

MARCH 4-10, 2002

ST. PIRAN, MARCH 5


THE RESTLESS WIND

The wind plays an important part in lore and history. It is known as a weathermaker, as in the phrase "Winter winds doth blow and we shall have snow." Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626) observed, "Every wind has its weather." The Devil is busy in a high wind - it's said, but "Westerly winds are fair weather winds." Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) suggested, "Do business with men when the wind is in the northwest when the barometer is high." When we catch a cold, we catch it of the winds, some say - another saying states, "The east wind brings aches and pains." The ancients thought of wind as a messenger, in a way that was the role of the fictional Mary Poppins, who came and left on the winds.

Lo, as the wind is, so is mortal life.

-Sir Edwin Arnold, English author (1832-1904)

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



March—many weathers!

If it does not freeze on March 10, a fertile year can be expected


TIP OF THE WEEK

Time to put the clothes out on the line again and let the wind do its work.

SPRING SLAW

3 tablespoons low-fat sour cream
3 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 drops Tabasco sauce
1 pound cabbage, sliced thin
1 small red onion, chopped
1 green pepper, chopped
1 carrot, chopped

Makes 4 servings



ATTENTION, GARDENERS!

The early spring 2002 *Gardener's Companion* is on sale. You can buy it at supermarkets, bookstores or garden centers. Or to order call 800 895 9265 ext 220 or visit www.almanac.com/go/uf0203.

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Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa.

Report Supplied By USDA
February 25, 2002

CATTLE 457...(PDA)...(Supply included 125 slaughter steers and heifers, 236 cows, 27 bulls and 69 feeder cattle).

STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1280-1450 lbs 73.00-75.00, Choice 2-3 1165-1495 lbs 67.00-73.00, 1515-1580 lbs 68.00-71.00, Select 1-3 66.00-69.00, few Standard 1-2 66.00-69.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: one High Choice 1290 lbs 63.00, few Choice 2-3 1355-1560 lbs 55.75-57.00, few Select 1-2 53.00-53.50, Standard 1-2 42.00-51.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1100-1470 lbs 66.00-72.25, Select 1-3 64.75-67.00, Standard 1-2 57.75-64.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 40.00-44.75, Boners 80-85% lean 39.00-46.50, low dressing down to 36.50, Lean 85-90% lean 37.00-45.75 mostly 38.50-44.00. Shells 35.25 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1180-2090 lbs 57.00-63.50 with one 66.00, Yield Grade 2 1035-2115 lbs 50.75-57.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium and Large 1 500-550 lbs 83.00-93.00, one 920 lbs 66.00, few Medium and Large 2 500-535 lbs 73.00-76.00, one 750 lbs 61.00, Large 3 200-385 lbs Holsteins 68.00-87.50, 945-1115 lbs Holsteins 55.00-59.00; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 400-490 lbs 77.00-86.00, 575-600 lbs 82.50, 785-900 lbs 64.50-67.00, Medium and Large 2 300-485 lbs 71.00-79.00, one Medium and Large 3 490 lbs 72.00, few 780-1010 lbs 45.00-56.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 285-490 lbs 82.00-88.00, few 560-690 70.00, Medium and Large 2 235-350 lbs 70.00-85.00, few 470-480 lbs 64.00-79.00, Large 3 450-595 lbs 58.00-63.00.

CALVES 403...VEALERS: Standard and Good 80-105 lbs 42.50-62.50, Utility 55-90 lbs 10.00-30.00 FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 135.00-160.00 with a few up to 167.50, 80-90 lbs 115.00-130.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 85.00-145.00; couple No 1 Holstein heifers 80 & 85 lbs 500.00 & 520.00, No 2 75-105 lbs 220.00-480.00

Beef type bulls and heifers 80-155 lbs 120.00-155.00.

HOGS 26...BARROWS AND GILTS: few 40-45% lean 315-325 lbs 39.00-42.00.

SOWS: 1-3 295-495 lbs 26.00-31.00, one 555 lbs 34.50.

BOARS: few 205 lbs 30.25.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 41...Slaughter Lambs: one Choice 85 lbs 79.00, few 160-165 lbs 68.00, few Good and Choice 60-80 lbs 66.00-87.50. NEW CROP LAMBS: Choice 25-40 lbs 157.50-160.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 30.00-45.00, one Yearling 52.00.

