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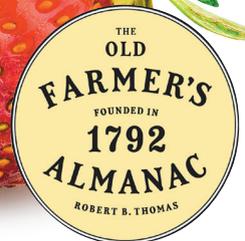
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JUNE'S FULL MOON NAMES

Strawberry Moon, Blooming Moon, Hatching Moon, Hot Moon, Green Corn Moon

MOON PHASES

Last Quarter: June 2, 3:24 A.M. EDT

New Moon: June 10, 6:53 A.M. EDT

First Quarter: June 17, 11:54 P.M. EDT

Full Moon: June 24, 2:40 P.M. EDT

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **June 10:** An annular solar eclipse is visible from northern and northeastern North America, beginning at 4:12 A.M. EDT and ending at 9:11 A.M. EDT. The time of maximum eclipse varies by location. It is safe to view this eclipse only when using eye protection such as “eclipse glasses” or a solar filter.

- **June 20:** The June solstice occurs at 11:32 P.M. EDT. In the Northern Hemisphere, it marks the start of the summer season. In the Southern Hemisphere, winter begins.



TAP FOR MORE ABOUT MOON PHASES



TAP FOR MORE ABOUT JUNE'S FULL MOON



*They come! the merry
summer months of beauty, song,
and flowers.*

—William Motherwell, Scottish poet
(1797–1835)

A MONTH TO REMEMBER

June is named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women. It also may derive from the Latin *juvenis*, “young people.”

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

June 5: World Environment Day

June 14: Flag Day

June 19: Juneteenth

June 20: Father's Day

June 20: Summer Solstice

June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada)



BEST DAYS TO DO THINGS

These June dates, deemed to be propitious in astrology, are based on the astrological passage of the Moon. However, consider all indicators before making any major decisions. —*Celeste Longacre*

IN THE GARDEN

Destroy pests and weeds: 4, 5

Graft or pollinate: 11–13

Harvest aboveground crops: 16, 17

Harvest belowground crops: 6–8

Mow to slow growth: 4, 5

Mow to promote growth: 20, 21

Pick fruit: 16, 17

Plant aboveground crops: 11–13

Plant belowground crops: 1–3,
29, 30

Prune to discourage growth: 4, 5

Prune to encourage growth: 14, 15



PERSONAL

Advertise to sell: 20, 21
Ask for a loan: 6–8
Begin diet to lose weight: 3, 8, 30
Begin diet to gain weight: 17, 21
Buy a home: 20, 21
Color hair: 6–8
Cut hair to discourage growth: 6–8
Cut hair to encourage growth: 18, 19
Entertain: 14, 15
Get married: 18, 19
Have dental care: 16, 17
Move (house/household): 9, 10
Perm hair: 26–28
Quit smoking: 3, 8, 30
Straighten hair: 22, 23
Travel for pleasure: 14, 15
Wean children: 3, 8, 30

AROUND THE HOUSE

Bake: 11–13
Brew: 20, 21
Can, pickle, or make sauerkraut: 1–3, 29, 30

Demolish: 20, 21
Dry fruit, vegetables, or meat: 4, 5
End projects: 9
Lay shingles: 14, 15
Make jams or jellies: 1–3, 29, 30
Paint: 18, 19
Start projects: 11
Wash floors: 1–3, 29, 30
Wash windows: 4, 5

