


THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

FEBRUARY 17-23, 2003

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
(OBSERVED), FEB. 17


FEBRUARY IS FOR PRESIDENTS

Officially, George Washington's birthday is honored on the third Monday in February (February 17 this year), although his actual birthday is February 22. Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, and this month was also a time of mourning for the Lincoln family. On February 20, 1862, Abraham Lincoln's 11-year-old son, William, died at the White House. Abraham and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, had four boys, but only Robert Todd Lincoln survived to adulthood.




My politics are short and sweet like the old woman's dance. —Abraham Lincoln 18th U.S. president (1809-1865)

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



When the grouse drum at night, there will be a deep fall of snow.

Winter's back breaks about the middle of February.



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Studies indicate that slow background music at meal-times helps people eat more slowly and consume less.

MAPLE MOUSSE

1/4 cup water
1 package unflavored gelatin
3/4 cup maple syrup
3 eggs, separated
1/4 cup sugar
1 cup whipped cream

bowl, and refrigerate until slightly thicker (at least 15 minutes). Beat egg whites, gradually adding sugar. Fold beaten egg whites and whipped cream into the cooled mixture. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
Makes 4 servings



Place water in a double boiler. Sprinkle with gelatin and let stand until softened. Stir in maple syrup and egg yolks, then cook over simmering water, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens slightly. Remove from heat, transfer to a cool

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Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, February 10, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 179...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale..cows steady.

COWS: Boners 80-85% lean 36.50-39.50, Lean 85-90% lean 32.00-37.00. Shells 31.50 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1130-1640 lbs 48.00-51.00, Yield Grade 2 900-1745 lbs 38.50-48.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium and Large 1 350-465 lbs 87.00-96.00, 620-825 lbs 65.00-74.00; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 355-475 lbs 70.00-76.00, 545-680 lbs 65.00-73.00, Medium and Large 2 310-460 lbs 52.00-65.00, 500-855 lbs 50.00-63.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 300-455 lbs 84.00-99.00, 500-625 lbs 70.00-79.00, Medium and Large 2 450-475 lbs 63.00-67.00, 500-945 lbs 56.00-65.00.

CALVES 115...(All calves sold per cwt). VEALERS: Standard and Good 80-120 lbs 45.00-50.00, Utility 50-100 lbs 10.00-20.00. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady to 10.00 higher..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 90.00-135.00 mostly 105.00-125.00, No 2 80-115 lbs 50.00-95.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 90-120 lbs 375.00-430.00, No 2 85-135 lbs 130.00-320.00.

Beef cross bulls and heifers 165-290 lbs 60.00-85.00.

HOGS 12...Barrows and gilts steady to 8.00 higher on retail market. BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 245-270 lbs 45.00-48.00, 45-50% lean 260-270 lbs 42.00-43.00.

SOWS: 1-3 475 & 520 lbs 26.00 & 28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 85...Slaughter lambs steady to 5.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: High Choice and Prime 110-145 lbs 83.00-92.50, Choice 45-75 lbs 117.00-130.00, 80-100 lbs 102.00-117.50, Good and Choice 35-95 lbs 65.00-95.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 36.00-51.00.

GOATS 39...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 43.00-54.00; 50-75 lbs 63.00-73.00. Nannies: 70-100 lbs and 47.00-66.00, 100 lbs and over 69.00-91.00. Billies: one 70-100 lbs 90.00, one 100 lbs and over 113.00.

Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: COWS, BREAKERS 42.00-48.00, BONERS 38.00-41.50, LEAN 33.75-40.50, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 30.00-37.00; BULLS 1100-2325 LBS. 38.00-53.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: FEEDER STEERS, HOLSTEINS 550-700 LBS. 52.00-56.00; FEEDER HEIFERS 700-850 LBS. 66.00-71.00; FEEDER BULLS 650-950 LBS. 50.00-62.00.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 95-130 LBS. 118.00-135.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS +N2 85-135 LBS. 60.00-117.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N1 90-125 LBS. 400.00-480.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 220-360 LBS. 30.00-38.00; SOWS US+N1-3 BONERS 350-450 LBS. 16.00-22.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 16-23 LBS. 14.00-16.50.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE NANNIES AND BILLIES 43.00-107.00, FANCY KIDS 55.00-70.00, FLESHY KIDS 40.00-54.00, SMALL THIN 16.00-39.00.

