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THIS WEEK WITH
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APRIL 28-MAY 4, 2003
NEW MOON, MAY 1

PLANT COLONISTS

Forsythias and lilacs are common springtime sights in America. But neither plant is native. The forsythia made its way from China to England thanks to Robert Fortune, a plant hunter for the Royal Horticultural Society. A few plants sailed to America with settlers in 1860. Lilacs may have come from Persia to New Hampshire in 1695. In 1750, purple lilacs were planted at Governor Benning Wentworth's home in Portsmouth, and in 1919, the purple lilac was adopted as New Hampshire's state flower. The plant had also traveled west across America.

Planting is one of my great amusements.
—Thomas Jefferson, 3rd U.S. president (1743-1826)

TIP OF THE WEEK

Cut herbs just as the dew dries. Tie them loosely and hang them high.

APPLE NUT CAKE

3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 heaping teaspoon cinnamon
3/4 cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 cups chopped apples
1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
2 eggs
2 cups sugar

Add oil, vanilla, apples, and nuts (if desired), stir well. Beat together eggs and sugar until light, then fold egg mixture into apple mixture. Pour into greased 10-inch tube pan and bake for 60 to 70 minutes. Let cool for about 20 minutes before removing from pan.

Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon.

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If the pig wallows in a puddle before the first of May, the summer will be cold.



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Vintage Special Feeder Cattle Sale

Paradise, Pa.

April 21, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA

Vintage Sales Stables Special Feeder Cattle Auction for April 21, 2003 — Receipts: 365 head.

The Vintage Sales Stables held a special feeder cattle sale on April 21st, which kicks off the spring feeder specials in Lancaster County. There was a very good selection of cattle on hand, with several very nice strings of green steers and heifers that would be excellent grass pasture prospects. In fact, the first consignment through the door consisted of over 50 head of thin black cattle which drew very good buyer attention, and rightfully so. The majority of the run was made up of

black and black baldy cattle with demand remaining good for the entirety of the run.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1: pkg 690 lbs 84.00; pkg 755 lbs 80.50; couple pkgs 850-900 lbs 70.00-71.00. Medium and Large 1-2: thin pkg 460 lbs 102.00; 550-600 lbs 92.00-93.50. Medium and Large 2: 400-500 lbs 83.00-84.00, thin pkg 92.50. Medium 1-2: 350-400 lbs 90.00-94.00. Holstein Steers: Large 2: fancy pkg 600 lbs 51.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1-2: pkg 605 lbs 76.00. Medium and Large 2: pkg 415 lbs 86.50; pkg 510 lbs 83.50. Medium 1-2: 400-450 lbs 76.00-80.50; pkg 515 lbs 79.00.

FEEDER BULLS: Medium and Large 1: 450-500 lbs 80.00-85.00.

New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied by Auction

Wednesday, April 23, 2003

146 DAIRY COWS, 149 HEIFERS, 26 BULLS. MARKET STEADY.

LOCAL FRESH COWS 625.00-1400.00.

LOCAL SPRINGERS 650.00-1310.00.

BETTER FRESH COWS 1575.00-1700.00.

LARGE HEIFERS 1350.00-1400.00.

SHORT BRED HEIFERS 885.00-1350.00.

OPEN BREDDING AGE HEIFERS 875.00-1000.00.

BULLS 425.00-575.00, **PUREBRED** 475.00-760.00.

UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 875.00-1400.00.

CANADIAN LOADS FRESH 1100.00-1575.00, 2 AT 1700.00.

FRESH HEIFERS 875.00-1400.00.

REGISTERED HEIFERS, NONE.

SMALL HEIFERS 610.00-1110.00.

SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 575.00-835.00.

SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 235.00-475.00.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied by Auction

Monday, April 21, 2003

297 HEAD, MARKET STRONGER.

WORK HORSES 410.00-1725.00.

DRIVING HORSES 385.00-950.00.

RIDING HORSES 460.00-1175.00.

REGISTERED RIDING 610.00-1800.00, 2 AT 2500.00 AND 2950.00.

BETTER RIDING 1400.00-1650.00.

PONIES 160.00-435.00.

LARGE PONIES 550.00-775.00, 2 AT 925.00 AND 975.00.

COLTS 160.00-475.00.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction

Monday, April 21, 2003

STEERS: 50.00-77.75.

HEIFERS: 1 AT 69.00.

GOOD COWS: 35.00-47.25.

CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 25.00-35.00.

BULLS: 48.00-50.00.

VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 100.00-315.00; 70-90 LBS. 50.00-100.00.

HOGS: 30.00-34.00.

SOWS: 27.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 29.00-38.00.

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, April 21, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 260...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale...bulls steady.

STEERS: Standard 1-2 52.50-59.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Standard 1-2 46.00-55.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 42.50-45.50, Boners 80-85% lean 38.00-43.00, Lean 85-90% lean 33.50-38.50. Shells 33.00 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1550-1995 lbs 49.00-51.50, Yield Grade 2 985-2100 lbs 43.00-49.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium and Large 1 500-665 lbs 76.00-88.00, few Medium and Large 2 530-885 lbs 66.00-73.00; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 315-500 lbs 70.00-77.00, 515-655 lbs 68.00-76.00, Medium and Large 2 300-500 lbs 55.00-69.00, 540-800 lbs 53.00-67.50; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 345-625 lbs 76.00-89.00, Medium and Large 2 310-465 lbs 63.00-74.00, 510-800 lbs 60.00-74.00.

CALVES 135...(All calves sold per cwt). **VEALERS:** Standard and Good

70-105 lbs 37.50-65.00, Utility 45-90 lbs 15.00-36.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls steady...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs 125.00-155.00, couple to 162.50, No 2 70-125 lbs 75.00-125.00; couple No 1 Holstein heifers 100 lbs 295.00 & 300.00, No 2 80-100 lbs 110.00-175.00.

Beef cross bulls and heifers 70-105 lbs 90.00-152.50.

HOGS 4...BARROWS AND GILTS: 40-45% lean 240-250 lbs 29.00-31.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 160...Slaughter lambs steady to 25.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: High Choice and Prime 120-130 lbs 84.00 & 85.00, Choice 35-50 lbs 135.00-164.00, 55-75 lbs 137.50-165.00, 80-100 lbs 120.00-148.00, Good and Choice 20-45 lbs 65.00-115.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 22.00-40.00, Yearlings 72.50-80.00.

GOATS 46...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 2 20-40 lbs 27.00-37.00, 40-60 lbs 41.00-57.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 19.00-24.00. Nannies: couple 70-100 lbs 38.00 & 47.00, couple 100 lbs and up 60.00 & 61.00. Billies: 50-70 lbs 51.00-57.00.

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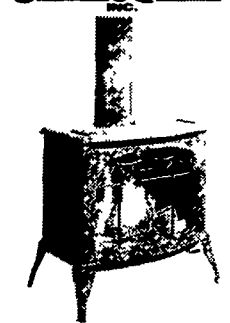
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