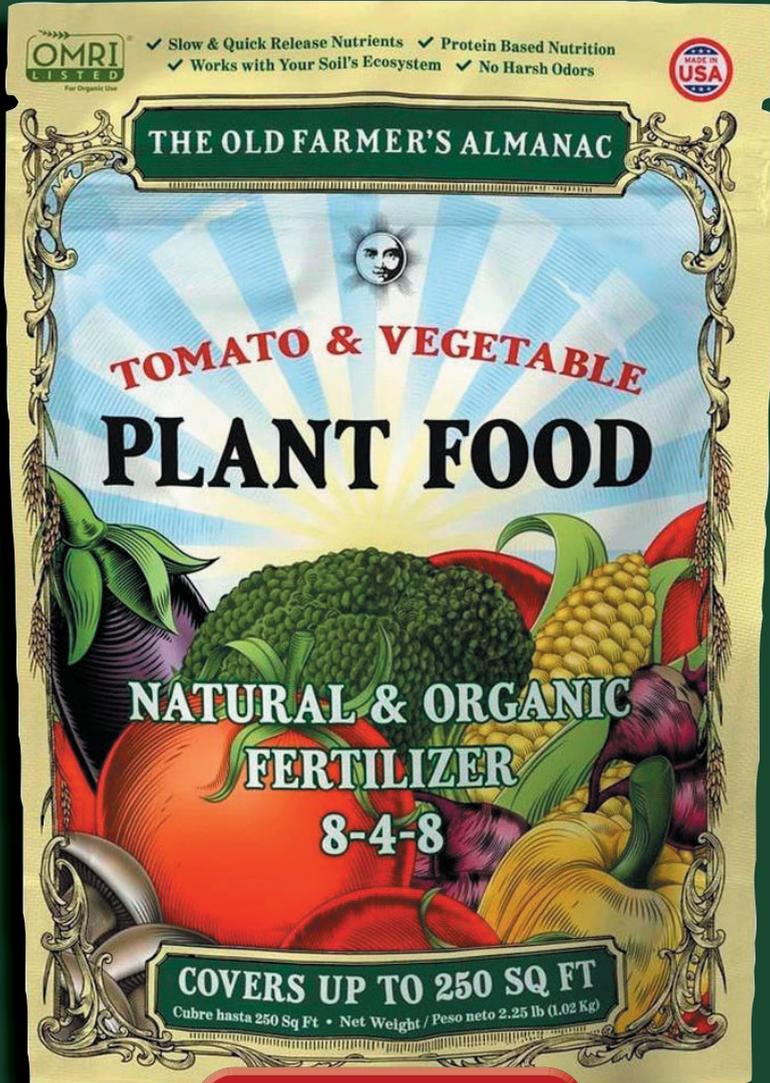
OUTDOORS

Begin logging: 24, 25
Go camping: 22, 23
Go fishing: 10–24
Set posts or pour concrete: 24, 25

ON THE FARM

Breed animals: 20, 21
Castrate animals: 26–28
Cut hay: 4, 5
Purchase animals: 11–13
Set eggs: 18, 19, 27, 28
Slaughter livestock: 20, 21
Wean animals: 3, 8, 30

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GARDENING BY THE MOON'S SIGN

Use the June dates shown in the Moon's Astrological Place calendar below to find the best days for the following garden tasks:

PLANT, TRANSPLANT, AND GRAFT: Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, or Taurus

HARVEST: Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Gemini, or Aquarius

BUILD/FIX FENCES OR GARDEN BEDS: Capricorn

CONTROL INSECT PESTS, PLOW, AND WEED: Aries, Gemini, Leo, Sagittarius, or Aquarius

PRUNE: Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius. During a waxing Moon, pruning encourages growth; during a waning Moon, it discourages growth.

THE MOON'S ASTROLOGICAL PLACE IN JUNE

1 Pisces	9 Gemini	17 Virgo	25 Capricorn
2 Pisces	10 Gemini	18 Libra	26 Aquarius
3 Pisces	11 Cancer	19 Libra	27 Aquarius
4 Aries	12 Cancer	20 Scorpio	28 Aquarius
5 Aries	13 Cancer	21 Scorpio	29 Pisces
6 Taurus	14 Leo	22 Sagittarius	30 Pisces
7 Taurus	15 Leo	23 Sagittarius	
8 Taurus	16 Virgo	24 Capricorn	

