

# OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC

MARCH 17-23, 2003

VERNAL EQUINOX, MARCH 20

## THE "KING," THEN SPRING . . .

After you've finished celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17, it's time to listen to a little Nat "King" Cole (born March 17, 1919). With the Full Worm Moon on March 18, those early worm castings are luring the first robins our way. On March 20, welcome springtime before your morning coffee break—the vernal equinox arrives at 8:00 P.M. EST. If you haven't got your seeds ordered, time's a-wasting! The swallows are returning to San Juan Capistrano.



Plan the whole year in the spring. —Chinese proverb

### TIP OF THE WEEK

If you're trying to quit smoking, suck on a bit of fresh gingerroot or a clove.

### SPRING ROLLS

6 scallions, chopped  
1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped  
2 cups sliced mushrooms  
1 cup bean sprouts  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
1 tablespoon soy sauce  
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger  
phyllo pastry (about 12 sheets)  
melted butter, to brush on

to 400°F. Fold a sheet of phyllo in half lengthwise, add some of the vegetables, and roll up like an eggroll, turning 1/2 inch of the edges inward as you roll. Brush with butter and place on a baking sheet. Repeat to use all ingredients. Bake for about 15 minutes, turn over and bake for about 15 minutes longer. Serve hot. Makes about 12 rolls.



Saute vegetables in olive oil until cooked. Add soy sauce and ginger and let cool. Preheat oven

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

St. Joseph's Day (Mar. 19)  
clean, so follows a fertile year

The March Sun causes dust, and the winds blow it about



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## Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction Tuesday, March 11, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE STEERS SELECT 900-1300 LBS. 68.25-71.75; COWS, STRONG DEMAND! BREAKERS 42.50-47.00, COUPLE BONIFER TYPES 48.50-54.00, BONERS 38.00-43.00, LEAN 34.00-42.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 31.00-38.50, SHELLY TO 30.50

FEEDER CATTLE: FEEDER STEERS, HOLSTEINS, DAIRY TYPES 400-975 LBS. 50.00-55.00, FEEDER HEIFERS, HOLSTEINS, DAIRY TYPES 400-850 LBS. 41.50-62.00; FEEDER BULLS 400-600 LBS. 68.00-72.00.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 90-130 LBS. 120.00-148.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS +N2 80-135 LBS. 75.00-119.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N1 75-90 LBS. 100.00-215.00; BEEF X HEIFERS 95 LBS. 100.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 220-270 LBS. 32.00-33.00, 280-345 LBS. 29.75-32.25; SOWS US+N1-3 350-650 LBS. 24.00-30.00; BOARS, ALL WEIGHTS 600-11.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 16-25 LBS. 125.00-165.00, 30-45 LBS. 70.00-95.00, ROASTERS 100-165 LBS. 30.00-40.00.

GOATS BY THE HEAD, MEDIUM AND LARGE NANNIES AND BILLIES 51.00-100.00, FANCY KIDS 59.00-67.00, FLESHY KIDS 45.00-58.00, SMALL, THIN 15.00-44.00

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 25-75 LBS. 125.00-160.00

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS, 23.00-51.00.

SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY, EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., MARCH 18; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE MARCH 14. RECEIVING 7:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M., SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK SALE FRI., MARCH 21. COMPLETE EASTER SALE, PIGS, GOATS, LAMBS, SHEEP, RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS FRI., APRIL 11.

Small Animal Sale

March 11, 2003

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 2.75-20.00.

CHICKENS 3.25-4.60.

BANTIES .50-2.75.

PIGEONS 2.40-2.60.

PHEASANTS 7.25-8.00.

GEES 6.25-6.50.

GUINEA PIGS 7.50-8.00.

TURKEYS 3.00-17.00

DUCKS 2.75-6.00.

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

## Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, Pa.

Report Supplied By PDA March 11, 2003

CATTLE 124...(PDA). Compared with last week's sale...small supply slaughter steers and heifers not fully tested, however they sold with a weak undertone, Bulk of the supply of slaughter cows sold 7.5 to 1.00 lower, however Breaker types sold .50 higher, bulls not tested.

