

THE OLD FARMER'S THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
MAR. 31-APR. 6, 2003
 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS, APR 6

ALL FOOLS' DAY
 In honor of April 1 we remind you of some very foolish things that have happened within this month. Any fool knows that tax day is April 15, but fittingly April is also the month the U.S. Mint was established in 1792. Alec Guinness was born on April 2, 1914, later gaining his fame by publishing every foolish feat that ever earned a record. And on April 7, 1857 snow fell in every southern state in the United States just to make fools of the weathermen, no doubt. And finally to cap off the foolishness on April 29, 1848 Niagara Falls stopped flowing for 30 hours. Now that's foolish!

To be a fool at the right time is also an art.

TIP OF THE WEEK
 Add an egg white to whipping cream to make it whip better.

BERRY FOOL
 1 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 8 slices white bread
 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen raspberries
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 ice cream or whipped cream

the bread sprinkle with 1/2 of the sugar and nutmeg, then add 1/2 of the raspberries. Sprinkle with 1/2 of the lemon juice and rind. Begin layering again with 1/3 of the bread ending with bread on the top. Bake at 350°F until the juices are bubbly and the bread is crisp on top. Serve it with ice cream or whipped cream.

Makes 4 to 6 servings

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Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, Pa.
 Report Supplied By PDA
 March 25, 2003

CATTLE 80 (PDA) Compared with last week's sale - all steers not fully tested, cows mostly steady with true quality of the run better than most weeks.
STFFRS: one Choice 4 1420 lbs 69.75, Select 1-2 65.25-67.25, average 66.58, one returning to feed 63.50
HOLSTEIN STFFRS one Choice 2 1425 lbs 60.00
HFIFFRS one Select 2 67.75, one Select Holstein 57.00
COWS Breakers 75-80% lean 39.75-43.25, average 42.00, Boners 80-85% lean 35.00-40.25, average 37.43, Lean 85-90% lean 31.50-36.25, average 34.02, low dressing 28.75-31.25, average 30.17 Shells 28.25 and down
BULLS one Yield Grade 1 1065 lbs 50.00, few Yield Grade 2 1190-2220 lbs 41.25-46.25
FFDFR CATTLE HFIFFRS: one lot Medium 2 500 lbs 65.00
CALVES 111.. VFALERS. Standard and Good 75-110 lbs 30.00-40.00, average 35.88, Utility 55-95 lbs 10.00-30.00, average 21.36 FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady to weak..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 110.00-140.00, average 127.68, 80-90 lbs 100.00-122.00, average 116.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 80.00-110.00, weaker calves to 50.00, average 80.17, one No 1 Holstein heifer 90 lbs 215.00, few No 2 80-100 lbs 65.00-100.00
 One beef cross bulls 75 lbs 135.00.
HOGS 14..BARROWS AND GILTS one lot 40-45% lean 218 lbs 27.50
SOWS US 1-3 500-590 lbs 22.00, Medium 280-475 lbs 8.00-14.50.
BOARS. one 660 lbs 7.00.
FEEDER PIGS 0 NO MARKET TEST!
SHEEP 0..NO MARKET TEST!
GOATS 2...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). Billies: 40-60 lbs 40.00.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

In March, the birds begin to search, in April, the corn begins to fill, in May, the birds begin to lay

First three days of April foggy, expect a flood in June

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New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables
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 Wednesday, March 25, 2003

179 DAIRY COWS, 229 HEIFERS, 12 BULLS MARKET STRONGER
 LOCAL FRESH COWS 475.00-1500.00, 1 AT 1725.00
 LOCAL SPRINGERS 950.00-1325.00
 BETTER FRESH COWS 1600.00-1750.00
 LARGE HFIFERS 1300.00-1375.00
 SHORT BRFD HFIFERS 575.00-1135.00
 OPEN BRFFDING AGE HFIFERS 810.00-900.00
 BULLS 335.00-635.00, PURFBRED 500.00-660.00.
 UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 860.00-1425.00
 CANADIAN LOADS FRFHS 1200.00-1500.00, FEW 1725.00-1750.00.

FRESH HEIFERS 635.00-1325.00, 1 AT 1600.00
 SMALL HEIFERS 585.00-1125.00
 SMALL OPEN HFIFERS 535.00-775.00.
 SMALLFR OPEN HFIFERS 150.00-350.00

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
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 Monday, March 24, 2003

214 HEAD, MARKET STADY WORK HORSES 510.00-1150.00
 DRIVING HORSES 410.00-1350.00
 RIDING HORSES 360.00-1300.00
 REGISTERED RIDING 950.00-1950.00
 PONIES 160.00-625.00.
 LARGE PONIES 550.00-650.00, 1 AT 1075.00.
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