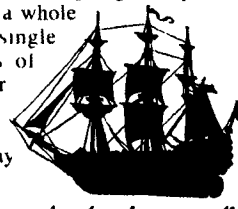


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SHIP REPAIRS IN ORDER

According to the ancients, the 4th of February is considered an auspicious day for the repair of ships. If you haven't got a wooden ship to repair, you can read about them instead. Some classics include Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*, Jack London's *The Sea Wolf* and Rudyard Kipling's *Captains Courageous*. If you want a whole string of sea yarns by a single author, read the novels of Patrick O'Brian. But reader beware! Once you get hooked on O'Brian's seafaring adventures, you may never surface for air!



There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.

-Walt Disney film producer (1901-1966)


TIP OF THE WEEK

Always keep a book with you in the car in case of unplanned delays.

CREAMED CRAB

4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup cream, divided
1 1/2 tablespoons butter
2 teaspoons flour
3/4 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
pinch of cayenne
1 pound flaked cooked crabmeat (fresh or frozen)
2 large egg yolks

cream Set aside Melt butter and stir in flour, then slowly stir in milk. Cook over low heat, stirring until thick. remove from heat. Add seasonings, cream cheese mixture, and crabmeat. Beat egg yolks with remaining cream, and mix with the crabmeat mixture. Heat briefly, but do not allow to boil. Serve immediately over rice or toast.



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New Holland Dairy Sale
New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Wednesday, January 29, 2003
299 DAIRY COWS, 249 HEIFERS, 13 BULLS. MARKET STEADY.
LOCAL FRESH COWS 610.00-1410.00.
LOCAL SPRINGERS 875.00-1310.00.
BETTER FRESH COWS 1610.00-1750.00.
LARGE HEIFERS 1375.00-1450.00.
SHORT BRED HEIFERS 650.00-1300.00.
OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS 875.00-1035.00.
BULLS 410.00-700.00, PUREBREDS 400.00-700.00.

2 HERDS 475.00-1425.00.
JERSEY HERD 625.00-1200.00.
UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 825.00-1400.00.
CANADIAN LOADS FRESH 975.00-1750.00.
FRESH HEIFERS 535.00-1485.00.
SMALL HEIFERS 475.00-1250.00.
SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 685.00-760.00.
SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 310.00-450.00.
SWISS HERD 410.00-1200.00.

Small Animal Sale
January 28, 2003
RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1.00-9.00.
CHICKENS 1.50-6.00.
BANTIES 1.60.
QUAIL .70-1.00.
GUINEA PIGS 6.75-7.25.
TURKEYS 6.00.
DUCKS 5.25-13.00.
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Carlisle Livestock
Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, January 28, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS, HOLSTEINS SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 58.00-61.00; COWS, STRONG DEMAND! BREAKERS 42.75-48.25, BONERS 38.00-46.00, LEAN 35.00-42.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHT 31.25-41.75, SHELLY TO 31.00; BULLS, HEREFORD 1385 LBS. 52.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: FEEDER STEERS SIMMENTAL 815 LBS. 59.00; FEEDER HEIFERS, HOLSTEINS 670-900 LBS. 46.00-47.00.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, ACTIVE! HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 95-125 LBS. MOSTLY 135.00-142.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N2 90-130 LBS. 95.00-133.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 220-280 LBS. 39.00-44.00, 285-310 LBS. 38.50-39.50, 200-210 LBS. 35.00; SOWS US+N1-3 350-550 LBS. 22.00-40.00; BOARS OVER 300 LBS. 5.00-8.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 16-25 LBS. 140.00-150.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, MEDIUM AND LARGE NANNIES 47.00-75.00, FANCY KIDS 59.00-75.00, FLESHY KIDS 45.00-58.00, SMALL THIN 19.00-44.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 35-60 LBS. 110.00-150.00, 60-80 LBS. 102.50-116.00, 80-110 LBS. 102.00-111.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 52.00-65.00.

SALE EVERY TUESDAY 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES., FEB. 4, 2003; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., FEB. 14, 2003, RECEIVING 7:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M., SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK SALE FRI., FEB. 21.