STEERS: Select 1-2 67.25-71.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few Choice 2-3 57.50-59.00, average 58.43.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 1120-1200 lbs 71.50-73.00, average 72.30, Select 1-2 66.50-72.00, average 69.55.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 42.00-48.00, average 43.75, Boners 80-85% lean 36.00-41.75, average 38.46, Lean 85-90% lean 33.25-36.75, average 35.24, low dressing 30.00-33.50, average 31.62 Shells 29.75 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1365-1955 lbs 48.00-49.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Large 3 Holsteins 485-650 lbs 38.00-39.00; one lot Large 3 925 lbs 45.25; HEIFERS: Medium 2 735-790 lbs 46.50; BULLS: one lot Large 3 490 lbs 38.00.

CALVES 113...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-115 lbs 27.00-40.00, average 33.75, Utility 65-110 lbs 10.00-26.00, average 17.55. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls mostly 5.00 higher with good demand for number 2 bulls which sold as much as 10.00 higher, Holstein heifers not fully tested No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 120.00-150.00, average 133.54, 80-85 lbs 100.00-127.00, average 117.20; No 2 80-130 lbs 70.00-122.00, weaker calves to 100.00, average 84.38; one No 1 Holstein heifers 100 lbs 25.00.

HOGS 41...Sows mostly 1.00 lower.

SOWS: US 1-3 300-500 lbs 16.00-19.00, few to 21.00, 500-650 lbs 20.00-22.00, Medium 345-595 lbs 11.00-17.50.

BOARS: one 240 lbs 15.00, one 375 lbs 8.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 3...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated) Kids: Selection 2 under 20 lbs 5.00.

## New Wilmington Livestock

New Wilmington, Pa.

Report Supplied By PDA Monday, March 10, 2003

CATTLE 207...(PDA). Slaughter cows sold mostly steady to firm on an active market.

STEERS: few low Choice 1-3 1135-1370 lbs 72.25-73.00, Select 1-2 66.50-70.00, Standard 1-2 64.00-65.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few Choice 2-3 1430 lbs 62.00, one Select 2 58.00

HEIFERS: few Choice 1-3 1125-1180 lbs 69.50-72.00, few Select 1-2 65.00-66.50, few Standard 54.25-57.50

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 41.00-47.75, Boners 80-85% lean 37.50-42.50, Lean 85-90% lean 34.00-39.00. Shells 33.75 and down.

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1410-1725 lbs 50.00-52.50, few Yield Grade 2 1155-1640 lbs 45.00-49.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Heifers: few Medium 1 895-995 lbs 59.00-65.00;

BULLS: few Medium 2 540-600 lbs 58.00-59.00, one 315 lbs 60.00

CALVES 136...(All calves sold per cwt). VEALERS: Standard and Good 70-110 lbs 20.00-35.00, Utility 50-75 lbs 10.00-15.00. FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 105.00-121.00, 85-90 lbs 57.50-80.00, No 2 85-115 lbs 40.00-100.00, No 2 Holstein Heifers 80-100 lbs 150.00-260.00.

Few Beef cross bulls and heifers 80-130 lbs 55.00-125.00.

HOGS 117...BARROWS AND GILTS: Steady to 2.00 higher. 49-54% lean 240-270 lbs 38.00-41.50, 45-50% lean 240-270 lbs 35.50-37.25, 40-45% lean 220-280 lbs 33.00-35.00.

SOWS: US 1-3 325-500 lbs 18.50-25.50.

BOARS: 305-680 lbs 5.00-10.00.

FEEDER PIGS 23...US 1-3 35-50 lbs 10.00-19.00 per head, 110-150 lbs 15.00-28.00 per cwt.

SHEEP 87...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 50-70 lbs 130.00-160.00, 70-100 lbs 102.50-120.00, 100-130 lbs 99.00-125.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 10.00-28.00, Yearlings 48.00-70.00.

GOATS 26...(All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 2 under 20 lbs 3.00-11.00, 20-40 lbs 10.00-27.50. Nannies: 50-75 lbs 20.00-32.50. Billies: one 125 lbs 87.50.

Highlights of the March Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Conference are scheduled for the April 19 Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council's (PFGC's) *Foraging Around* newsletter. Included: PFGC award presentations, conference updates, and news and information.

## New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied by Auction

Wednesday, March 11, 2003

171 DAIRY COWS, 19 HEIFERS, 20 BULLS MARKET STEADY.

LOCAL FRESH COWS 475.00-1475.00.

