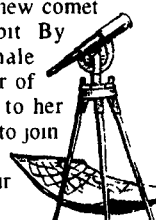


THE OLD FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
 JULY 28-AUGUST 3, 2003
 NEW MOON, JULY 29

MY STARS AND COMETS

Nantucket-born astronomer Maria Mitchell entered the galaxy on August 1, 1818. Interest in her father's astronomy hobby drew her to star-gazing, and a natural ability at mathematics took her even further. In 1847, while assisting her father in a Coast Guard survey, Maria discovered a new comet and managed to determine its orbit. By 1865, she had joined Vassar Female College as its first female professor of astronomy. Her discovery also led to her being invited (the first woman ever) to join the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Turns out that having your head in the stars can be good after all.



Look bravely up into the sky, and be content with knowing...

-Sara Orne Jewett, American writer (1849-1909)

TIP OF THE WEEK

For quicker drying, add a few small, clean, dry towels to your dryer load.

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES

- 3 medium green tomatoes
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 6 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 scallions, chopped



tomato slices, without crowding. When they start to sizzle, turn them over and brown the other side. They should be just tender—not mushy. Remove slices as they are done and keep warm in a 175°F oven with the door slightly open. Serve warm, with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkling of scallions. **Makes 4 servings, as a side dish.**

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



Five or six fogs in a row and you'll have rain.

A general mist before the Sun rises is a sign of fair weather.



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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction
 Tuesday, July 22, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STRONG DEMAND! STEERS HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 81.25-84.25, CHOICE 1030-1500 LBS. 78.00-81.00, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 1005-1235 LBS. 70.00-77.75, 1560-1720 LBS. 73.25-78.25, HOLSTEINS 1105-1680 LBS. CHOICE 66.00-69.75, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 61.00-65.75; HEIFERS CHOICE 1035-1385 LBS. 76.00-79.75, SELECT AND 2 LOW CHOICE 66.00-75.75; COWS, BREAKERS 48.00-55.25, 1 BEEF TYPE 64.50, BONE-RS 41.00-47.00, LEAN 36.00-45.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 34.00-40.00, SHELLY 33.00 AND DOWN; BULLS, HOLSTEIN 1450 LBS. 58.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: FEEDER STEERS, HOLSTEINS, DAIRY TYPES 350-650 LBS. 44.00-59.00; FEEDER HEIFERS MED. TO LRGE. 1 AND 2 700-775 LBS. 70.50-79.50.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 95-125 LBS. 128.00-142.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 80-90 LBS. 100.00-140.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N1 90-125 LBS. 320.00-400.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 290-330 LBS. 40.00-41.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 35-45 LBS. 86.00-100.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE NANNIES 56.00-75.00, FANCY KIDS 55.00-67.50, FLESHY KIDS 38.00-54.00, SMALL, THIN 15.00-37.00.

LAMBS: 85 LBS. 92.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 50.00-52.00.
SALE EVERY TUES. 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY, EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES., AUG. 5; STATE GRAD-

ED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., AUG. 8, RECEIVING 7:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M., SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK SALE SAT., AUG. 15.

Small Animal Sale
 July 22, 2003

RABBITS AND BUNNIES .50-7.25.
CHICKENS 1.00-4.75.
BANTIES 2.00-4.00.
PIGEONS 1.75-2.50.
GUINEA PIGS 3.00-5.25.
DUCKS 3.25-7.50.
GEESE 4.75.

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

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied by Auction
 Monday, July 21, 2003

172 HEAD, MARKET STEADY.
WORK HORSES 385.00-1010.00.
DRIVING HORSES 385.00-1150.00.
RIDING HORSES 385.00-1150.00.
REGISTERED RIDING 675.00-1535.00, 1 AT 2625.00.
BETTER RIDING, NONE.
PONIES 160.00-425.00.
LARGE PONIES 500.00-625.00.
COLTS 185.00-285.00.
REGISTERED COLTS 1 AT 500.00.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction
 Monday, July 21, 2003

STEERS: 60.00-79.25.
HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
GOOD COWS: 40.00-53.75.
CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 20.00-40.00.
BULLS: 45.00-55.50.
VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 100.00-425.00; 70-90 LBS. 50.00-100.00.
HOGS: 40.00-42.25.
SOWS: 34.00.
FEEDER PIGS: 38.00-50.00.

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

July 22, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 279...(PDA). Compared with last week's sale...steers mostly steady to 2.00 higher, cows active, Boner and Lean cows steady to stronger, Breakers 1.00 lower.