Middleburg Livestock Auction
Middleburg, Pa.
Tuesday, January 28, 2003
Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 318...(PDA)...(Supply included 144 steers and heifers, 113 cows, 3 bulls and 58 feeder cattle)...Compared with last week's sale...steers steady to .50 higher, cows .40 to spots 4.70 higher most strength on leaner grades, heifers steady on thin supply.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1275-1480 lbs 78.00-80.50, average 78.95, 1515-1565 lbs 71.75-75.00, Choice 1-3 1140-1490 lbs 71.50-78.75 mostly 74.50-77.50, average 76.00, Select 1-2 66.00-72.00, average 68.25, Standard 1-2 55.00-64.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: one High Choice and Prime 2-3 1335 lbs 67.00, Choice 2-3 1100-1500 lbs 58.75-63.75, average 62.00, few Select 1-2 52.25-55.50, few Standard 1-2 41.00-46.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 1-3 1080-1350 lbs 70.50-76.75, mostly 72.00-76.00, average 73.35, Select 1-2 65.00-71.75, average 68.10, few Standard 1-2 51.00-63.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 38.75-46.75 mostly 40.00-44.00, average 4 Boners 80-85% lean 39.00-44.50 mostly 39.00-43.00, average 40.85, Lean 85-90% 33.50-43.00 mostly 34.50-40.00, average 37.40. Shells 32.75 and down.

BULLS: one Yield Grade 1 1300 lbs 62.50, couple Yield Grade 2 970 & 1100 lbs 49.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 700-795 lbs 72.50-75.50, Medium and Large 2 390-455 lbs 69.00-72.00, one 810 lbs 68.00, Medium and Large 3 330-335 lbs 40.00-53.00, 630-820 lbs 48.25-51.50; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 380-455 lbs 70.00-74.50, 650-790 lbs 59.50-65.50, Medium and Large 2 360-410 lbs 61.50-65.50, 810-965 lbs 42.50-46.00, few Large 3 500-510 lbs Holsteins 35.50-50.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 260-430 lbs 76.00-84.00.

CALVES 158...VEALERS: Standard and Good 80-115 lbs 30.00-37.00, Utility 50-95 lbs 10.00-25.00. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 2.00 to 5.00 higher, Holstein heifers steady...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 110.00-152.00 mostly 120.00-147.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 50.00-115.00; one No 1 Holstein heifer 100 lbs 475.00; No 2 65-100 lbs 100.00-275.00.

Few beef cross bulls and heifers 100-125 lbs 87.00-122.00.

HOGS 50...Barrows and gilts steady, sows 2.00 lower. BARROWS AND

GILTS: 45-50% lean 225-275 lbs 37.00-41.00, 40-45% lean 285-335 lbs 31.00-43.00 mostly 37.00-40.50.
SOWS: 1-3 400-475 lbs 15.00-26.00, few 500-510 lbs 27.00-28.00.
BOARS: 340-495 lbs 3.00-6.50, 220-275 lbs 16.00-17.00.
FEEDER PIGS 6...Few 1-3 40-45 lbs 16.00 per head.
SHEEP 4...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: couple Choice 60 & 85 lbs 70.00 & 99.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: one 45.00.
GOATS 3...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 70 lbs 70.00. Nannies: one 75 lbs 67.00. Billies: one 70-100 lbs 74.00.

Mercer Livestock Auction
Mercer, Pa.
January 28, 2003
Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 287...(SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION)...Compared with last week's sale...steers 2.00 to 3.00 higher, cows 4.00 to 5.00 higher, heifers 1.00 to 2.00 lower, bulls steady to strong.

STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 1200-1450 lbs 75.00-78.50, Choice 1-3 1170-1530 lbs 70.00-74.00, Select 1-2 60.00-66.00, Standard 1-2 45.00-63.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1300-1600 lbs 55.00-61.50, Select 1-2 50.00-55.00, Standard 1-2 40.00-57.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 1-3 1100-1480 lbs 70.00-75.00, Select 1-2 68.00-73.00, Standard 1-2 53.00-61.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 45.00-51.00, Boners 80-85% lean 39.00-44.50, Lean 85-90% lean 32.00-37.00. Shells 20.00 and down.

