

THE OLD FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH ALMANAC
AUGUST 11-17, 2003
 FULL STURGEON MOON, AUGUST 12

EVERY DOG HAS ITS DAY
 Although summer's Dog Days, traditionally the hottest days of the year, are thought to end on August 11, dalmatians are in the "hot seat" all year long. In the 1800s, when fire equipment was horse-drawn, each firehouse had dogs to help direct the horses and to alert pedestrians and vehicles that the fire wagon was coming. Dalmatians were favored for this job because of their size, friendliness, health, and stamina—plus, they got along well with the horses. With the advent of gasoline-powered fire engines, the dalmatians weren't really needed any longer, but they became a kid-friendly symbol of the honorable profession of fire fighting. Today, dalmatians are common companions to firefighters.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.
 —Anonymous

TIP OF THE WEEK
 To help repel fleas on your pets, add brewer's yeast to pet food.

BAKED SUMMER SQUASH
 3 pounds yellow squash or zucchini
 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1 cup fresh bread crumbs

the squash with half the melted butter, the onion, eggs, sugar, salt, and pepper. Spoon into a 2-quart casserole dish. Combine the bread crumbs with the remaining butter and sprinkle over the squash. Bake for about 45 minutes and serve hot.
 Makes 6 servings

Something's Fishy!
 For a handy chart of fishing facts, knots and lore, send \$3.50 to The Old Farmer's Almanac, Dept. FC, P.O. Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444, call 800-895-9265, ext. 220 or visit www.almanac.com/go/wuf0308b.

For recipes, gardening tips, and weather forecasts, visit www.almanac.com



August needs the dew as much as men need their bread.

Never offer your hen for sale on a rainy day.

If corn blades twist up, it will rain.

Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
 Report Supplied by Auction
 Tuesday, August 5, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STRONG DEMAND! STEERS HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1150-1490 LBS. 83.00-85.75, CHOICE 2-3 1005-1485 LBS. 78.00-82.75, SELECT 1-3 1010-1400 LBS. 75.00-77.75, COUPLE NO ROLLS 1005-1310 LBS. 62.50-70.00, HOLSTEINS (STEERS AND HEIFERS) HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1275-1480 LBS. 71.75-75.00, CHOICE 2-3 1275-1480 LBS. 66.50-71.00; HEIFERS HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 1195-1370 LBS. 80.00-83.00, CHOICE 2-4 1145-1380 LBS. 77.00-79.75, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE COUPLE 975-1095 LBS. 64.75-73.50.

COWS: ACTIVE! BREAKERS 47.00-52.75, BONERS 40.00-46.75, LEAN 36.00-45.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 33.00-43.00, SHELLY 32.50 AND DOWN.

FEEDER CATTLE: FEEDER STEERS, HOLSTEINS, DAIRY TYPES 350-950 LBS. 51.00-68.00; FEEDER HEIFERS MED. AND LREGE. +N1 400-600 LBS. 79.00-89.00, HOLSTEINS, DAIRY TYPES 550-975 LBS. 46.00-50.00; FEEDER BULLS MED. AND LARGE +N1 350-600 LBS. 81.00-89.00, +N2 550-750 LBS. 63.00-70.00, 750-975 LBS. 51.50-61.50.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 95-125 LBS. MOSTLY 130.00-152.50, 75-90 LBS. 55.00-110.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N1 95-125 LBS. 350.00-370.00, +N2 75-125 LBS. 200.00-290.00.

SWINE: HOGS US+N1-3 210-285 LBS. 36.00-39.75, 290-310 LBS. 32.50-35.00; SOWS 350-500 LBS. 29.00-36.00; BOARS 775-810 LBS. 6.00; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 22-50 LBS. 48.00-83.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE NANNIES 44.00-81.00, FANCY KIDS 55.00-74.00, FLESHY KIDS 38.00-54.00, SMALL, THIN 10.00-35.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 30-60 LBS. 92.00-108.00, 60-100 LBS. 76.00-102.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 30.00-65.00.

SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES., AUG. 19; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., AUG. 8 AND 22, RECEIVING 7:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK SALE FRI., AUG. 15.

Small Animal Sale
 August 5, 2003

RABBITS AND BUNNIES .60-7.50.

CHICKENS 1.30-4.50.

BANTIES 1.00-2.25.

PIGEONS 1.60-3.00.

PHEASANTS 4.00-4.75.

QUAIL 1.25-1.50.

CHUKARS 2.50.

GUINEA PIGS 3.00-6.00.

