


WEEKLY WISDOM with the FARMERS' ALMANAC™
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FISHING FACT or FOLKLORE?

According to many old-timers, fishing is extra good when the Moon is in Cancer (October 17-18), the breast. Supposedly, fish are more plentiful during this period.


What are CLOUDS made of?

No matter what the color—gray, blue, or white—all clouds are made up of the same substance, water. Each cloud is made up of tiny drops of water that float. Alone, these drops of water are so small they are not visible. But when they collect together, they form a cloud you can see.

Most clouds float high in the air. Sometimes though, a cloud actually forms close to the ground. When this happens, we call that cloud fog.

EVER WONDER WHAT MAKES POPCORN POP?

Steam. This may seem odd, especially since popcorn isn't wet. So where does the steam come from? Inside each kernel there are drops of water so small that you can't see them. When the corn gets hot, the water turns to steam, then pop! The steam bursts out, leaving a fluffy pile of white corn.



Herbs Aromatic Scents!

- ON THE GRILL**
Sprinkle sage, rosemary, and basil on the coals. The aroma is wonderful and helps flavor the meat.
- BY THE FIRE**
Herbs may be tied in small bundles and placed by a fireplace. Also, toss a few bundles into the fire. Cinnamon sticks near the fire also give off a festive fragrance.
- IN THE WASH**
Lavender and/or lemon verbena may be tied in an old nylon stocking and placed in the rinse cycle. It can then be put in the dryer.

Thought OF THE WEEK

The secret to contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have.

For this week's WEATHER PREDICTIONS, log on to www.farmersalmanac.com

New Holland Dairy Sale
New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Wednesday, October 8, 2003

113 DAIRY COWS, 185 HEIFERS, 5 BULLS, MARKET STRONGER.
LOCAL FRESH COWS 600.00-1575.00, FEW 1650.00-1700.00.
LOCAL SPRINGERS 1035.00-1700.00.
BETTER FRESH COWS 1575.00-1700.00
LARGE HEIFERS 1475.00-1625.00.
SHORT BRED HEIFERS 475.00-1235.00, FEW 1385.00-1410.00.
OPEN BREDDING AGE HEIFERS 985.00-1050.00.
BULLS 575.00-625.00, PUREBREDS 150.00-525.00.
HERD ALL STAGES 625.00-1425.00, FEW 1625.00-1700.00.
UPSTATE LOADS FRESH 625.00-1300.00, FEW 1650.00-1675.00.
FRESH HEIFERS 900.00-1585.00, 1 AT 1675.00.
REGISTERED HEIFERS 1310.00-1450.00
SMALL HEIFERS 750.00-1325.00.
SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 650.00-875.00.
SMALLER OPEN HEIFERS 150.00-485.00.

Dewart Livestock
Dewart, Pa.
Report Supplied By Auction
Monday, October 6, 2003

STEERS: 70.00-91.00.
HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
GOOD COWS: 45.00-52.50.
CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 25.00-45.00.
BULLS: 1 AT 53.50.
VEAL: 90-190 LBS. 100.00-640.00; 70-90 LBS. 60.00-100.00.
HOGS: 37.00-43.00.
SOWS: 28.00-34.00.
FEEDER PIGS: 20.00-30.00 EA.

Morrison's Cove Livestock
Martinsburg, Pa.
Report Supplied by Auction
October 6, 2003

CATTLE: 109 HEAD
STEERS: CHOICE 85.00-90.00, GOOD 62.00-72.00.
HEIFERS: CHOICE 85.00-90.00, GOOD 62.00-68.00.
COWS UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 38.00-48.00, CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 20.00-36.00.
BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 54.00-62.00.
BULLS YG+N1, 45.00-57.50.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 50.00-80.00; BULLS 45.00-75.00; HEIFERS 45.00-72.00.
CALVES: 83 HEAD. CHOICE AND GOOD 85.00-91.00, GOOD 60.00-75.00, STANDARD 25.00-50.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90 - 130 LBS. 70.00-150.00, HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90 - 130 LBS. 200.00-350.00.
HOGS: 111. US+N1-2, 42.00-45.00; US + N 1 - 3, 40.00-42.00.
SOWS: US +N1-3 18.00-35.00.
BOARS: 7.50-23.00.
FEEDER PIGS: 58 HEAD. US +N1-3 20-50 LBS. 10.00-32.00.
SHEEP: 40 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 90.00-105.00, GOOD LAMBS 85.00-90.00, SL. EWES 28.00-50.00.
GOATS: 15.00-98.00 EACH.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