LOCAL SPRINGERS 810.00-1400.00.

BETTER FRESH COWS 1475.00-1550.00.

LARGE HEIFERS 1300.00-1400.00, 1 AT 1500.00.

SHORT BRED HEIFERS 875.00-1275.00.

OPEN BREEDING AGF HEIFERS 835.00-925.00.

BULLS 250.00-510.00, PURFBRED 525.00-975.00

UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 975.00-1350.00

CANADIAN LOADS FRESH 850.00-1550.00, 1 AT 1725.00, SPRINGERS 950.00-1375.00.

FRESH HEIFERS 510.00-1360.00

SMALL HEIFERS 560.00-1250.00

SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 525.00-610.00.

SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 225.00-475.00

## New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied by Auction

Monday, March 10, 2003

214 HEAD, MARKET STEADY.

WORK HORSES 510.00-900.00.

DRIVING HORSES 410.00-900.00.

RIDING HORSES 335.00-1025.00

REGISTERED RIDING 500.00-1350.00, 1 AT 2550.00.

BETTER RIDING 1335.00-1650.00.

PONIES 185.00-460.00.

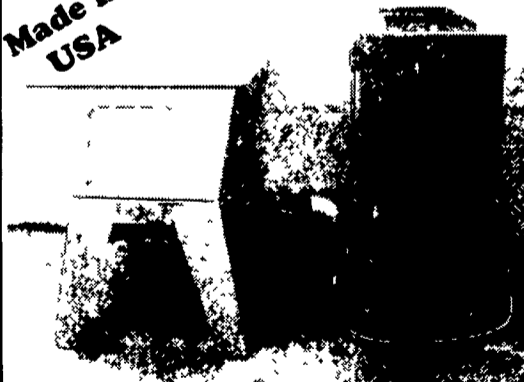
LARGE PONIES 575.00-685.00, 1 AT 1100.00.

COLTS 235.00-335.00

REGISTERED COLTS 450.00.

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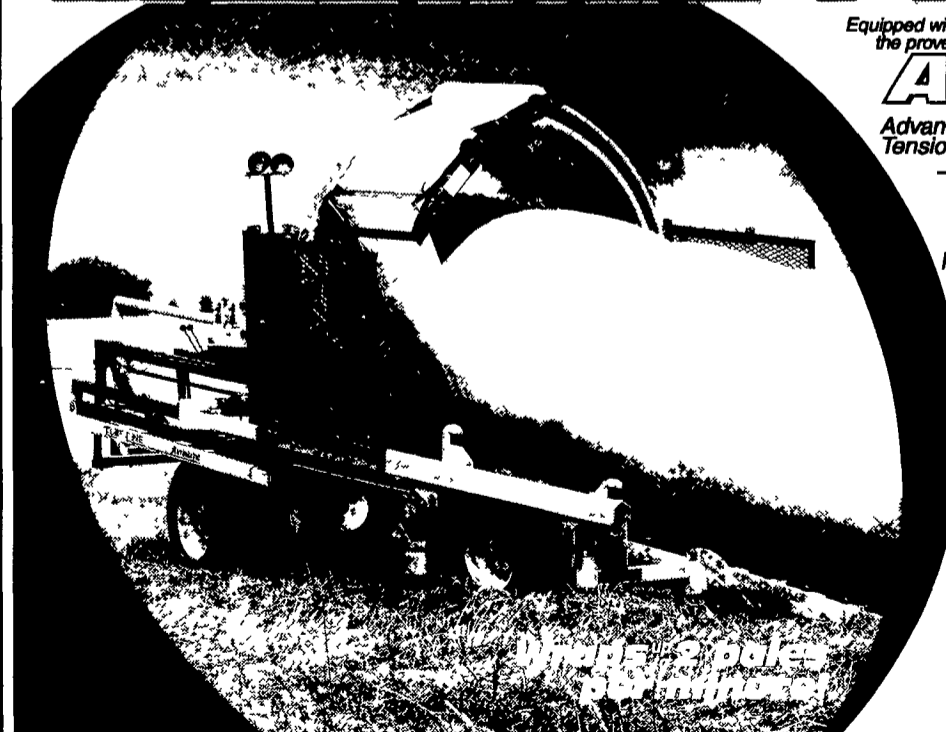
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