LAMBS: GOOD 60-80 LBS. 102.50-111.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 39.00-49.00. SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES., FEB. 18, 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.

Small Animal Sale

February 11, 2003

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1.50-11.25.

CHICKENS 1.75-5.25.

BANTIES 2.25-2.85.

PIGEONS 2.30-2.90.

GUINEA PIGS 4.50-13.00.

TURKEYS 19.00.

DUCKS 6.25.

ALL ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD. SALE STARTS 5 P.M.

Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.

February 12, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

SALE NOT REPORTED FEBRUARY 12, BUT HEADAGE IS A FOLLOWS: CATTLE 197, CALVES 125, HOGS 19, FEEDER PIGS 36, SHEEP 12 AND GOATS 2.

Middleburg Livestock Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 313...(PDA)...(Supply included 135 steers and heifers, 129 cows, 10 bulls and 39 feeder cattle)...Compared with last week's sale..steers 1.00 higher, heifers .75 to 1.00 higher, bulls steady.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1210-1380 lbs 79.50-82.00, average 80.45, Choice 1-3 1090-1485 lbs 73.00-80.75 mostly 74.50-79.00, average 76.65, Select 1-2 69.00-73.00 few Yield Grade up to 78.25, few Standard 1-2 63.00-66.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1370-1510 lbs 65.75-67.00, average 66.25, Choice 2-3 1210-1595 lbs 61.25-65.25, average 63.50, Select 1-2 55.50-61.50, average 59.25, few Standard 1-2 42.50-54.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 1-3 1000-1370 lbs 71.75-76.00, average 74.10, Select 1-2 68.00-72.75, average 70.15, few Standard 1-2 65.00-65.25.

COWS: few early sales Breakers 75-80% lean 36.50-40.25, Boners 80-85% lean 34.00-38.75, Lean 85-90% 31.00-35.75. Shells 30.00 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1000-2125 lbs 48.00-53.50, average 51.50, Yield Grade 2 1055-1810 lbs 42.00-48.00, average 45.40.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Large 3 240-260 lbs Holsteins 50.00-58.00, couple 510 lbs 59.00; HEIFERS: one Large 1 560 lbs 63.50, one Medium 2 515 lbs 63.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 440-490 lbs 73.00-82.00, 605-730 lbs 58.50-66.00, Medium and Large 2 515-565 lbs 57.00-58.50, Medium and Large 3 605-695 lbs 34.00-42.00, 785-825 lbs 41.00-43.50.

CALVES 175...VEALERS: Standard and Good 85-120 lbs 30.00-40.00, Utility 60-105 lbs 10.00-27.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 5.00 to 10.00 higher, Holstein heifers steady to 20.00 higher..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 110.00-145.00 bulk of sales 120.00-142.00, 80-85 lbs 87.00-102.00, No 2 80-130 lbs 60.00-117.00, weaker calves down to 42.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 85-105 lbs 310.00-515.00, No 2 80-110 lbs 100.00-290.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 90-95 lbs 115.00-132.00.

HOGS 104...BARROWS AND GILTS: 45-50% lean 230-285 lbs 35.00-44.50 mostly 38.00-41.00, few 40-45% lean 290-335 lbs 33.00-43.00.

SOWS: 1-3 460-495 lbs 19.00-30.50, 500-835 lbs 24.50-30.00.

BOARS: 345-620 lbs 6.25-9.00, 295-330 lbs 10.00-15.50.

FEEDER PIGS 21...Few 1-3 40-45 lbs 18.00, 65-80 lbs 29.00-34.00 per head.

SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 11...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 under 20 lbs 27.00-32.00. Yearlings: Selection 1 40-60 lbs 55.00. Selection 2 40-60 lbs 35.00, 60-80 lbs 67.00. Nannies: 50-70 lbs 35.00-40.00. Billies: 70-100 lbs 82.00.

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, Pa.

Report Supplied By PDA

February 11, 2003

CATTLE 88...(SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION).

STEERS: Select 1-2 62.00-63.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1300 lbs 56.00-58.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 1-3 1450 lbs 62.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 42.75, Boners 80-85% lean 38.00 to 40.00, Lean 85-90% lean 35.00-38.00. Shells 22.00 and down.

BULLS: one Yield Grade 2 1960 lbs 45.00.

