


THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC
THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
 AUGUST 19-25, 2002
 ST BARTHOLOMEW, AUG. 24

AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY
 The U.S. *Voyager II* was launched 25 years ago this week, on August 20, 1977. The unmanned spacecraft transported into space a 12-inch gold-plated copper disk which is a greeting card of sorts, including 115 images, sounds of nature, various kinds of music, and salutations in 55 languages. *Voyager I* was actually launched after *Voyager II* on September 5, 1977. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune were among the destinations explored by the crafts. *Voyager I* and *II* continue traveling toward the outer boundary of our solar system, where interstellar space begins.

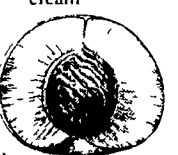


A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
 —Chinese proverb

TIP OF THE WEEK
 Rainy day? Children can make a "time capsule" tape recording, representing their world.

GINGER PEACHES
 2 tablespoons butter
 1/4 cup light-brown sugar
 1 teaspoon honey
 1/4 teaspoon grated gingerroot
 1/2 teaspoon orange zest
 1 tablespoon orange juice
 2 medium peaches, washed, pitted, and sliced
 2 to 4 scoops of ice cream, your choice of flavor

zest, juice, and peaches, saute for a minute or two. Remove from heat, but let peaches simmer until they are just soft. Serve over ice cream.



Makes 4 servings

ATTENTION, GARDENERS!
 The summer 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/wuf0208.

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Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey
 Hackettstown, N.J.
 Report Supplied by Auction
 Tuesday, August 13, 2002

CALVES .10-3.70.
 COWS .15-.45½.
 EASY COWS .02-36¼.
 FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .20-.88.
 HEIFERS .36-.56.
 BULLS .36¼-.61.
 STEERS .41¼-.65.
 HOGS .02-.65.
 ROASTING PIGS EACH 14.00-42.00.
 BOARS .08-.10.
 SOWS .15-.19.
 SHEEP .12-.39.
 LAMBS EA. 26.00-74.00.
 LAMBS PER LB. .35-1.06.
 GOATS EA. 32.00-120.00.
 KIDS EA. 14.00-70.00.
 TOTAL : 643.

Lebanon Valley Livestock
 Fredericksburg, Pa.
 Report Supplied By PDA
 August 14, 2002

CATTLE CALVES HOGS SHEEP
 GOATS TUESDAY 71 168 59 4 1 LAST
 TUESDAY 77 123 4 0 0 CATTLE: Compared with last Tuesday's auction; slaughter cows sold 1.00-2.00 lower on a light supply. Other classes were not well tested.
 SLAUGHTER COWS: Boners 80-85 percent lean 35.25-37.75. Lean 85-90 percent lean 32.00-36.25.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield grade 2 couple 1630-2195 lbs 45.50-46.75.
 FEEDER STEERS: Large 3 Holsteins couple 210-480 lbs 34.00-45.00.
 CALVES: Compared to last week; Number 1 Holstein bulls returning to the farm sold mostly 20.00 lower, few Number 2 were steady.
 VEALERS: Standard and Good 80-115 lbs 30.00-50.00. Utility 55-110 lbs 10.00-30.00. RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls Number 1 95-115 lbs 100.00-120.00. Number 2 80-125 lbs 60.00-100.00. Holstein heifer Number 1 couple 100-120 lbs 460.00-595.00. Number 2 few 60-135 lbs 50.00-94.00. Beef type bulls and heifers 65-90 lbs 37.00-50.00.
 BARROWS AND GILTS: PERCENT LEAN WEIGHT PRICE 45-50 125-195 lbs 16.00-22.00, few up to 28.00 SOWS: US 1-3 445-485 lbs 10.00-14.00 518-635 lbs 17.00-19.50 Medium Couple 575 lbs 5.00 SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice individual 55 lbs 70.00; few 70-80 lbs 60.00-65.00.
 GOATS: Not tested.

Belleville Livestock Auction
 Belleville, Pa.
 August 14, 2002

Report Supplied By PDA
 CATTLE 329...(PDA)...(Supply included 243 cows and heifers in the Dairy sale)...Compared with last week's sale...cows 1.00 to 3.00 lower.
 STEERS: one Standard 1-2 50.25.
 HOLSTEIN STEERS: couple Standard 1-2 44.75 & 45.50.

