

THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC

JUNE 30-JULY 6, 2003

INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 4

WHAT TO DO ON JULY 4

Besides being the birth date of our nation, July 4 is also the birthday of those letter-writing twins, Abigail Van Buren ("Dear Abby") and Ann Landers. George M. Cohan was born on July 3, 1878, but always celebrated it on July 4. In 1906 he wrote the popular patriotic song, "You're a Grand Old Flag," followed by the well-known "Yankee Doodle Dandy" in 1908. In Hannibal, Missouri, July 4 is Tom Sawyer Fence Painting Day. So, write a letter, sing a song or two, and then paint the fence.

You're a grand old flag, / You're a high-flying flag, / And forever in peace may you wave . . . —George M. Cohan, American actor and producer (1878-1942)



TIP OF THE WEEK

• Salt added to wash water helps prevent colored fabrics from running.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

If the first of July be rainy weather, twill rain more or less for four weeks together.

Northern wind brings fair weather.

CURRIED CORN AND TOMATO SOUP

3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon curry powder
dash of cayenne pepper, to taste
1 cup chicken stock
1 cup canned tomatoes and juice, crushed
1 teaspoon dill weed
5 ounces frozen corn

Add milk and whisk over medium heat until thickened. Stir in the curry powder and cayenne, then add chicken stock, tomatoes, dill, and corn. Simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. This soup is best allowed to blend for at least a couple of hours. Reheat to serve. **Makes 4 servings.**

Are You a Gardener?
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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, June 24, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: ACTIVE!
COWS, BREAKERS 43.00-50.75, BONE-
RS 38.00-44.50, LEAN 35.25-42.75, BIG
MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS
34.00-37.75, SHELLY 33.00 AND
DOWN; BULLS, HEREFORDS 1660
LBS. 54.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE: FEEDER
STEERS 600-950 LBS. 60.00-70.00, HOL-
STEINS, DAIRY TYPES 350-650 LBS.
59.00-64.00; FEEDER HEIFERS 750-950
LBS. 63.00-65.00.**

**CALVES: RETURNING TO THE
FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 95-125
LBS. MOSTLY 145.00-155.00, HOL-
STEIN BULLS +N2 80-90 LBS.
110.00-144.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS
+N1 90-125 LBS. 300.00-370.00.**

**SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 215-265
LBS. 41.00-44.25, 270-310 LBS.
36.50-43.00; SOWS US+N1-3 350-780
LBS. 30.00-38.00, THIN, WEAK,
ROUGH 20.00-29.00; BOARS 220-290
LBS. 15.50-19.00; FEEDER PIGS BY
THE LB. 25-44 LBS. 90.00-134.00, 1 LOT
14 LBS. 222.00.**

**GOATS; BY THE HEAD, MEDIUM
TO LARGE NANNIES 43.00-78.00,
FANCY KIDS 58.00-76.00, FLESHY
KIDS 38.00-57.00, SMALL, THIN
15.00-38.00.**

**LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 45-80
LBS. 108.00-122.00, 80-130 LBS.
96.00-109.00.**

**SHEEP AND YEARLINGS: ALL
WEIGHTS 26.00-82.00.**

**SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR
RABBITS, POULTRY, EGGS, 6 P.M.
FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH
CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE
SALE TUES., JULY 8; STATE GRAD-
ED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., JUNE 18,
RECEIVING 7:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.,
SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET HORSE
AND TACK SALE SAT., JULY 18.**

Small Animal Sale

June 24, 2003

**RABBITS AND BUNNIES .70-10.00.
CHICKENS 2.00-4.50.
BANTIES .50-2.10.
PIGEONS 2.00-3.25.
PHEASANTS 3.50-7.00.
QUAIL 3.00.
GUINEA PIGS 4.50-11.50.
TURKEYS 15.00.
DUCKS 3.00-4.25.
GEESE 4.25.
GUINEAS 6.50-7.00.
ANIMALS SOLD BY THE HEAD,
SALE STARTS 5 P.M.**