CALVES 74...FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 95-115 lbs 130.00-145.00, 85-90 lbs 115.00, No 2 60-80 lbs 90.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 100 lbs 350.00, No 2 85-90 lbs 200.00.

Beef cross bulls and heifers 100-150 lbs 110.00.

HOGS 41...BARROWS AND GILTS: one 49-54% lean 255 lbs 36.00, 45-50% lean 200-240 lbs 33.75.

SOWS: 1-3 500-600 lbs 20.00-23.00, 400-500 lbs 20.00.

BOARS: 625 lbs 8.00.

FEEDER PIGS 18...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 1...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

Belleville Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa.

February 12, 2003

Report Supplied By Auction

CATTLE 315...(PDA)...(Supply included 252 Dairy cows and heifers in the dairy sale)..cows steady.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few Choice 1315-1570 lbs 58.25-63.25, average 60.38, few Select 1-2 55.00-56.50, average 55.92.

HEIFERS: few Standard 1-2 46.50-52.75, average 49.15.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 40.00-46.00, average 42.75, Boners 80-85% lean 34.25-40.75, average 37.40, Lean 85-90% lean 30.00-38.25, average 33.84. Shells 26.00 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 2 1590-1890 lbs 45.00-47.25, average 46.42.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium 2 220-280 lbs 36.00-47.00.

CALVES 85...VEALERS: couple Standard and Good 90 & 95 lbs 30.00 & 45.00, Utility 60-120 lbs 10.00-35.00. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls mostly 10.00 to 20.00 higher, Holstein heifers mostly steady..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 100.00-135.00, average 122.69, No 2 90-120 lbs 67.50-117.50, average 96.18, 75-85 lbs 52.50-95.00, average 72.78; couple No 1 Holstein bulls 70 & 95 lbs 320.00 & 330.00, average 325.00, No 2 90-95 lbs 140.00-330.00, average 221.00.

HOGS 1...BARROWS AND GILTS: one 45-50% lean 195 lbs 19.00.

FEEDER PIGS 36...1-3 30-50 lbs 14.00-34.00, one at 40.00, average 22.78 per head.

SHEEP 10...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: one Choice 80 lbs 80.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 12.00-37.00.

GOATS 10...(All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 2 few 10 lbs 7.00-10.00, average 9.25. Nannies: 60-80 lbs 25.00-40.00, one 77.50, average 34.17. DAIRY COWS: 775.00-1450.00 per head.

Morrison's Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction

Monday, February 10, 2003

CATTLE: 88 HEAD.

STEERS: CHOICE 75.00-78.00, GOOD 70.00-75.00.

HEIFERS: CHOICE 74.00-77.00, GOOD 67.00-73.00.

COWS: UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 37.00-43.00, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 20.00-35.00.

BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 52.00-65.00.

BULLS: YG+N1 45.00-48.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 35.00-70.00, BULLS 45.00-55.00, HEIFERS 55.00-65.00.

CALVES: 63 HEAD. CHOICE 88.00-95.00, GOOD 75.00-85.00, STANDARD 20.00-40.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 60.00-110.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 150.00-300.00.

HOGS: 102. US+N1-2, 38.00-39.00; US +N1-3, 35.00-38.00.

SOWS: US +N1-3 15.00-25.00.

BOARS: 6.00-21.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 24 HEAD. US +N1-3 20-50 LBS. 5.00-32.00.

SHEEP: 3 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 100.00-105.00, GOOD LAMBS 90.00-100.00, SLAUGHTER EWES 38.00-45.00.

GOATS: NO MKT. TEST.

Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey

Hackettstown, N.J.

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CALVES .10-3.90.

COWS .23%-46%.

EASY COWS .14%-36%.

FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .02-.83.

HEIFERS .47-.67.

BULLS .34%-57.

STEERS .38-.72.

HOGS, NONE.

ROASTING PIGS EACH 20.00-22.00

BOARS, NONE.

SOWS, NONE.

SHEEP .45-.78.

LAMBS EA. 39.00-70.00.

LAMBS PER LB. 1.05-2.21.

GOATS EA. 27.00-115.00.

KIDS EA. 32.00-60.00.

HIDES EA. 2.00-33.00.

TOTAL: 342.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction

Monday, February 10, 2003

STEERS: 50.00-73.75.

HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.

GOOD COWS: 35.00-46.25.