

**THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC**  
**THIS WEEK WITH**  
**MARCH 24-30, 2003**  
 ANNUNCIATION, MARCH 25

**MARDON ME, PADAM**

Will posterity recall your accomplishments? Or, as in the case of Reverend William Archibald Spooner your accidental slips of the tongue? Spooner was warden of New College Oxford University, from 1903 to 1924. One day he was announcing the hymn, "Conquering Kings Their Titles Take," but instead said, "Kinglying Kongs Their Titles Take," and in one "swell loop" the spoonerism was born. Oxford students wasted no time producing their own examples and attributing them to the warden. Luckily Spooner had a sense of humor and even added more of his own misspoken expressions to the growing collection which includes: "It's kistomary to cuss the bride, half-warmed fish, and blushing crow."



*No one is exempt from talking nonsense; the mistake is to do it solemnly.*

—Michel Eyquem de Montaigne, French essayist (1533-1592)

**TIP OF THE WEEK**  
 Panama hats can be cleaned with white soap and water on a clean sponge. Rinse well.

**MAPLE CUSTARD**

4 eggs  
 1/2 cup maple syrup  
 1 3/4 cups scalded milk  
 pinch of salt  
 chopped nuts (optional)

caps into a pan of hot water, and fill the cups with the custard. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes, or until a sharp knife inserted into the center of the custard comes out clean. Serve warm or chilled. Garnish with chopped nuts, if desired. **Makes 6 single custards.**

Preheat oven to 325°F. Beat together eggs and maple syrup, then slowly stir in the scalded milk and salt. Place six custard

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**THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS**

*A bushel of March dust is worth a king's ransom*

*A dry March never brings its bread*

**Carlisle Livestock**  
 Carlisle, Pa.  
 Report Supplied by Auction  
 Tuesday, March 18, 2003

SI AUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS, 79 HEAD. CHOICE 1050-1485 LBS 72.00-76.00, 1500-1575 LBS. 71.00-75.25, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 1100-1500 LBS 70.00-74.25, 1550-1780 LBS. 62.00-69.75, SEVERAL LIGHT-WEIGHTS RETURNED TO FEED 60.00-69.50, HOLSTEINS CHOICE 1300-1585 LBS. 62.75-67.25, 1 HEAD 70.00, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 1075-1885 LBS. 52.00-62.00; HEIFERS, 19 HEAD CHOICE 1100-1370 LBS. 73.00-76.00, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 70.00-72.75, HOLSTEINS 52.50-56.00

COWS: 59 HEAD, ACTIVE! BREAKERS 42.00-45.00, BONERS 38.00-43.00, LEAN 33.00-40.25, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, 1 LIGHTS 30.00-37.75, SHELLY TO 29.50; BULLS, 5 HEAD YG+N2 1105-1645 LBS. 43.00-49.00

FEEDER CATTLE: 45 HEAD FEEDER STEERS 450-650 LBS. 68.00-75.50, HOLSTEINS, DAIRY TYPES 400-850

LBS. 47.50-59.00; FEEDER HEIFERS 300-650 LBS 64.00-97.00, FEEDER BULLS, DAIRY TYPES 400-600 LBS 40.00-62.00; CALVES RETURNING TO THE FARM, 84 HEAD. HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 90-125 LBS. 110.00-140.00, BEEF X BULLS 80-90 LBS. 95.00-132.50

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 225-280 LBS. 32.50-33.25, 280-340 LBS. 32.25-35.00, BOARS, 3 HEAD, OVER 400 LBS 4.00-6.00; FEEDER PIGS, 127 HEAD, BY THE LB 15-25 LBS 101.00-130.00, 30-50 LBS. 83.00-120.00, ROASTERS 60-120 LBS 20.00-41.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, 47 HEAD. MEDIUM AND LARGE NANNIES AND BILLIES 40.00-130.00, FANCY KIDS 59.00-72.00, FLESHY KIDS 45.00-58.00, SMALL, THIN 28.00-44.00.

LAMBS: 66 HEAD. GOOD AND CHOICE 30-75 LBS. 103.00-152.00

SHEEP ALL WEIGHTS 27.00-64.00.

SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY, EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE

SALE TUES., APRIL 1. SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., APRIL 1, STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE MARCH 28. 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. SALE 9 A.M. Small Animal Sale March 18, 2003

TREND: BIDDING WAS VERY ACTIVE!

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 3.00-15.00  
 CHICKENS 2.00-5.50  
 BANTIES 1.50-3.00  
 PIGEONS 2.30-3.10  
 PHEASANTS 7.00-10.00  
 QUAIL 2.85-3.50  
 GUINEA PIGS 7.75-8.25  
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