Morrison's Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
June 23, 2003

**CATTLE: 93 HEAD.
STEERS: CHOICE 72.00-74.00,
GOOD 64.00-68.00.
HEIFERS: CHOICE 71.00-73.00,
GOOD 62.00-66.00.
COWS: UTILITY AND COMMER-
CIAL 38.00-50.25, CANNER AND LOW
CUTTER 24.00-37.00.
BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE
48.00-55.00.
BULLS: YG+N1, 47.00-56.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS
45.00-70.00; BULLS 45.00-60.00; HEIF-
ERS 45.00-65.00.
CALVES: 94 HEAD. CHOICE AND
GOOD 86.00-92.00, GOOD 78.00-85.00,
STANDARD 30.00-45.00; HOLSTEIN
BULLS 90-130 LBS. 80.00-135.00, HOL-
STEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS.
75.00-375.00.
HOGS: 120. US+N1-2, 45.00-46.50; US
+N1-3, 42.00-43.00.
SOWS: US +N1-3 18.00-32.00.
BOARS: 6.00-30.50.
FEEDER PIGS: 18 HEAD. US +N1-3
20-50 LBS. 12.00-32.00.
SHEEP: 51 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS
105.00-108.00, GOOD LAMBS
100.00-105.00, SL. EWES 25.00-42.00.
GOATS: 15.00-123.00 EACH.**

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, June 23, 2003

**STEERS: 60.00-75.25.
HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
GOOD COWS: 38.00-49.50.
CANNERS AND CUTTERS:
35.00-36.00.
BULLS: 50.00-53.00.
VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 125.00-500.00;
70-90 LBS. 60.00-125.00.
HOGS: 45.00-49.25.
SOWS: 32.00-36.25.
FEEDER PIGS: 25.00-38.00 PER
HEAD.**

**Red Meat Production
In State Down 2.6 Percent**

Harrisburg, Pa.
June 24, 2003
Report Supplied by PASS

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin co.) — Com-
mercial red meat production, dressed
weight basis, in Pennsylvania during May
2003 totaled 102.5 million pounds, down
2.6 percent from May 2002, according to
the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics
Service (PASS).**

Beef production, at 108.2 million
pounds live weight, was down 5.5 percent
from May 2002. Total head slaughtered
was 86,000, down 4.0 percent; and live
weight averaged 1,258 pounds, an de-
crease of 20 pounds compared to one year
ago.

Veal production was 5.26 million
pounds live weight, virtually unchanged
from a year ago. Calf slaughter of 14,000
head was up slightly more than 1 percent
from May 2002, and average live weight
decreased 5 pounds to 377 pounds.

Pork production was 54.5 million
pounds live weight, up 4 percent from last
year. Total head slaughtered was 219,300
up 1 percent from 2002. Average live
weight was 248 pounds, up 7 pounds
compared to May last year.

Lamb and mutton production was
682,000 pounds live weight, up 14.4 per-
cent. The number slaughtered was 6,500,
up 7 percent. Average live weight was 105
pounds, up 7 pounds from last year.

New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Wednesday, June 25, 2003

194 DAIRY COWS, 186 HEIFERS, 23
BULLS. MARKET STEADY.
LOCAL FRESH COWS
410.00-1475.00, 1 AT 1575.00.
LOCAL SPRINGERS 925.00-1300.00.
BETTER FRESH COWS
1475.00-1575.00.
LARGE HEIFERS 1435.00-1475.00.
SHORT BRED HEIFERS
810.00-1250.00.
OPEN BREDDING AGE HEIFERS
925.00-1000.00.
BULLS 325.00-575.00, PUREBREDS
550.00-800.00.
UPSTATE LOADS FRESH
575.00-1575.00.
FRESH HEIFERS 575.00-1310.00, 1
AT 1500.00.

