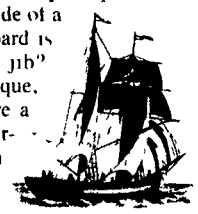
The OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC THIS WEEK WITH

MAY 19-25, 2003

VICTORIA DAY (CANADA), MAY 19

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

National Maritime Day on May 22 signals a time to increase your nautical knowledge and celebrate maritime history Do you know your port from your starboard? (Port is the left side of a ship as you face forward, starboard is the right side) A jibe from a jib? (Jibe, or jibing is a sailing technique, a jib is a type of sail) If you're a novice to the maritime world, perhaps this bit of advice from *The Wind in the Willows* will entice you to get out on the water " there is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats "



Rich are the sea-gods—who gives gifts but they? –Ralph Waldo Emerson American writer (1803–1882)

The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

A round-top cloud with flattened base [cumulus] carries rainfall in its face.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Old asphalt roofing can be recycled for use as roadbed material.

FISH CHOWDER

14 pounds cod or haddock, cubed, with bones and trimmings
1 stalk celery
1 bay leaf
1/4 teaspoon thyme
pinch of mace
2 onions, chopped
1/4 pound salt pork, diced fine
3 cups peeled, cubed potatoes
4 cups milk
2 tablespoons butter
salt and pepper, to taste

Pour 3 cups of water into a pot and add the fish bones and trimmings, celery, bay leaf, thyme, mace, and a tablespoon of the onions, bring to a boil and simmer the stock Meanwhile, fry the salt pork in a soup pot with the rest of the onions Add the cubed potatoes and fish, and cook for about 10 minutes Strain the fish stock into the soup pot Add the milk and butter, bring to just under a boil and then season to taste

Makes 2 quarts

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New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, May 12, 2003

314 HEAD, MARKET STRONG.

WORK HORSES 400.00-925.00.

DRIVING HORSES 625.00-1100.00.

RIDING HORSES 450.00-1000.00.

REGISTERED RIDING 950.00-2150.00.

BETTER RIDING 1100.00-1750.00.

PONIES 325.00-600.00.

LARGE PONIES 475.00-750.00.

COLTS 275.00-400.00.

Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, May 13, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: COWS, BREAKERS MOSTLY 42.50-44.50, COUPLE 45.75-46.50, BONERS 38.00-43.75, LEAN 34.00-39.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 31.00-38.75, SHELLY 30.00 AND DOWN; BULLS YG+N2 1485-2610 LBS. 35.50-39.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: FEEDER STEERS, HOLSTEINS, DAIRY TYPES 550-850 LBS. 48.00-56.00; FEEDER HEIFERS 550-800 LBS. FLESHY 56.00-63.00; FEEDER BULLS 500-675 LBS. FLESHY 67.50-68.00.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 80-135 LBS. 118.00-152.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N1 90-120 LBS. 300.00-370.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 210-290 LBS. 34.00-39.00; SOWS US+N1-3 350-650 LBS. 22.00-29.00, THIN, WEAK, ROUGH TO 21.00; BOARS 250-650 LBS. 6.00-16.50; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 26-115 LBS. 50.00-90.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, NANNIES 40.00-75.00, FANCY KIDS 55.00-71.00, FLESHY KIDS 40.00-54.00, SMALL, THIN 17.00-37.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 40-80 LBS. 130.00-151.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 24.00-39.00.

SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY, EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES., MAY 20; SPECIAL FEEDER CATTLE SALE TUES., MAY 20; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., MAY 16. RECEIVING 7:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M., SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK SALE FRI., MAY 16.

Small Animal Sale
May 13, 2003

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 1.40-16.50.
CHICKENS 1.20-5.00.
BANTIES 1.10-3.25.
PIGEONS 3.10-3.35.
PHEASANTS 14.00-26.00.
GUINEA PIGS 3.50-4.25.
TURKEYS 16.00-24.00.
GEESE 4.75-5.75.
GUINEAS 7.50.

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

New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables
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Wednesday, May 14, 2003

142 DAIRY COWS, 160 HEIFERS, 23 BULLS. MARKET STEADY.

LOCAL FRESH COWS 610.00-1475.00.

LOCAL SPRINGERS 935.00-1335.00.

BETTER FRESH COWS 1600.00-1875.00.

LARGE HEIFERS 1375.00-1485.00.

SHORT BRED HEIFERS 675.00-1350.00.

OPEN BREDDING AGE HEIFERS 860.00-900.00.

BULLS 200.00-850.00, PUREBREDS 575.00-800.00.

UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 725.00-1600.00.

CANADIAN LOADS FRESH 750.00-1450.00.

FRESH HEIFERS 810.00-1350.00.

REGISTERED HEIFERS 1300.00-1510.00.

SMALL HEIFERS 550.00-1325.00.

SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 575.00-800.00.

SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 110.00-435.00.

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.
May 13, 2003
Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 313...(PDA)..Compared with last week's sale...steers 2.00 to 3.50 higher, cows mostly steady to stronger.

STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1210-1310 lbs 85.00-86.25, Choice 1-3 1200-1500 lbs 80.00-84.50, Select 1-2 69.00-80.00, Standard 1-2 55.25-67.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1300-1500 lbs 70.00-75.00, few Choice 2-3 1275-1400 lbs 63.50-66.00, few Select 1-2 59.00-65.00, one Standard 1-2 57.00.

HEIFERS: few Choice 1-3 950-1215 lbs 71.25-83.00, few Select 1-2 68.50-71.00, few Standard 1-2 50.00-65.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 42.00-49.50, few to 51.50, Boners 80-85% lean 38.50-44.00, Lean 85-90% lean 35.00-39.50. Shells 34.25 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 975-2095 lbs 50.75-56.00, few Yield Grade 2 975-2085 lbs 40.50-48.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few small lot Medium 1 499 lbs 81.00, Large 2 385-410 lbs 52.00-63.00, 675-750 lbs 47.00-52.00, Medium 2 575-800 lbs 57.00-72.50; HEIFERS: few Large 1 385-665 lbs 62.00-73.50, Medium 1 300-500 lbs 65.00-73.50, 675-880 lbs 56.00-64.00, few Large 2 555-795 lbs 59.00-62.00, Medium 2 300-500 lbs 55.00-67.00, 500-700 lbs 54.00-63.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 400-650 lbs 66.00-83.00, Medium 2 350-500 lbs 60.00-74.00, 500-700 lbs 60.50-65.00.

CALVES 52...VEALERS: one Good 220 lbs 70.00, few Standard and Good 80-120 lbs 28.00-47.50, few Utility 50-90 lbs 10.00-11.00. FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs 110.00-138.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 50.00-100.00; one No 2 Holstein heifer 65 lbs 150.00.

Few beef cross bulls and heifers 90-130 lbs 125.00-155.00.

HOGS 68...BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 250-270 lbs 40.50-41.00, 45-50% lean 220-280 lbs 37.25-38.25, 40-45% lean 290-305 lbs 33.25-34.85.

SOWS: 1-3 320-665 lbs 24.00-31.00.

BOARS: couple 285 & 530 lbs 6.00 & 9.50.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 3...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 4...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). Nannies: few 50-70 lbs 15.00-34.00. Billies: one 70 lbs 32.00.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.
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Monday, May 12, 2003

STEERS: 60.00-74.00.

HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.

GOOD COWS: 35.00-44.75.

CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 25.00-35.00.

BULLS: 47.00-51.25.

VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 100.00-325.00; 70-90 LBS. 60.00-100.00.

HOGS: 40.00-43.75.

SOWS: 1 AT 28.75.

FEEDER PIGS: 15.00-43.50.

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