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THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC

APRIL 15-21, 2002
PATRIOTS DAY (MAINE, MASS.), APRIL 15


THE RETURN OF THE BIRDS

April 15 is called Swallows Day, according to old weather lore, because swallows usually appear around this date in certain locations (March 19 is also known as Swallows Day because swallows return to Mission San Juan Capistrano in California.) According to the Zun Indians, when chimney swallows circle and call, they speak of rain. If they skim along the ground, rain is coming but if they fly high and chirp it will be fair. Father in April the cuckoo or 'gowk,' was expected to return (some say on the 1st or 3rd, others call April 14 Cuckoo Day). Cuckoos 'hallooming in low lands' means rain is on the way if they soar in the high lands it means fine weather.

Weather forecast for tonight: dark.

George Catlin American comedian (b. 1937)

IN OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



The cuckoo in April, he opens his bill; The cuckoo in May, he sings the whole day


TIP OF THE WEEK

Sweet tooth? Satisfy it with a fruit smoothie instead of sweets.

BLENDER SMOOTHIE

1 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
1 cup fresh or frozen blackberries
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
1/2 cup grape or cranberry juice

Combine ingredients, blend and serve! It's full of healthful antioxidants, fiber, potassium and calcium and only about 200 calories per serving. Can save in the refrigerator for later.



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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, April 9, 2002

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS SELECT COLOR, HOLSTEINS 975-1100 LBS. 65.00-66.75; COWS, BREAKERS 39.50-44.25, BONERS 39.00-44.00, LEAN 37.75-44.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHT 34.50-39.00, SHELLY 33.00 AND DOWN; BULLS, HOLSTEINS 1490-1660 LBS. 53.00-55.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: GOOD DEMAND! STEERS MED. AND LARGE +N2 600-900 LBS. 68.00-72.00, HOLSTEINS AND DAIRY TYPES 300-850 LBS. 65.00-85.00; HEIFERS MED. AND LARGE +N1 400-885 LBS. 63.00-79.00.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 75-135 LBS. 100.00-195.00, MOSTLY 150.00-170.00; BEEF X BULLS 75-90 LBS. 115.00-130.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 205-285 LBS. 27.00-30.00, 180-190 LBS. 22.00-26.00; SOWS US+N1-3 350-500 LBS. 24.00-28.50, THIN, WEAK AND ROUGH TO 23.00.

BOARS: OVER 375 LBS. 12.00-13.00.
GOATS: BY THE HEAD, MEDIUM TO LARGE NANNIES 49.00-81.00, FLESHY KIDS 40.00-59.00, SMALL AND THIN 6.00-39.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 35-75 LBS. 98.00-145.00, 80-100 LBS. 95.00-96.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 18.00-37.00.
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 16, SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., APRIL 16. ALREADY CONSIGNED FOR APRIL 16, FEEDER CATTLE SALE 25 HEAD OF BLACK BALDIES 350-500 LB. HEIFERS AND STEERS; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., APRIL 12. RECEIVING 7 A.M.-

10:30 A.M. SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET TACK AND HORSE ALE FRI., APRIL 19. SALE STARTING AT 7 P.M. WITH TACK. RECEIVING 5 P.M. SPECIAL ORTHODOX EASTER SALE FRIDAY, APRIL 26. RECEIVING 8 A.M.-NOON. SALE IS ONE HOUR AFTER PIG SALE.

SMALL ANIMAL SALE April 9, 2002

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 2.75-7.50.
CHICKENS 3.00-5.25.
BANTIES 1.85-5.00.
PIGEONS 2.50.
PHEASANTS 8.00-10.00.
QUAIL .90-1.30.
PEACOCKS 30.00-31.00.
DUCKS 5.75-12.50.
FERRETS 15.00.
GEESE 3.50.
GUINEAS 6.00.
FINCH 4.00.
LOVEBIRD 10.00.

ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.
Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

CATTLE 418...(PDA)...(Supply included 182 steers and heifers, 133 cows, 22 bulls and 81 feeder cattle)...Compared with last week's sale...steers 1.50 to 2.00 lower, cows steady to 1.00 lower, heifers 1.50 lower, bulls 1.00 lower.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1200-1425 lbs 71.75-74.00, Choice 2-3 1000-1490 lbs 68.00-72.75, 1525-1600 lbs 65.75-68.00, Select 1-3 65.00-69.75, Standard 1-2 62.00-64.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1220-1470 lbs 62.00-64.75, Choice 2-3 1200-1555 lbs 58.00-61.50, Select 1-2 50.50-57.75, Standard 1-2 45.50-51.75.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1000-1470 lbs 67.00-71.50, Select 1-3 65.00-68.25 with one 72.75, few Standard 1-2 53.50-62.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 41.00-48.25 with a few low dressing down to 38.00, Boners 80-85% lean 38.00-45.50

mostly 39.00-44.50, Lean 85-90% lean 36.00-44.25. Shells 35.50 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1220-1905 lbs 56.00-62.75, Yield Grade 2 1030-1595 lbs 50.00-55.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 220-425 lbs 85.00-102.00, 630-675 lbs 67.50-79.00, 745-885 lbs 63.50-70.00, Medium and Large 3 445-560 lbs 44.50-56.00, Medium and Large 3 445-560 lbs 63.50-74.00, 630-800 lbs 56.00-64.00; HEIFERS: few Medium and Large 1 475-655 lbs 64.50-81.50, one Medium and Large 2 370 lbs 80.00, few 645-820 lbs 58.00-62.00, few Medium and Large 3 515-530 lbs 55.00-57.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 390-430 lbs 81.00-83.00, 665-790 lbs 60.50-69.00, Medium and Large 2 295-470 lbs 73.00-80.00, 555-755 lbs 57.00-61.00, few Medium and Large 3 365-490 lbs 59.00-60.00, 640-700 lbs 51.00-58.00.

CALVES 186...VEALERS: few Standard and Good 90-110 lbs 50.00-62.00, Utility 50-60 lbs 10.00-20.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 15.00 to 20.00 higher, Holstein heifers steady...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 150.00-187.00 mostly 155.00-180.00, 75-85 lbs 70.00-147.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 70.00-147.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 90-105 lbs 490.00-660.00, No 2 80-115 lbs 200.00-410.00.

HOGS 97...Barrows and gilts 2.50 to 3.00 lower, sows 1.50 lower. BARROWS AND GILTS: 45-50% lean 225-270 lbs 25.00-27.50, 40-45% lean 280-315 lbs 23.75-27.50.

SOWS: 1-3 300-485 lbs 21.25-25.25, 500-615 lbs 26.00-27.75, Medium 320-445 lbs 12.00-17.50.

BOARS: 375-650 lbs 10.00-14.00, couple 255 lbs 20.00.

FEEDER PIGS 39...Utility(for slaughter) 45-75 lbs 20.00-30.00. — per cwt.

SHEEP 39...Slaughter lambs steady SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 30-50 lbs 90.00-102.00, 60-90 lbs 84.00-93.00, few 100-140 lbs 53.00-65.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 10.00-30.00, Yearlings 40.00-56.00.

GOATS 13...(All sold by the head). Few Large Nannies 95.00-111.00, one Medium 50.00, one Large Nanny 53.00, Large Kids 24.00-48.00, Small 15.00-20.00.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, April 8, 2002

231 HEAD. MARKET STRONGER
DRIVING HORSES 560.00-950.00
RIDING HORSES 510.00-1300.00
REGISTERED RIDING 1550.00-2000.00
BETTER RIDING 1800.00-2500.00
PONIES 310.00-475.00
LARGE PONIES 550.00-735.00
COITS 310.00-1175.00
REGISTERED COITS 310.00-950.00

FEEDER SALE

All Consignments Welcome

Mon., Apr. 22@ 1:00 pm

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