GOATS 77...(All sold by the head). Large Billies and Wethers 77.00-140.00, Medium Billies 59.00-74.00, Large Nannies 71.00-85.00, Medium 45.00-72.50, Large Kids 25.00-56.00, Small 10.00-45.00.

Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE 303...(PDA)...(Supply included 121 steers and heifers, 105 cows, 11 bulls and 66 feeder cattle)...Compared with last week's sale...steers steady with spots to .50 lower, cows 1.00 to 1.50 lower, heifers and bulls steady.

STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1245-1425 lbs 74.50-75.75, Choice 2-3 1150-1470 lbs 69.25-74.50, Select 1-3 66.50-70.00, Standard 1-2 57.75-64.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1325-1550 lbs 62.25-63.50, Choice 2-3 1260-1665 lbs 57.50-59.75, Select 1-2 53.75-55.00, Standard 1-2 45.00-52.25.

HEIFERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-4 1260-1315 lbs 74.00-74.75, Choice 2-4 1125-1370 lbs 68.00-74.00, few Select 1-3 65.00-68.00, few Standard 1-2 45.75-52.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 38.75-42.50, Boners 80-85% lean 38.00-43.75, few low dressing down to 36.75, Lean 85-90% lean 36.00-42.75. Shells 35.00 and down.

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1400-2085 lbs 59.00-65.00, one 67.25, Yield Grade 2 900-2270 lbs 45.00-55.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 435-450 lbs 87.00-90.00, one 635 lbs 78.00, one Medium 2 440 lbs 73.00, Medium and Large 3 450-580 lbs 58.50-64.00, 645-680 lbs 56.50-57.50; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 300-335 lbs 90.00-95.00, 575-715 lbs 62.00-75.00, 785-995 lbs 59.00-63.00, Medium and Large 3 640-725 lbs 40.00-48.50, one Large 3 485 lbs 100.00, one 910 lbs 61.00; BULLS: one Large 1 465 lbs 71.00, 875-920 lbs 57.00-59.00, one Medium 2 655 lbs 64.50, Medium and Large 3 425-555 lbs 43.50-57.00.

CALVES 258...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-105 lbs 40.00-60.00, Utility 55-110 lbs 10.00-37.00. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady, Holstein heifers unevenly steady...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 130.00-155.00, 80-90 lbs 120.00-130.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 75.00-132.00, weaker calves down to 65.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 80-110 lbs 520.00-660.00, No 2 70-100 lbs 200.00-490.00.

One beef type bull and heifer 120 lbs 90.00.

HOGS 146...Barrows and gilts 2.00 to 5.00 lower, sows 2.00 higher. BARROWS AND GILTS: few 49-54% lean 240-275 lbs 39.25-41.25, 45-50% lean 245-275 lbs 35.00-37.25, 40-45% lean 280-355 lbs 32.00-44.00.

SOWS: 1-3 335-465 lbs 22.00-32.50, few 510-585 lbs 28.25-37.50.

BOARS: one lot 8 head 265 lbs 24.00.

FEEDER PIGS 5...SLAUGHTER: Utility 55-110 lbs 29.00-60.00. — per head.

SHEEP 15...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: few Choice 70-95 lbs 81.00-88.00, few 110-120 lbs 61.00-64.00. NEW CROP LAMBS: couple Choice 35 lbs 142.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 20.00-32.00, couple Yearlings 46.00 & 50.00.

GOATS 25...(All sold by the head). One Large Billy 80.00, Medium 60.00-63.00, Large Nannies 61.00-69.00, one 115.00, Medium 40.00-58.00, one Large Kid 31.00, one Small 27.00.

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Tuesday, February 27, 2002

CALVES .27-5.60.

COWS .28-.46 1/4.

EASY COWS .02-.39 1/4.

FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. 35-1.04.

HEIFERS .25-.59 1/2.

BULLS .50 1/2-.63.

STEERS .46-.66 1/2.

HOGS, NONE.

ROASTING PIGS EACH, NONE.

BOARS, NONE.

SOWS .14 1/2-.31 1/2.

SHEEP .28-.43.

LAMBS EA. 36.00-63.00.

LAMBS PER LB. .74-2.35.

GOATS EA. 5.00-110.00.

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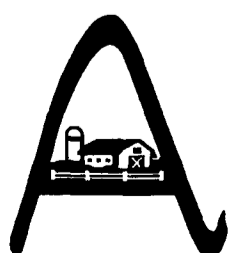


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