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Mercer Livestock Auction
Mercer, Pa.
October 7, 2003
Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 754...(PDA).
STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-3 1140-1370 lbs 97.00-103.50, Choice 1-3 980-1275 lbs 87.00-96.00, Select 1-2 70.00-85.00, Standard 1-2 54.00-67.00.
HOLSTEIN STEERS: one Select 1-2 64.00.
HEIFERS: couple Select 1-2 76.50 & 77.00, few Standard 1-2 50.50-68.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 45.50-54.75, one 57.50, Boners 80-85% lean 41.50-48.00, Lean 85-90% lean 34.50-42.75. Shells 33.25 and down.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1115-1950 lbs 48.50-54.00, Yield Grade 2 1010-2120 lbs 43.25-51.75.

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS: Large 1 470-660 lbs 80.00-93.00, Large 2 300-500 lbs 55.00-71.00, 500-700 lbs 56.00-64.00, Medium 1 300-500 lbs 89.00-95.00, one 100.00, 500-700 lbs 84.00-98.00, Medium 2 300-500 lbs 74.00-87.00, 500-700 lbs 61.00-79.00, HEIFERS: Large 1 325-500 lbs 79.00-89.00, few 860-900 lbs 69.50-72.50, Medium 1-2 200-300 lbs 77.00-84.00, Medium 1 300-500 lbs 80.00-93.00, 500-700 lbs 75.00-85.00, 700-950 lbs 69.00-83.00, Medium 2 300-500 lbs 56.00-71.00, 500-700 lbs 60.00-64.00; BULLS: Large 2 450-650 lbs 50.00-53.00, Medium 2 200-300 lbs 81.00-87.00, 300-500 lbs 80.00-92.00, 500-700 lbs 78.00-91.00, few Medium 2 200-300 lbs 55.00-71.00, 300-500 lbs 70.00-75.00, 500-600 lbs 65.00-76.00

CALVES 57. VEALERS. Standard and Good 70-115 lbs 20.00-35.00, Utility 65-80 lbs 5.00-20.00 FARM CALVES No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 120.00-135.00, No 2 80-125 lbs 50.00-110.00; one No 1 Holstein heifer 95 lbs 440.00.

HOGS 51. BARROWS AND GILTS: one lot 45-50% lean 271 lbs 40.00, 40-45% lean 300-350 lbs 30.00.

SOWS: couple 1-3 490 & 525 lbs 27.00 & 33.50, one Medium 290 lbs 21.00.

BOARS. one 535 lbs 9.00.

FEEDER PIGS 9...One lot US 3 30 lbs 2.00 per head Few 1-3 100-150 lbs 12.00-37.00 per cwt

SHEEP 23 NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 0.. NO MARKET TEST!

New Holland Horses
New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, October 6, 2003

191 HEAD, MARKET STRONGER.
DRIVING HORSES 385.00-910.00.
RIDING HORSES 335.00-1150.00.
REGISTERED RIDING 1075.00-1700.00.
BETTER RIDING 1300.00-1450.00.
PONIES 135.00-485.00.
LARGE PONIES 535.00-610.00.
COLTS 235.00-550.00.
REGISTERED COLTS 1 AT 400.00.

MIDDLEBURG LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Every Tuesday

Livestock Auction - 1:00 P.M.
Hay Auction - 11:30 A.M.
Small Animals - Noon
Produce Auction - 11:45 A.M.
Farmers Market - 8 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

UPCOMING SALES

★Special Fall Driving Horse Sale★
Thursday, Oct. 16 @ 6:00 P.M.
Earl Martin, Agent - 570-966-6219

★Monthly Feeder Cattle Sale★
Friday, Oct. 17 @ 7:00 P.M.

★"Fall Harvest" Riding Horse Catalog Sale★
Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003
Tack 10:00 A.M. Horses 12:00 Noon
w/Craft Bazaar 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Call now to consign and to have your horses registered in catalog.


★Monthly Horse Sale★
Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003
Tack 8:30 A.M. Horses 11:00 A.M.
Earl Martin, Agent - 570-966-6219
Consignments Welcome!

★Special Brood Cow And Feeder Cattle Sale★
Friday, Oct. 31, 2003 @ 7:00 P.M.
Consignments Welcome!

★Preconditioned Feeder Cattle Sale★
Saturday, Nov. 8 @ 1:00 P.M.


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