

THE OLD FARMER'S
THIS WEEK WITH **ALMANAC**

AUGUST 25-31, 2003
NEW MOON, AUGUST 27

'BYE, GEORGE!

On August 29, 1782 the British vessel *Royal George* unexpectedly sank at her mooring in Portsmouth Harbor, England. The ship was being careened for repairs, a common system of heeling a ship wholly or partly on its side in order to clean, paint, or repair the portions of the hull below the water-line near the keel. In fact, the word careen comes from the Latin (*carina*) for keel although it is often confused with and used colloquially for career, as in "the car careened off down the street." In any case, we'd guess that the careening of the *Royal George* and subsequent sorry sinking, was not a good career move for anyone involved.

The wonder is always new that any sane man can be a sailor.

Ralph Waldo Emerson American essayist (1803-1882)

TIP OF THE WEEK
Float cabbage or broccoli worms out by soaking heads in a gallon of water with a teaspoon of salt.

BLUEBERRY PIE

dough for a 2-crust pie
1 quart blueberries, rinsed and drained
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
2 teaspoons tapioca
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
dash salt
1 tablespoon butter

Ingredients, fill crust, dot with butter, and cover with top crust. Press edges of crust together and cut slits in top. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350°F and bake for another 45 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Preheat oven to 450°F. Roll out pastry and fit bottom crust into pie plate. Mix next seven

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS

If woolly fleeces deck the heavenly way, no rain will mar a summer's day.

The last Friday of the month foretells the weather for the next month.

In a Pickle?
For a handy chart on the secrets of pickling and canning send \$3.50 to The Old Farmer's Almanac, Dept. PC, P.O. Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444, call 800-895-9265, ext. 220, or visit www.almanac.com/go/wuf0308c.

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Carlisle Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, August 19, 2003

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: STEERS HIGH CHOICE AND PRIME 81.00-83.75, CHOICE 2-3 1075-1485 LBS. 78.00-80.75, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 1100-1490 LBS. 75.00-77.75, SELECT 1020-1250 LBS. 70.00-75.00, COUPLE RETURNING TO FEED 68.00-72.00, HOLSTEINS CHOICE 1285-1450 LBS. 68.00-73.75, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 1075-1600 LBS. 64.00-67.75; HEIFERS CHOICE 1075-1385 LBS. 76.50-80.75, SELECT AND LOW CHOICE 930-1200 LBS. 68.25-76.25; COWS, BREAKERS, NONE OFFERED, BONERS 38.00-44.00, LEAN 35.00-43.00, BIG MIDDLE, LOW DRESSING, LIGHTS 30.00-37.75, SHELLY 30.00 AND DOWN; BULLS 1105-1305 LBS. 43.75-58.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: FEEDER STEERS MED. AND LRGE. +N1 350-575 LBS. 90.00-96.00, HOLSTEINS, DAIRY TYPES 47.00-60.50; FEEDER HEIFERS MED. AND LARGE +N1 400-600 LBS. 74.00-78.00.

CALVES: RETURNING TO THE FARM, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N1 80-125 LBS. MOSTLY 130.00-140.00, HOLSTEIN BULLS +N2 75-135 LBS. 50.00-128.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS +N1 85-125 LBS. 300.00-475.00.

SWINE: SOWS US+N1-3 380-530 LBS. 25.00-30.50; FEEDER PIGS BY THE LB. 1 LOT AT 15 LBS. 140.00.

GOATS: BY THE HEAD, LARGE NANNIES 47.00-76.00, LARGE BILLIES 100.00-130.00, FANCY KIDS 49.00-60.00, FLESHY KIDS 32.00-48.00, SMALL, THIN 17.50-31.00.

LAMBS: GOOD AND CHOICE 60-130 LBS. 80.00-87.00.

SHEEP: ALL WEIGHTS 40.00-60.00.

SALE EVERY TUES., 5 P.M. FOR RABBITS, POULTRY AND EGGS, 6 P.M. FOR LIVESTOCK, STARTING WITH CALVES; SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES., SEPT. 2; STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE FRI., AUG. 22, RECEIVING 7:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M. SALE 1 P.M.; RED CARPET HORSE AND TACK SALE FRI., SEPT. 19.

Small Animal Sale
August 19, 2003

RABBITS AND BUNNIES 2.50-8.50.

CHICKENS 3.00-5.25.

BANTIES 1.50-4.50.

PIGEONS 1.75-2.25.

PHEASANTS 4.00-5.50.

QUAIL 3.00.

DUCKS 1.00-3.50.

GEESE 6.00-6.50.

GUINEA PIGS 10.00.

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

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, Pa.

