

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

APRIL 1-7, 2002


ALL FOOLS', APRIL 1

FOOLS, GLORIOUS FOOLS


Let us be thankful for the fools," suggested American humorist Mark Twain. "But for them, the rest of us would not succeed." The April Fools' Day custom began in England in the 1600s and was brought to America with the early colonists. One theory claims that it began with the change from the old calendar (Julian), where the new year began on March 25 and was celebrated through April 1, to the new calendar (Gregorian), which starts the year on January 1. At the time of the changeover, the April Fools' joke was to wish someone a happy new year on April 1, and then call them an April fool if they'd forgotten the calendar change.

Sometimes a fool makes a good suggestion.

—Nicholas Boileau Despreaux, French poet and critic (1636-1711)



*The OLD FARMER'S
WEATHER
PROVERBS*




If it thunders on All Fools' Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay.

April snow breeds grass.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Too busy to get rid of clutter? Take on just one shelf or area at a time.

QUICK SPRING PASTA

<p>1 pound fresh asparagus 1 tablespoon olive oil 4 ounces (about 1/2 cup) sliced fresh mushrooms 1/2 cup chicken or vegetable broth 8 ounces angel hair pasta 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese red pepper flakes (optional)</p>		<p>der Drain juices. Add asparagus and cook for another 3 minutes, stir while cooking, and add broth as needed for moisture. In the meantime, cook pasta to desired doneness. Drain pasta and top with vegetables. Then sprinkle cheese (and pepper flakes, if desired) over the top.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Makes 4 servings</p>
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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, March 26, 2002

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: COWS, BREAKERS 40.00-46.25, BONERS 39.00-45.25, LEAN 40.00-46.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING 34.00-39.00; BULLS YG+N1 1200-1865 LBS. 55.00-58.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS, HOLSTEIN, DAIRY TYPES 400-600 LBS. 47.00-75.00; HEIFERS 450-600 LBS. 73.00-75.00, BULLS 500-600 LBS. 74.00-75.00.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 80-125 LBS. 118.00-136.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N1 90-120 LBS. 500.00-530.00, +N2 85-120 LBS. 240.00-320.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 210-275 LBS. 27.00-30.00, 295-325 LBS. 33.50-36.50; SOWS US+N1-3 400-600 LBS. 24.75-29.00; BOARS 250-290 LBS. 23.50-25.00, 300-600 LBS. 15.00-22.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 18-35 LBS. 100.00-150.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, FANCY KIDS 54.00-63.00, FLESHY KIDS 43.00-53.00, SMALL AND THIN 21.00-42.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 25-40 LBS. 142.00-152.00, 40-70 LBS. 103.00-140.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS FAT 16.00-35.00.

SALE EVERY TUES. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FAT CATTLE SALE TUES., APRIL 2; SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., APRIL 2; ALREADY CONSIGNED FOR APRIL 16 FEEDER CATTLE SALE: 25 HEAD OF BLACK BALDIES 350-500 LB. STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FOR APRIL 12. RECEIVING 7 A.M.-10:30 A.M. SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET TACK AND HORSE SALE FRI., APRIL 19. SALE STARTING AT 7 P.M. WITH TACK. RECEIVING 5 P.M.

SMALL ANIMAL SALE
March 26, 2002
RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1.00-15.50.
CHICKENS 3.50-4.25.
BANTIES 1.50-3.75.
PIGEONS 2.50-3.50.
PHEASANTS 8.50.
QUAIL 4.00-5.00.
PEACOCKS 20.00.
GUINEA PIGS 3.50-4.00.
TURKEYS 17.00-18.00.
DUCKS 3.00-12.75.
GEESE 6.50-7.00.
GUINEAS 6.25.
ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

Morrison's Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, March 25, 2002

CATTLE: 123 HEAD.
STEERS: CHOICE, NO MKT. TEST, GOOD 68.00-71.00.
HEIFERS: CHOICE, NO MKT. TEST, GOOD 58.00-68.00.
COWS: UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 36.00-42.00, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 31.00-36.00.
BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 54.00-61.00.
BULLS: YG+N1 49.00-57.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 62.00-81.00, BULLS 57.00-71.00, HEIFERS 58.00-73.00.
CALVES: CHOICE 92.00-102.00, GOOD 75.00-91.00, STANDARD 25.00-55.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 90.00-138.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 225.00-450.00.
HOGS: 189. US+N1-2, 34.00-35.00; US +N1-3, 31.00-34.00.
SOWS: US +N1-3 25.00-32.00.
BOARS: 16.00-27.00.
FEEDER PIGS: 37 HEAD. US +N1-3 20-50 LBS. 13.00-37.00.
SHEEP: 122 HEAD. CHOICE 80.00-130.00, GOOD LAMBS 75.00-90.00, SLAUGHTER EWES 20.00-29.00.
GOATS: 21.00-108.00 EACH.



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Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey
Hackettstown, N.J.
Report Supplied by Auction
March 26, 2002
Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 2 LOTS, 2.90 AND 3.50 BALE.
MIXED HAY: 17 LOTS, .70-3.30 BALE.
TIMOTHY: 1 LOT AT 3.60 BALE.
GRASS: 5 LOTS, 1.00-2.20 BALE.
MULCH: 5 LOTS, .50-1.10.
SHELLED CORN: 1 LOT AT 3.60.
TOTAL LOTS: 33.

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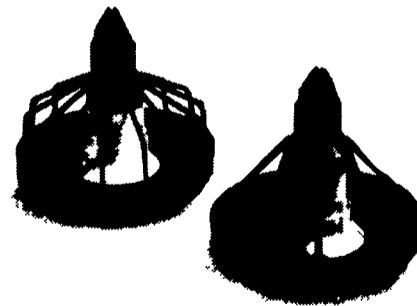


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