HEIFERS: couple Standard 1-2 41.50 & 51.00.
 COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 37.00-41.75, Boners 80-85% lean 34.50-38.25, Lean 85-90% lean 31.00-37.25. Shells 29.00 and down.
 BULLS: Yield Grade 2 1035-1800 lbs 44.00-49.25.
 CALVES 72...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-105 lbs 30.00-42.50, Utility 45-85 lbs 15.00-27.50.
 FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 30.00 to 40.00 lower, most weakness late in the sale...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 60.00-107.50, No 2 70-120 lbs 50.00-82.50; No 2 Holstein heifers 75-95 lbs 100.00-220.00.
 One beef cross bull and heifer 105 lbs 107.50.
 HOGS 1...BOARS: one 880 lbs 15.00.
 FEEDER PIGS 53...1-3 20-45 lbs 15.00-29.00. — per head.
 SHEEP 21...Slaughter lambs 5.00 higher. SLAUGHTER LAMBS: one Choice 40 lbs 77.50, few Choice 65-70 lbs 55.00-85.00, 90-140 lbs 40.00-57.00 mostly 50.00-54.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 19.00-30.00.
 GOATS 24...(All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 one under 20 lbs 11.00, 20-40 lbs 15.00-30.00. Selection 2 under 20 lbs 9.00-10.00, 20-40 lbs 11.00-25.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 5.00-13.00. Nannies: 40-65 lbs 19.00-37.00, one 80 lbs 72.50. Billies: 50-65 lbs 40.00-60.00.
 DAIRY COWS: 800.00-1450.00, few up to 1800.00 per head.

Carlisle Livestock
 Carlisle, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction
 Tuesday, August 13, 2002

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS CHOICE 1100-1430 LBS. 66.25-66.75; HEIFERS CHOICE 1050-1400 LBS. 64.00-66.00; COWS, ACTIVE! BREAKERS 41.75-48.00, BONERS 38.00-44.00, LEAN 35.00-41.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 32.00-37.00, SHELLY 31.00 AND DOWN; BULLS, 1 HEREFORD 1880 LBS. 48.50.
 FEEDER CATTLE: HEIFERS, HOSLTEINS 1100-1400 LBS. 41.50-44.50; BULLS 400 LBS. 81.00.
 CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 85-130 LBS. 90.00-123.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 70-130 LBS. 100.00-500.00; BEEF X HEIFERS 110-120 LBS. 97.50-112.50.
 SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 220-305 LBS. 28.50-32.00; SOWS US+N1-3 350-450 LBS. 16.50-18.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 18-40 LBS. 72.50-100.00.
 GOATS: BY THE HEAD, MEDIUM TO LARGE NANNIES 46.00-82.00, FANCY KIDS 60.00-85.00, FLESHY KIDS 40.00-56.00, SMALL AND THIN 18.00-39.00.
 LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 60-140 LBS. 57.50-90.00.
 SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 18.00-36.00.
 SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY, EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES. SPECIAL FAT CATTLE SALE TUES., AUG. 20; SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., SEPT. 3; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., AUG. 23, RECEIVING 7 A.M.-10:30 A.M. SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET TACK AND HORSE SALE FRIDAY, AUG. 16. SALE STARTING AT 7 P.M. WITH TACK. RECEIVING 5 P.M.
 SMALL ANIMAL SALE
 August 13, 2002
 RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1.00-8.85.
 CHICKENS 2.00-5.25.
 BANTIES 1.35-3.50.
 PIGEONS 2.00-2.75.
 PHEASANTS 1.80-2.25.
 GUINEA PIGS 4.10.
 TURKEYS 9.00.
 DUCKS 2.75-4.25.
 ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

New Holland Horses
 New Holland Sales Stables
 Report Supplied by Auction
 Monday, August 12, 2002

214 HEAD, MARKET STEADY.
 DRIVING HORSES 525.00-810.00.
 RIDING HORSES 500.00-1250.00.
 REGISTERED RIDING 950.00-1725.00.
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