

**OLD FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH
ALMANAC**

MARCH 11-17, 2002


ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17

BORROWED DAYS

"March borrowed of April April borrowed of May Three days they say One rained and one snow (sic) And the other was the worst that ever blew These borrowed days or borrowing days as Sir Walter Scott called them are said to be unseasonably stormy Some say that they are the last three days in March others claim that they can come at any time or simply near the end of the month One story is that a shepherd promised March a lamb if he would temper the winds to shelter the flocks March complied but the shepherd did not pay So March borrowed three days from April and blew even fiercer winds Similarly blackthorn winds followed by blackthorn winter in late March or early April herald a spring cold snap that often coincides with the flowering of the blackthorn tree

Every climate hath his own fruit.

from Gerard (The Herbal or General Diet) of Placit. 1.11.1



TIP OF THE WEEK

Look for fuzzy catkins on the pussy willow now—they're great in flower arrangements.

RHUBARB PUNCH

1 pound rhubarb
1 cup water
1 stick cinnamon
1-1/4 cups sugar
1/2 cup lemon juice
1 cup pineapple juice
1 quart water

Cook in a heavy sauce pan with water and cinnamon over moderate heat covered for 10 minutes Strain juices and discard rhubarb Stir in the sugar Chill then add remaining ingredients and serve over ice

Makes about 2 quarts

Bland Food?

Even things up with our "Guide to Spices & Herbs" chart To order send \$3 to The Old Farmer's Almanac Dept SH P.O. Box 520 Dublin NH 03444 call 800-895-9265 ext 220 or visit www.almanac.com/go/sh

For recipes, gardening tips, and weather forecasts, visit www.almanac.com/go/uf0203

Four States Livestock Monday Sale

Hagerstown, Md.
Report Supplied By Auction
March 4, 2002

SLAUGHTER COWS: 67 HEAD, ACTIVE 1.00-2.00 HIGHER. BREAKERS 41.00-46.75, BONERS 41.00-45.00, LEAN 39.00-43.00, THIN 39.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 3 HEAD. YG+N2 1200-2150 LBS. 50.00-52.50.

FFD STEERS. 37 HEAD, STEADY. HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME 2-4 1200-1450 LBS 73.00-74.25, CHOICE 2-3 71.00-73.50, LOW CHOICE 68.00-71.00, LOW CHOICE HOLSTEINS 1600-1700 LBS 57.00-57.75, OVFR 1700 LBS 54.50

CALVES 134 HEAD, GOOD SLAUGHTER 90-115 LBS 45.00-55.00, HOISTFIN BULLS RETURNING TO FARM STEADY, SPOTS 10.00 LOWER

+N1 90-110 LBS. 130.00-150.00, 80-88 LBS. TO 117.00; +N2 90-120 LBS. 110.00-130.00, YOUNG TYPES 80.00-105.00, +N2 80-88 LBS. 75.00-100.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 19 HEAD. 1 FANCY 115 LBS. AT 635.00; +N2 85-100 LBS. 500.00-550.00, +N2 300.00-475.00, 75-85 LBS. 285.00-400.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS +N2 90-120 LBS. 100.00-135.00, 70-90 LBS. 65.00-90.00.

BUTCHER HOGS NO TOP WEIGHTS 9 HEAD 180-215 LBS 31.00-33.00.

SOWS 4 HEAD THIN 450-550 LBS 27.00-29.00, THIN 300-450 LBS 19.00-22.00.

STOCK CATTLE 30 HEAD, STEERS, NONF HEIFERS MFD AND LARGF FRAME 300-500 LBS 76.00-88.00.


500-600 LBS. 68.00-79.00, HOLSTEINS 250-350 LBS. 560.00-660.00.

BULLS: 200-400 LBS. 93.00-102.00, 700-900 LBS. SHORT 44.00-48.00.

LAMBS: 1 GOOD 88 LBS. AT 80.00, 2 CHOICE 164 LBS. 53.00 AND 57.00.

GOATS: LARGE NANNIES 72.00, FLESHY KIDS 64.00.





Day

At

Daniel's Farm Store



Monday, March 11

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
~ Hot Dogs and Snacks ~

3% Discount

On

Eprinex and Ivomec

- **FREE** Eprinex® Stainless Steel Travel Mug with each purchase.
- **5% Discount** on Merial Vaccines
- **Receive points** for Merial's Cattle Rewards program

Now is the time to make your spring deworming and vaccine purchases.