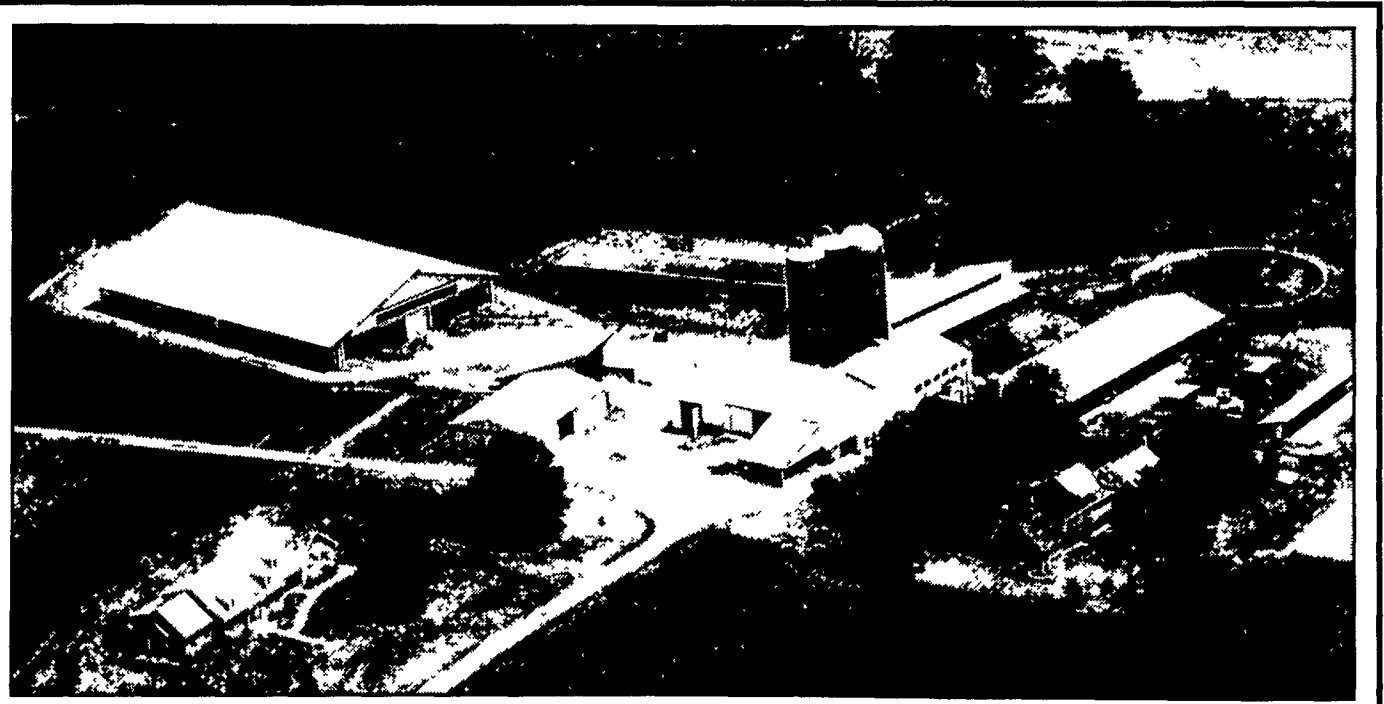
BULLS: Yield Grade 1 950-1980 lbs 44.00-52.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium 1 300-610 lbs 70.00-84.00, Medium 2 540-690 lbs 64.00-72.00, 740-1055 lbs 44.00-54.00; HEIFERS: Medium 1 350-450 lbs 68.00-79.00, 560-730 lbs 44.00-54.00; BULLS: Medium 1 350-665 lbs 62.00-77.00, Medium 2 450-915 lbs 43.00-60.00.

CALVES 57...VEALERS: Standard and Good 80-100 lbs 20.00-30.00, Utility 60-90 lbs 5.00-20.00. FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 90-105 lbs 102.00-130.00, No 2 80-110 lbs 60.00-90.00; No 1 Holstein heifer 95 lbs 440.00, one 100 lbs 390.00, No 2 130 lbs 155.00.

HOGS 55...SOWS: 1-3 250-280 lbs 31.00-38.25, 300-550 lbs 23.00-25.00, 350-450 lbs 17.00-20.00.

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