DUCKS 3.25-8.25.

GEESE 3.00-3.50.

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

Eighty-Four Livestock Auction

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, August 4, 2003

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 237...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale...cows steady, bulls steady to 3.00 higher.

STEERS: Choice 1-3 1015-1120 lbs 80.00-82.00, Standard 1-2 52.00-65.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Standard 1-2 53.00-58.50.

HEIFERS: one Select 1-2 66.50, Standard 1-2 50.00-55.00.

COWS: Boners 80-85% lean 38.00-44.50, Lean 85-90% lean 35.00-41.00. Shells 34.50 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 980-1850 lbs 56.00-62.50, one 69.00, Yield Grade 2 985-1885 lbs 49.00-54.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium and Large 1 500-745 lbs 87.00-96.00, Medium and Large 2 600-960 lbs 77.00-85.00; HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 300-465 lbs 90.00-107.00, 525-710 lbs 79.00-94.00, Medium and Large 2 455-790 lbs 62.00-76.00; BULLS: Medium and Large 1 350-500 lbs 88.00-112.00, 540-570 lbs 79.00-90.00, Medium and Large 2 550-845 lbs 64.00-75.00.

CALVES 198...(All calves sold per cwt). VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-105 lbs 25.00-45.00, Utility 45-115 lbs 5.00-23.00. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls steady to 10.00 lower..No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 90.00-145.00, couple to 147.50, No 2 80-130 lbs 50.00-90.00; No 1 Holstein heifers 90-105 lbs 350.00-410.00, No 2 75-100 lbs 100.00-230.00.

Beef cross bulls and heifers 80-125 lbs 92.50-125.00, 135-275 lbs 86.00-110.00.

HOGS 9...BARROWS AND GILTS: lite 40-45% lean 95-105 lbs 34.50-43.00.

SOWS: 1-3 240-495 lbs 22.00-27.00, one Medium 390 lbs 18.50.

FEEDER PIGS 10...2-3 40-50 lbs 18.00-26.00. — per head.

SHEEP 102...Slaughter lambs steady.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: High Choice and Prime 110-135 lbs 74.00-83.00, Choice 55-75 lbs 89.00-106.00, 80-95 lbs 81.00-97.00, Good and Choice 40-60 lbs 65.00-83.00.

SLAUGHTER SHEEP: 20.00-42.00, Yearlings 52.00-63.00.

GOATS 142...(All goats sold by the head with weights estimated). Kids: Selection 1 20-40 lbs 40.00-49.00, Selection 2 20-40 lbs 30.00-38.00, 40-60 lbs 40.00-53.00, Selection 3 20-40 lbs 19.00-28.00, Small Kids 10.00-18.00. Nannies: 70-100 lbs 35.00-55.00, 100 lbs and over 59.00-81.00. Billies: 70-100 lbs 54.00-70.00, 100 lbs and over 71.00-81.00.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction

Monday, August 4, 2003

STEERS: 50.00-82.00.

HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.

GOOD COWS: 40.00-48.25.

CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 25.00-40.00.

BULLS: 50.00-58.50.

VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 100.00-475.00;

70-90 LBS. 50.00-100.00.

HOGS: 40.00-45.50.

SOWS: 30.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 20.00-46.00.

Special Monthly Greencastle Livestock Sale

Greencastle, Pa.

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August 1, 2003

407 HEAD.

STEERS: 200-300 LBS. 90.00-112.00, 300-500 LBS. 85.00-104.50, 500-600 LBS. 80.00-95.00, 600-700 LBS. 75.00-86.50, 700-900 LBS. 70.00-85.00, 900-1000 lbs. 85.00-75.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: 200-400 LBS. 60.00-71.00, 400-500 LBS. 60.00-68.50, 500-700 LBS. 57.00-61.00, 700-900 LBS. 55.00-60.00, 900-1000 lbs. 52.00-57.00.

HEIFERS: 200-300 LBS. 83.00-101.00, 300-500 LBS. 83.00-93.50, 500-700 LBS. 78.00-91.00, 700-900 LBS. 71.00-81.00.

900-1000 LBS. 57.00-69.00.

BULLS: 200-300 LBS. 86.00-105.00,

300-500 LBS. 83.00-103.00, 500-700 LBS. 70.00-84.00, 700-900 LBS. 62.00-70.00,

900-1000 LBS. 55.00-63.50.

HOLSTEIN BULLS: 500-900 LBS. 48.00-54.00.

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