DANIEL'S FARM STORE

324 Glenbrook Rd. Leola, PA 17540 **717-656-6982** Mon.-Fri. 7-8; Sat. 7-12

Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey

Hackettstown, N.J.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, March 5, 2002

CAI VES .02-5.40
COWS .31-.46%
EASY COWS .31½-.44%
FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .28-1.30
HEIFERS .39%-61
BULLS .45%-64

STEERS 48-67
HOGS, NONE.
ROASTING PIGS EACH, 22.00-45.00.
BOARS .25.
SOWS .25-.27
SHEEP .26-.60.
LAMBS EA. 29.00-68.00.
LAMBS PER LB. .62-1.79.
GOATS EA. 60.00-145.00.
KIDS EA. 29.00-65.00.
HIDES EA. 20.00-27.00 EA.
329 HEAD.

PENNFIELD DAIRY FEEDS

#75021 - 16% FLAKE
\$164.54

#75023 - 20% FLAKE
\$179.71

#70100 - 35% PELLET
\$252.67

#75062 - 38% PELLET
\$254.78

Prices are week of 03/11/02 and include 4 ton volume, mid week/early order, 4% cash discount paid 10 days. Prices are delivered to the farm within 75 miles from Mt Joy, PA

PENNFIELD GRAIN BANK

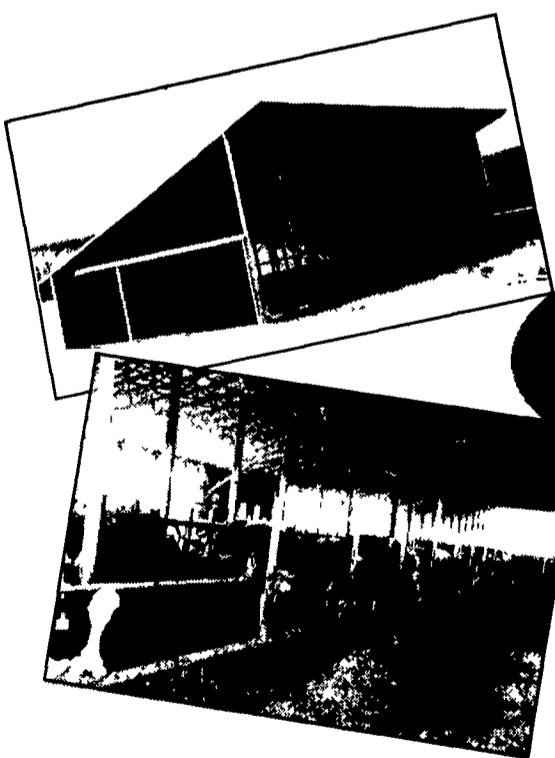
Prices may vary by feed mill location.
Prices Week Of 03/11/02

Corn	\$2.43 Bu
Soybeans	\$4.47 Bu
Barley	\$2.30 Bu

- Use Grain "Same As Cash"
- Prices Updated Weekly
- Grain Back-Hauling
- No Storage Charges When Applied To Feed Purchases
- Yearly Statement of Grain Transactions Available

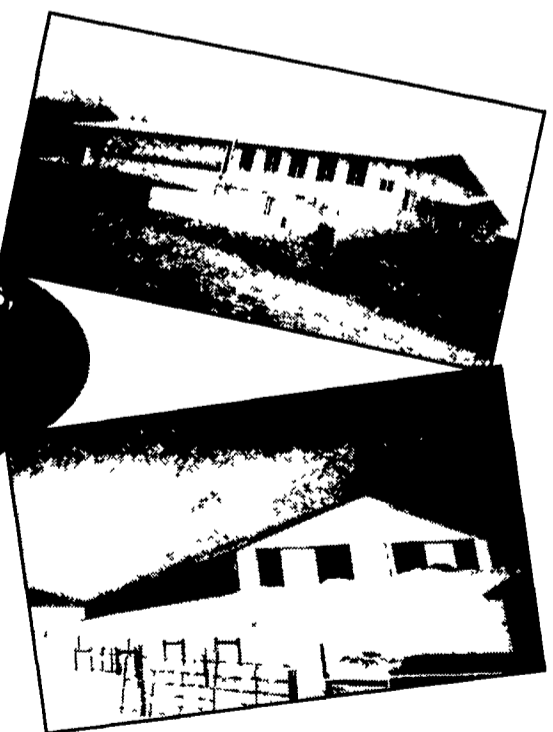
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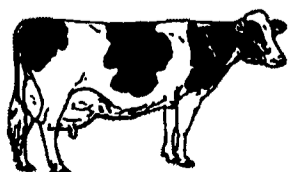


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To get photos of our work, review references from our clients or talk about your plans, please call Joe Ryan at 814-239-8426. We'd love to show you how we could help with your project.



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