


FEB. 24-MAR. 2, 2003
NEW MOON, MAR. 2


LONG-GONE LYRICIST

February 27 is the birthday of poet and former Harvard Professor Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882). Longfellow's work was popular in his day and remains familiar today. "The Song of Hiawatha" and "The Courtship of Miles Standish" are just a few of the longer works he penned. Few people know that Longfellow also wrote the words to the Christmas carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." It was written during the Civil War, following the Battle of Gettysburg, and after Longfellow's son had been seriously wounded. "And in despair I bowed my head, 'there is no peace on earth,' I said."



*I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where.*

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow American poet (1807-1882)



March comes in with adder heads and goes out with peacock tails.


TIP OF THE WEEK

Use a day at home with a sick child to add to—or simply enjoy—an old photo album.

QUICK BAKED HALIBUT

2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
1 small onion, chopped fine
1 bay leaf
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
salt and pepper, to taste
2 pounds halibut fillets

Preheat oven to 350°F. Make a simple white sauce. Melt the butter gradually in the flour, and slowly add the milk whisking constantly until thickened. Add the onion, bay leaf, ground cloves, and salt and pepper. Place fish in a greased shallow baking dish. Pour the sauce over the fish and bake until the fish flakes easily and all translucency is gone—about 20 to 40 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillets. Makes 4 servings.



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Some markets not available due to inclement weather!

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, Pa.
Report Supplied By PDA
February 18, 2003

CATTLE 42...(PDA)...steers and heifers too few for a market test, cows mostly steady on a very thin test.

STEERS: Select 1-3 68.00-72.75, average 70.64, few Standard 1-2 57.25-66.00, average 61.75.

COWS: one Breakers 75-80% lean 44.25, Boners 80-85% lean 35.00-40.00, average 38.00, Lean 85-90% lean 32.25-37.75, average 35.00. Shells 30.00 and down.

CALVES 54...FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls small supply not fully tested, however, calves sold with a weak undertone, Holstein heifers not fully tested. No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 110.00-150.00, few to 160.00, average 133.94, 80-90 lbs 77.00-92.00, average 84.50, No 2 80-130 lbs 60.00-100.00, weaker calves to 47.00, average 71.80; No 2 Holstein heifers 80-95 lbs 100.00-200.00, average 150.00.

One beef type heifer 210 lbs 55.00.

HOGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied by Auction

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

156 DAIRY COWS, 91 HEIFERS, 4

BULLS. MARKET LOWER.

LOCAL FRESH COWS

475.00-1200.00.

LOCAL SPRINGERS 610.00-1135.00.

BETTER FRESH COWS, NONE.

LARGE HEIFERS 1200.00-1385.00.

SHORT BRED HEIFERS

675.00-1325.00.

OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS

800.00-975.00.

BULLS 575.00-625.00.

UPSTATE LOADS FRESH

675.00-1600.00.

CANADIAN LOADS FRESH

500.00-900.00.

FRESH HEIFERS 500.00-1200.00.

REGISTERED HEIFERS, NONE.

SMALL HEIFERS 625.00-1075.00.

SMALL OPEN HEIFERS

410.00-775.00.

SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS, NONE.

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

February 18, 2003

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CATTLE 155...(PDA).

STEERS: few Choice 1-3 1260-1300 lbs 75.75-76.25, few Select 1-2 70.00-75.00, few Standard 1-2 51.00-55.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: one Choice 1500 lbs 60.50, one Select 1-2 56.00.

HEIFERS: one Standard 1-2 54.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 40.00-48.75, Boners 80-85% lean 35.00-43.50 mostly 37.50-41.00, Lean 85-90% lean 34.00-38.50. Shells 33.50 and down.

BULLOCKS: couple Select 1-2 1070 & 1085 lbs 60.00 & 63.50.

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1365-1680 lbs 51.50-52.25, few Yield Grade 2 1040-1880 lbs 42.50-49.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium and Large 1 900-955 lbs 62.00-64.00;

HEIFERS: few Medium 1-2 500-650 lbs 55.00-77.00; BULLS: few Medium and Large 1 815-930 lbs 54.00-55.00, few Medium 2 500-750 lbs 45.00-55.00, one 475 lbs 66.00.

CALVES 76...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-130 lbs 15.00-30.00, Utility 55-85 lbs 5.00-15.00. FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 90-135 lbs 105.00-140.00, No 2 85-120 lbs 42.50-115.00; one No 2 Holstein heifer 90 lbs 285.00. One beef type bull and heifer 135 lbs 120.00.

HOGS 32...BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 240-265 lbs 46.00-50.50, 45-50% lean 240-270 lbs 37.00-44.00.

BOARS: one 585 lbs 6.00.

FEEDER PIGS 6...One small lot 1-3 50 lbs 19.00 per head.

SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS, STRONG DEMAND! 63 HEAD. CHOICE 1100-1485 LBS. 74.25-78.00, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 72.75-74.00, SELFCT 69.00-73.50. HOLSTEINS 1250-1550 LBS. CHOICE 61.00-64.25, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 58.00-60.75, 1 HEAD AT 54.50.

HEIFERS: 11 HEAD. CHOICE 1150-1340 LBS. 74.25-77.00, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 960-1275 LBS. 67.75-74.00.

COWS: 31 HEAD. BREAKERS 40.50-44.25, BONERS 35.00-41.00, LEAN 33.00-40.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING. LIGHTS 30.00-35.75, SHELLY 29.00 AND DOWN.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, ACTIVE! HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 90-125 LBS. 120.00-155.00, MOSTLY 140.00-155.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS +N2 95-125 LBS. 105.00-120.00, 75-90 LBS. 60.00-110.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-95 LBS. COUPLE 270.00-330.00.

SWINE: HOGS: 30 HEAD. 49-54% LEAN 255-275 LBS. 33.75-35.00, 45-50% LEAN 250-285 LBS. 32.75-33.00, 40-45% LEAN 290 LBS. 31.00; FEEDER PIGS 209 HEAD 19-30 LBS. 100.00-165.00.

LAMBS: 18 HEAD. GOOD CHOICE 55-75 LBS. 110.00-122.00, 1 HEAD 40 LBS. 76.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 33.00, FAMILIES BY THE HEAD 65.00-115.00.

SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY, EGGS. 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES., MARCH 4; SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., MARCH 18; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FEB. 28. RECEIVING 7:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M., SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK SALE FRI., MARCH 21.

Small Animal Sale

February 18, 2003

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1.00-6.50.

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