

THE OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
 OCTOBER 14-20, 2002
 COLUMBUS DAY, THANKSGIVING DAY (CANADA), OCT. 14

AMERICA'S FIRST LEXICOGRAPHER
 October 16 marks the birthday, in 1758, of Noah Webster, author of the first American dictionary. In 1783, his *American Spelling Book* appeared, which first Americanized the English spelling of such words as *colour* and *labour* by dropping the *u*. Webster made his living as a lawyer, journalist, and school-teacher, but we tend to remember him for the many words he added to the *Compendious Dictionary of the English Language* published in 1806, and, in 1828, the *American Dictionary of the English Language*. Webster wrote his dictionaries in longhand.

Words are good, but hens lay eggs.

TIP OF THE WEEK
 Include the apple peelings when cooking apples for jelly, because that's where most of the pectin is stored.

CRAB APPLE JELLY
 3 pounds crab apples, washed and cut, but not cored or peeled
 water, to cover
 1 cup sugar for each cup of strained juice (about 4 cups)

Boil crab apples in water until soft. Wet a jelly bag and strain crab apples through it (For clear jelly, do not squeeze bag.) Measure the juice, then simmer in a stainless steel pot for 5 minutes. Skim froth, then add sugar. Simmer for about 10 minutes, until jelly thickens and drops from a spoon in sheets (about 220°F). Skim foam and pour jelly into dry but hot sterilized jars to within 1/2 inch of top if sealing with paraffin (use 1/8 inch of wax) or to within 1/4 inch of top for two-piece metal lids. Seal, cool, and store in a cool, dark, dry place. Makes about 4 cups.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS
 Look for a cold winter when the apple peels are thicker than usual.
 Warm October, cold February.

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 SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 135.00-400.00.

Special Monthly Feeder Cattle Sale
Middleburg Livestock Auction
 Middleburg, Pa.
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 Friday, October 4, 2002
 224 HEAD.
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 HEIFERS: MEDIUM AND LARGE 1: 300-380 LBS. 78.00-80.50, 400-480 LBS. 71.00-78.00, 500-575 LBS. 70.00-78.00, 600-750 LBS. 58.00-68.00.
 MEDIUM AND LARGE 2: 300-350 LBS. 51.00-65.00, 450-480 LBS. 58.00-71.00, 520-570 LBS. 64.00-69.00.
 BULLS: SOLD UNGRADED. 300-385 LBS. 62.00-78.00, 400-495 LBS. 56.00-71.50, 500-580 LBS. 56.00-82.00, 600-660 LBS. 50.00-79.00.

New Holland Horses
 New Holland Sales Stables
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 Monday, October 7, 2002
 223 HEAD, MARKET LOWER.
 DRIVING HORSES 510.00-925.00, 1 AT 1600.00.

RIDING HORSES 485.00-1400.00.
 REGISTERED RIDING 975.00-1600.00.
 BETTER RIDING 1 AT 2025.00.
 PONIES: 185.00-400.00.
 LARGE PONIES 475.00-550.00.
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 HOLSTEIN STEERS: 200-400 LBS. 55.00-60.00, 400-500 LBS. 47.00-54.00, 500-700 LBS. 43.00-50.00, 700-900 LBS. 38.00-49.00.
 HEIFERS: 200-300 LBS. 65.00-84.00, 300-500 LBS. 63.00-81.00, 500-700 LBS. 63.00-76.00, 700-900 LBS. 62.00-69.00, 900-1000 LBS. 50.00-59.00.
 BULLS: 200-300 LBS. 75.00-90.00, 300-500 LBS. 68.00-83.00, 500-700 LBS. 64.00-71.00, 700-900 LBS. 52.00-60.50, 900-1000 LBS. 42.00-50.00.
 HOLSTEIN BULLS: 400-500 LBS. 39.00-45.00, 500-700 LBS. 35.00-43.00.
 VERY GOOD QUALITY AT THIS SALE. NEXT SALE IS FRI., OCT. 18, AT 7:15 P.M.

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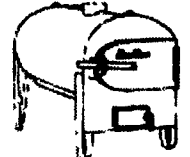

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