Choice	2,255	500-1,064	103.00-104.00	847	106.25
65-80% Choice	14,185	520-1,064	102.00-114.00	832	106.34
35-65% Choice	12,647	520-1,064	103.00-113.00	837	104.89
1-35% Choice	770	591-1,032	103.00-106.00	811	104.89

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS**

Over 80% Choice	1,191	500-1,000	105.00-113.00	755	106.77
65-80% Choice	14,641	451-1,070	104.00-113.00	756	106.83
35-65% Choice	13,996	466-1,006	102.00-109.00	740	105.46
1-35% Choice	437	581-799	103.00-103.00	688	103.00

**Weekly Accumulated Weighted Averages (Beef Breeds)**

	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Live Steer	59,244	1,276.5	66.23
Live Heifer	47,880	1,146.4	66.16
Dressed Steer	29,857	834.5	106.10
Dressed Heifer	30,277	747.7	106.15
<b>Week Ago Weighted Averages</b>			
Live Steer	56,956	1,280.5	68.67
Live Heifer	45,040	1,153.3	68.67
Dressed Steer	34,291	841.7	109.41
Dressed Heifer	32,211	739.5	109.12

**Belknap Livestock**

Belknap, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA, PDA  
October 3, 2001

**STEERS:** Low Select and Standard 1-2 55.00-59.00.

**COWS:** few Breakers 75-80% lean 38.00-43.00, Boners 80-85% lean 36.00-39.00, Lean 85-90% lean 32.00-37.00. Shells 27.25 and down.

**BULLS:** few Yield Grade 1 1865-2150 lbs 56.00-57.00, few Yield Grade 2 1370-2055 lbs 46.00-51.50

**FEEDER CATTLE STEERS** Large 2-3 550-1030 lbs 49.00-55.00; **HEIFERS:** few Medium 2 360-680 lbs 55.00-62.00, **BULLS:** few Medium 2 325-505 lbs 60.00-75.00, few Small 1 390-500 lbs 56.00-61.00.

**CALVES** 110...**VEALERS:** one Good 266 lbs 76.00, few Standard and Good 225-305 lbs 48.00-68.00, 70-105 lbs 32.50-52.50, Utility 45-70 lbs 10.00-30.00

**FARM CALVES.** No 1 Holstein bulls

80-115 lbs 87.50-102.50, few 115-140 lbs 72.50-87.50, No 2 80-115 lbs 50.00-92.50, few No 1 Holstein heifers 85-100 lbs 500.00-610.00, No 2 70-95 lbs 200.00-485.00.

Few beef type bulls and heifers 72-115 lbs 100.00-185.00.

**HOGS** 49...**BARROWS AND GILTS:** 49-54% lean 220-260 lbs 44.50-45.75, 45-50% lean 250-295 lbs 43.00-44.50, 40-45% lean 250-300 lbs 40.00-41.00.

**SOWS:** few 1-3 320-460 lbs 34.25-36.50, few Medium 230-365 lbs 30.50-36.00.

**FEEDER PIGS** 52.. 1-3 50-60 lbs 41.00-49.00, 25-35 lbs 24.00-32.00 — per head.

**SHEEP** 31...**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** one lot Choice 96 lbs 51.50, Good and Choice 30-50 lbs 50.00-72.50.

**GOATS** 35 (All sold by the head) Couple Large Billies 70.00 & 75.00, few Medium 35.00-49.00, few Large Nannies 56.00-61.00, few Medium 43.00-58.00, Large Kids 27.50-47.50, few Small 24.00-35.00. — per head.

**Former Agri-Talk Host To Keynote Banquet**

**LANCASTER** (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry will welcome Ken Root, former host of nationally-syndicated radio show, Agri-Talk, as its keynote speaker at the 25th annual Agriculture Industry Banquet.

The event will be Monday, Nov. 5 at Willow Valley Resort and Conference Center. A reception will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6.30 p.m. This year's theme is "Agriculture's True Harvest."

Root has served in a number of different roles as an agricultural advocate over his career. He is a past vocational agricultural teacher. Root also spent seven years as a farm news broadcaster in Kansas before moving on to New Jersey and

Washington, D.C. to become the executive director of the National Agricultural Retailers Association.

In 1994, Root returned to the Midwest to host the nation's first two-way conservation radio show focusing on issues facing rural America and agriculture. After seven years at the microphone, he resigned from his position to explore new opportunities

Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table of 10 for members, or \$40 each or \$500 for a table of 10 for non-members. To register, go to [www.lancaster-chamber.com](http://www.lancaster-chamber.com) and register online, or contact Brent Landis at (717) 397-3531, ext. 134, or [blandis@lcci.com](mailto:blandis@lcci.com)

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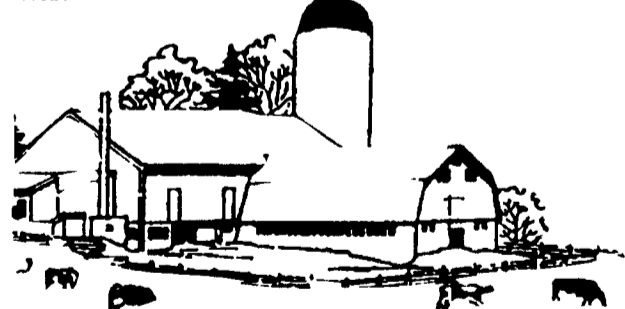
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