

THE OLD FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
 SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2002
 LAST QUARTER MOON, SEPT. 29

A-NUTTING, GO
 With the autumnal equinox arriving on September 23, at 12:55 AM EST, it's time to gather fallen nuts. If you don't have a black walnut tree in your yard, search out a supply of these fine nuts to start your own grove. Take two or three good-looking nuts and place one each in a pot of good soil. Cover with squirrel proof wire mesh and set the pots in the ground. In spring, transplant the seedlings to where you want your grove. Be sure you place these trees away from other plants that would be harmed by the chemical juglone, which is released by the black walnut.

Already the dandelions are changed into vanishing ghosts.
 —Ceis Lughton Thaxter, American poet and gardener (1835-1894)

TIP OF THE WEEK
 Dig up some parsley and chives for this winter's windowsill herb garden.

ZUCCHINI SAUSAGE SQUARES
 12 ounces bulk pork sausage
 3/4 cup finely chopped onion
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 4 large eggs
 2 large zucchinis, grated
 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 1/2 cup bread crumbs
 1 teaspoon dried basil
 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
 1 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese

In a bowl, beat eggs until frothy, then stir in zucchini, Parmesan, bread crumbs, seasonings, and the sausage mixture. Pour into a greased 11x7 inch baking dish, smooth the top, and bake at 375°F for 25 minutes. Sprinkle grated Cheddar on top and bake for 15 minutes longer.

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New Holland Dairy Sale
 New Holland Sales Stables
 Report Supplied by Auction
 Wednesday, September 18, 2002
 133 DAIRY COWS, 143 HEIFERS, 7 BULLS. MARKET STEADY.
 LOCAL FRESH COWS 400.00-1475.00, 1 AT 1800.00.
 LOCAL SPRINGERS 850.00-1550.00.
 BETTER FRESH COWS 1825.00-2100.00.
 LARGE HEIFERS 1475.00-1575.00.
 SHORT BRED HEIFERS 475.00-1400.00.
 OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS 1060.00-1135.00.
 BULLS 222.00-675.00, PUREBREDS 750.00-850.00.
 UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 975.00-1475.00, 4 HEAD 1825.00-2100.00.
 FRESH HEIFERS 460.00-1475.00.
 REGISTERED HEIFERS 1150.00-1575.00.
 SMALL HEIFERS 650.00-1310.00.
 SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 730.00-975.00.
 SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 200.00-525.00.

Belleville Livestock Auction
 Belleville, Pa.
 September 18, 2002
 Report Supplied By PDA
 CATTLE 379...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale...(Supply included 267 cows and heifers in the Dairy sale)...cows steady with spots to 1.00 lower.
 STEERS: few Select 1-2 55.25-59.00.
 HOLSTEIN STEERS: one Choice 3 1520 lbs 50.00.
 HEIFERS: one Standard 1-2 40.00.
 COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 37.00-41.00, few low dressing down to 35.50, Boners 80-85% lean 33.50-37.75, Lean 85-90% lean 28.00-35.25. Shells 27.25 and down.
 BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1565-2225 lbs 46.00-48.25.
 FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: one Large 1 495 lbs 69.00, Large 3 420-555 lbs 105.00-127.50, few 85 lbs 77.50-82.50, No 2 80-110 lbs 40.00-87.50, few down to 30.00; one No 1 Holstein heifer 90 lbs 360.00, few No 2 70-90 lbs 100.00-175.00.
 HOGS 1...SOWS: one 1-3 525 lbs 10.00.
 FEEDER PIGS 117...US 1-3 30-55 lbs 6.00-25.00 per head.
 SHEEP 16...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 45-50 lbs 60.00-79.00 mostly 70.00-78.00, few 90-140 lbs 50.00-61.00.
 SLAUGHTER SHEEP: few 20.00-24.00, few Yearlings 46.00-50.00.
 GOATS 29...(All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 40-60 lbs 38.00-46.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 20.00-28.00, 40-50 lbs 30.00-34.00. Yearlings: Selection 2 one 60 lbs 55.00. Nannies: 50-85 lbs 30.00-58.00. Billies: 50-95 lbs 50.00-72.50. Wethers: few 60-90 lbs 50.00-60.00.
 DAIRY COWS: 710.00-1700.00 per head.

Mercer Livestock Auction
 Mercer, Pa.
 September 17, 2002
 Report Supplied By PDA
 CATTLE 258...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale...cows .50 to 1.75 lower.
 STEERS: few Choice 2-3 1080-1425 lbs 61.75-66.00, Select 1-3 57.50-62.75, Standard 1-2 47.00-57.50.
 HOLSTEIN STEERS: one High Choice and Prime 2-3 1440 lbs 56.50, Choice 2-3 1280-1510 lbs 51.75-54.75, few Select 1-2 49.00-52.75.
 HEIFERS: few Choice 2-4 1115-1305 lbs 60.00-65.00, few Select 1-3 56.50-60.25, few Standard 1-2 52.50-55.25.
 COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 36.00-39.00, Boners 80-85% lean 33.00-37.50, one 42.00, Lean 85-90% lean 29.00-34.50. Shells 28.00 and down.
 BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1220-1940 lbs 49.25-56.25, Yield Grade 2 1025-1900 lbs 41.50-46.00.
 FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 775-875 lbs 58.00-66.50, few Medium 1-2 300-450 lbs 70.00-94.00; HEIFERS: Medium 1 225-400 lbs 69.00-79.00, few Medium 2 400-615 lbs 52.00-60.00; BULLS: Medium 1 325-500 lbs 86.00-89.00.
 CALVES 104...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-110 lbs 20.00-40.00. FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 90-110 lbs 80.00-110.00, No 2 80-115 lbs 40.00-80.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 90-110 lbs 43.00-47.00.
 HOGS 33...BARROWS AND GILTS: 45-50% lean 210-270 lbs 24.10-27.00, few to 29.75.
 SOWS: one 1-3 510 lbs 15.00.
 BOARS: one 680 lbs 4.50.
 FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!
 SHEEP 13...NO MARKET TEST!
 GOATS 8...NO MARKET TEST!

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.
 Report Supplied By Auction
 Monday, September 16, 2002
 STEERS: 50.00-65.00.
 HEIFERS: 50.00-58.00.
 GOOD COWS: 35.00-41.25.
 CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 25.00-35.00.
 BULLS: 48.00-51.75.
 VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 100.00-540.00;
 70-90 LBS. 50.00-100.00.
 HOGS: 21.00-34.50.
 SOWS: 20.00-29.00.
 FEEDER PIGS: 11.00-19.00.

With corn harvest under way, now may be a good time to look over plans for next year's crop and see what successful producers did this year. You can do so with *Corn Talk*, the official newsletter of the Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association (PCGA) to be published in *Lancaster Farming* Oct 19. Included will be highlights of a Virginia crop exposition, grower highlights and news from the Pennsylvania and national corn growers associations.

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WED	SEPT 25 (?)	QUILT & CRAFT	9:00 AM
WED	OCT 2	WINROSS, HESS, FAR CANCELLED DYS	6:30 PM
FRI	OCT 11	TRACTORS, FARM EQ & SUPPLIES	9:00 AM

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