Report Supplied By PDA

August 19, 2003

SALE NOT REPORTED AUGUST 19, 2003!

New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Wednesday, August 20, 2003

122 DAIRY COWS, 168 HEIFERS, 5 BULLS. MARKET STEADY.
LOCAL FRESH COWS 425.00-1400.00.
LOCAL SPRINGERS 835.00-1410.00, FEW 1600.00-1750.00.
BETTER FRESH COWS 1600.00-1650.00.
LARGE HEIFERS 1400.00-1550.00.
SHORT BRED HEIFERS 460.00-1035.00.
OPEN BREDDING AGE HEIFERS 825.00-1110.00.
BULLS 235.00-400.00, PUREBREDS 450.00-800.00.
UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 725.00-1650.00.
FRESH HEIFERS 625.00-1300.00, 1 AT 1850.00.
REGISTERED HEIFERS, NONE.
SMALL HEIFERS 535.00-1310.00.
SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 675.00-785.00.
SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 150.00-510.00.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction
Monday, August 18, 2003

STEERS: 60.00-83.75.

HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.

GOOD COWS: 40.00-52.25.

CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 25.00-40.00.

BULLS: 50.00-52.75.

VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 100.00-475.00; 70-90 LBS. 40.00-100.00.

HOGS: 41.00-43.25.

SOWS: 32.00-37.75.

FEEDER PIGS: 25.00-36.00 EA.

Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey

Hackettstown, N.J.

Report Supplied by Auction
Tuesday, August 19, 2003

CALVES .13-4.50.

COWS .26%-52%.

EASY COWS .05-.47.

FEEDERS 300-600 LBS. .24-1.01.

HEIFERS .43%-73.

BULLS .39-.67.

STEERS .50-77.

HOGS .15-.33.

ROASTING PIGS EACH, NONE.

BOARS, NONE.

SOWS, NONE.

SHEEP .05-.77.

LAMBS EA. 20.00-63.00.

LAMBS PER LB.

.53-1.50.

GOATS EA.

30.00-122.50.

KIDS EA.

15.00-51.00.

HIDES 20.00 EA.

TOTAL: 506.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, August 18, 2003

206 HEAD, MARKET STEADY.
DRIVING HORSES 435.00-1150.00.
RIDING HORSES 475.00-1225.00.
REGISTERED RIDING 900.00-1600.00.
BETTER RIDING FEW 1300.00-1525.00.
PONIES 185.00-475.00.
LARGE PONIES 800.00-910.00.
COLTS 210.00-325.00.

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

August 19, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 229...(PDA)...Compared with last week's sale...steers stronger on small supply, cows 1.25 to 2.50 higher.

STEERS: few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1190-1390 lbs 81.00-84.50, Choice 1-3 1085-1410 lbs 75.00-82.00, few Select 1-2 71.00-75.50, few Standard 1-2 52.50-56.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: couple High Choice and Prime 2-3 1300 & 1330 lbs 75.50 & 77.75, couple Choice 2-3 1335 & 1445 lbs 65.00 & 69.50, few Standard 1-2 50.00-59.00.

HEIFERS: few Choice 1-3 900-1200 lbs 77.75-81.75, one Select 1-2 71.25, few Standard 1-2 52.00-60.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 45.00-54.50, Boners 80-85% lean 41.00-47.75, Lean 85-90% lean 36.00-43.50, Shells 33.50 and down.

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1350-1925 lbs 53.00-58.75, few Yield Grade 2 1075-1675 lbs 47.00-50.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: few Medium and Large 1 325-375 lbs 85.00-99.00, 600-700 lbs 67.00-83.50, 700-950 lbs 60.00-75.50, few Medium 2 450-575 lbs 64.00-66.00; HEIFERS: Medium 1 400-500 lbs 71.00-83.00, 500-700 lbs 60.00-75.00, 700-800 lbs 59.00-76.00, few Medium 2 600-775 lbs 55.00-67.00; BULLS: few Medium 1-2 300-450 lbs 61.00-86.00, few 500-700 lbs 58.00-71.00.

CALVES 66...VEALERS: few Standard and Good 70-105 lbs 20.00-40.00, Utility 50-70 lbs 5.00-20.00. FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 85-110 lbs 110.00-170.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 40.00-122.50; couple No 1 Holstein heifers 90 & 100 lbs 325.00 & 365.00, few No 2 65-90 lbs 85.00-300.00.

Few beef cross bulls and heifers 85-170 lbs 73.00-180.00.

HOGS 38...BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 230-250 lbs 39.75-39.85, 45-50% lean 210-280 lbs 37.50-39.50.

SOWS: few 465-690 lbs 31.50-35.50.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 4...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 1...NO MARKET TEST!

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