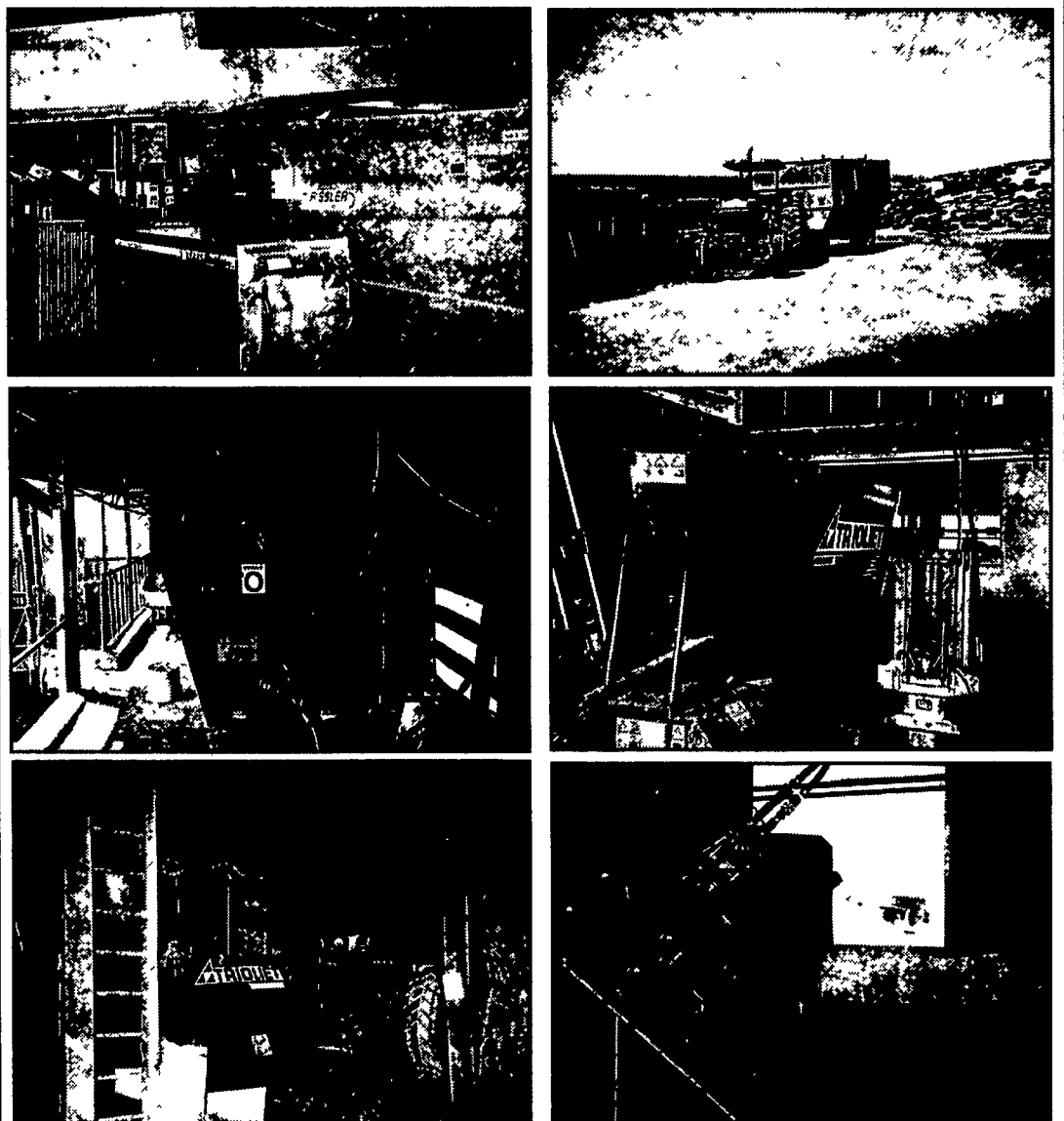
REGISTERED HEIFERS
1075.00-1560.00.
SMALL HEIFERS 475.00-1360.00.
SMALL OPEN HEIFERS
585.00-850.00.
SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS
100.00-325.00.
HERDS ALL STAGES 410.00-1325.00,
1 AT 1675.00.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, June 26, 2003

273 HEAD, MARKET STRONGER.
WORK HORSES 385.00-975.00.
DRIVING HORSES 385.00-910.00.
RIDING HORSES 375.00-1100.00.
REGISTERED RIDING
760.00-1950.00.
BETTER RIDING 1350.00-1700.00.
PONIES 185.00-400.00.
LARGE PONIES 500.00-610.00, 2 AT
825.00 AND 875.00.
COLTS 105.00-335.00.

**What Do These Farms ?
Have In Common ?**

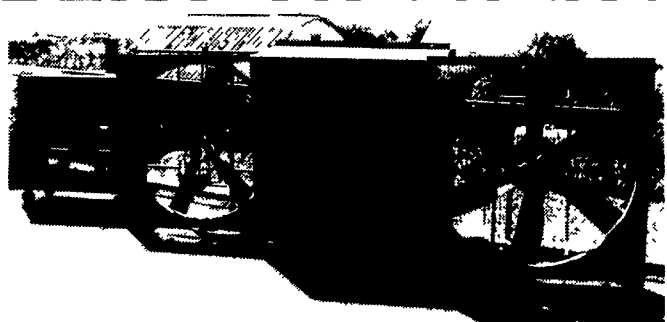


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