

THE OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
 JULY 1-7, 2002
 DOG DAYS BEGIN, JULY 3

CHANGEABLE DAYS
 Hesiod, an eighth-century B.C. prophet, marked the first seven days of any month thus: the first day, holy; the second and third, luckless; the fourth, holy and good for shipbuilding, travel, or bringing home a bride; the fifth, a terrible, unkindly day to avoid; the sixth, changeable; and the seventh, holy. July 2, 1816, was an exemplary luckless day in nautical history—the French frigate *Medusa* went aground near Africa, and although 147 shipmates clambered aboard a raft, only 15 survived. In other nautical news, on July 6, 1699, a changeable day according to Hesiod, the pirate Captain Kidd was captured off of Boston. No doubt it changed things for him.

As the Dog Days commence, so they end.

TIP OF THE WEEK
 Monitor campfires, grills, sparklers, or firecrackers carefully, especially during drought conditions.

COLORFUL VEGETABLE SALAD

1 head cauliflower	broccoli and carrots until just barely tender. Do not overcook! Peas, celery and peppers should remain raw. Toss all together with the vinaigrette, chill for at least 4 hours. Serve with grilled fish or meat.
1 head broccoli	
1 pound carrots	
16 ounces fresh peas	
1 bunch celery	
yellow, red, or orange bell pepper(s), to taste	
vinaigrette of your choice	

Put the vegetables into bite-size pieces. Steam the cauliflower.

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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
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 Tuesday, June 25, 2002

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS, HOLSTEINS, DAIRY TYPES, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 51.25-57.75, SELECT 1100-1400 LBS. 62.50-64.25; COWS BREAKERS 42.25-46.75, BONE-RS 40.50-45.50, LEAN 40.00-45.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 34.50-39.75, SHELLY TO 33.75; BULLS YG+N1 1 HOLSTEIN 1735 LBS. 58.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: TOO FEW TO TEST MARKET.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 85-135 LBS. 125.00-140.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N2 80-135 LBS. 87.50-124.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N1 95-120 LBS. 560.00-620.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N2 80-120 LBS. 200.00-300.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 220-270 LBS. 35.00-38.00, 295-370 LBS. 18.50-30.50; SOWS 350-550 LBS.

17.50-22.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 15-28 LBS. 102.00-149.00, 35-60 LBS. 51.00-80.00, ROASTER 45-80 LBS. 32.00-44.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD LARGE NANNIES 48.00-62.00, FLESHY KIDS 45.00-59.00, SMALL AND THIN 22.00-40.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 40-100 LBS. 75.00-115.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS FAT 11.00-24.00.

SALE EVERY TUES. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY, EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FAT CATTLE SALE TUES., JULY 9; SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., JULY 9; RED CARPET TACK AND HORSE SALE FRIDAY, JULY 19. SALE STARTING AT 7 P.M. WITH TACK. RECEIVING 5 P.M..

SMALL ANIMAL SALE
 June 25, 2002

RABBITS AND BUNNIES: .85-8.25.

CHICKENS: 2.75-5.00. BANTIES: 1.50-2.50. PIGEONS: 2.10. PHEASANTS: 7.50. PEACOCKS: 24.00-42.00. TURKEYS 8.50-11.50. DUCKS: 4.50-5.00. GUINEA: 4.75. ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS AT 5 P.M. ALL SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.
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 Monday, June 24, 2002

STEERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE. HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE. GOOD COWS: 40.00-45.00. CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 31.00-40.00. BULLS: 1 AT 51.00. VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 110.00-675.00; 70-90 LBS. 60.00-110.00. HOGS: 35.00-38.00. SOWS: NONE. FEEDER PIGS: 30.00-50.00 HEAD.

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