STEERS: Choice 1-3 1175-1529 lbs 75.00-81.75, Select 1-2 70.00-75.00, Standard 1-2 50.00-58.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: High Choice and Prime 1300-1465 lbs 72.00-77.75, few Choice 2-3 1300-1565 lbs 59.75-63.75, Select 1-2 55.00-60.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 1-3 945-1460 lbs 72.00-79.50, few Select 1-2 69.00-72.00, few Standard 1-2 50.75-56.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 46.00-52.50, Boners 80-85% lean 43.00-50.00, Lean 85-90% lean 38.00-44.75. Shells 37.00 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1325-1950 lbs 56.00-64.50, few Yield Grade 2 1185-2425 lbs 44.00-54.75.

BULLOCKS: one Choice 1-3 1290 lbs 73.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium 1-2 400-600 lbs 70.00-86.00; HEIFERS: Medium 1 225-550 lbs 74.00-85.00, Medium 1-2 400-600 lbs 69.00-86.00, 600-800 lbs 64.00-74.00; BULLS: few Medium 1-2 325-475 lbs 74.00-94.00.

CALVES 112...VEALERS: Standard and Good 80-120 lbs 20.00-45.00, Utility 50-90 lbs 6.00-26.00. **FARM CALVES:** No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 70.00-107.50, couple 117.50, No 2 80-130 lbs 30.00-70.00; few No 2 Holstein heifers 80-100 lbs 115.00-250.00. Few beef cross bulls and heifers 90-110 lbs 37.50-100.00.

HOGS 70...BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 210-270 lbs 46.00-50.50, 45-50% lean 240-260 lbs 42.00-44.60, 40-45% lean 230-280 lbs 41.00.

SOWS: one 1-3 470 lbs 29.00. **FEEDER PIGS 8...one lot 1-3 37 lbs 21.00. — per head.**

SHEEP 29...SLAUGHTER LAMBS: few Good and Choice 50 lbs 45.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 17.00-29.00.

GOATS 9...(All sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 2 few 40-60 lbs 25.00-35.00. Nannies: few 70-100 lbs 52.50-55.00.

New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables
 Report Supplied by Auction
 Wednesday, July 23, 2003

106 DAIRY COWS, 210 HEIFERS, 11 BULLS. MARKET STRONGER.
LOCAL FRESH COWS 560.00-1400.00.
LOCAL SPRINGERS 810.00-1400.00.
BETTER FRESH COWS 1500.00-1625.00.
LARGE HEIFERS 1285.00-1560.00, 2 AT 1600.00.
SHORT BRED HEIFERS 560.00-1350.00.

OPEN BREDDING AGE HEIFERS 875.00-1035.00.
BULLS 550.00-800.00, PUREBREDS 410.00-700.00.
HERD, 475.00-1425.00, OPEN PURE-BRED HEIFERS 875.00-1185.00.
UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 1250.00-1625.00.
FRESH HEIFERS 685.00-1450.00.
REGISTERED HEIFERS 1335.00-1550.00.
SMALL HEIFERS 975.00-1300.00.
SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 550.00-800.00.
SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 285.00-450.00.

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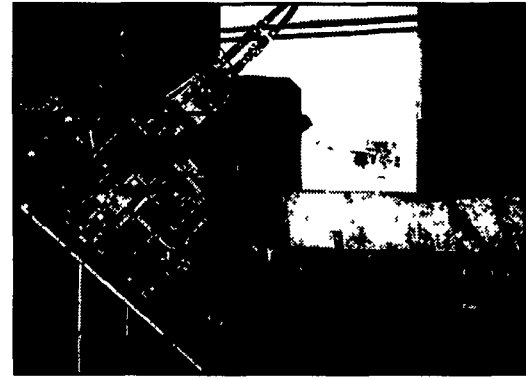
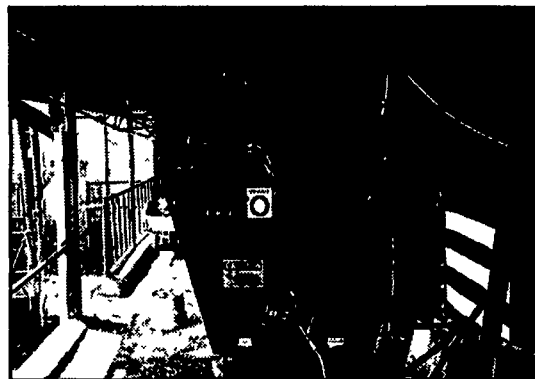
FRIDAY, AUG. 1 - 7:15 P.M.
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