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MERCURY IN RETROGRADE

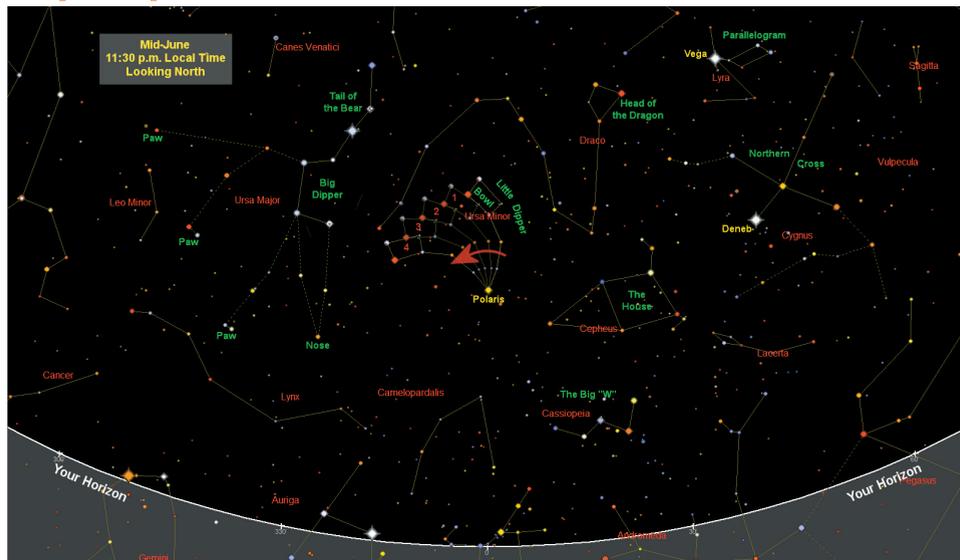
Sometimes the other planets appear to be traveling backward through the zodiac; this is an illusion. We call this illusion *retrograde motion*.

Mercury's retrograde periods can cause our plans to go awry. However, this is an excellent time to reflect on the past. Intuition is high during these periods, and coincidences can be extraordinary.

When Mercury is retrograde, remain flexible, allow extra time for travel, and avoid signing contracts. Review projects and plans at these times, but wait until Mercury is direct again to make any final decisions.

Mercury's remaining 2021 retrograde periods occur during **May 29–June 22** and **September 27–October 17**.

—Celeste Longacre



SECRETS OF THE COSMIC CLOCK

Objects in the sky always appear to be moving. The Sun and Moon rise in the east and set in the west. Less obviously, the stars and constellations also rise and set each day. Like clockwork, every celestial object marches across the sky from east to west and in 24 hours returns to its starting point. The discovery that nearly all of this apparent motion is caused by Earth rotating on its axis is one of humankind's greatest scientific achievements.

Nowhere is this clocklike behavior more evident than in the northern sky. Take advantage of the pleasant June weather to watch the Cosmic Clock in action.

You'll need a nice, dark location away from bright city lights. Wait until at least 11:30 p.m.; the June sky isn't fully dark until then. Be prepared to stay up late and to devote at least 2 full hours to stargazing. Give your eyes at least 20 minutes to become adapted to the dark and then look due



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north to find Polaris, the North Star, less than halfway up the sky. It's the only bright star in the area.

Look above Polaris to follow a curving line of three dim stars until you reach a small starry rectangle. You've just traced the handle and bowl of the Little Dipper, which appears to be standing on end. Note how the bowl is located directly above Polaris. If you think of Polaris as the center of a clock face, then the bowl is pointing straight up, like the hour hand of a clock set to 12:00.

With the position of the Little Dipper firmly in mind—perhaps after making a simple sketch—spend the next hour or so enjoying the other celestial sights. We'll get back to the Cosmic Clock shortly.

For now, look to left for the constellation Ursa Major, the Greater Bear, which appears to be standing on its nose in this view. The bear's rump and tail are better known as the Big Dipper, but from a dark location you can make out its entire body, from its legs and paws to the tip of its nose.

To the right and near the horizon, look for the Big W shape of Cassiopeia, the Queen, and above her, King Cepheus, in the shape of a child's sketch of a house. Above them both is the head of Draco, the Dragon, whose body winds in an S-shape that curves above the Little Dipper. Look to the right of Draco for the perfect little Parallelogram in the constellation Lyra, the Lyre. Below Lyra lies the (nearly) upside-down Northern Cross, whose stars comprise the body of Cygnus, the Swan.

Assuming that an hour has passed, go back to our starting point, the Little Dipper. Note how the whole constellation has rotated slightly counterclockwise around Polaris and is now in the position labeled "1." Wait another hour, and the Little Dipper will have rotated further to position "2." This clocklike motion will continue throughout the night. The Sky Map shows the Little Dipper's position for 4 consecutive hours.

Importantly, it's not just the Little Dipper that appears to rotate around Polaris. The *entire sky* moves in the same circular path, with Polaris at its center. This is all due to Earth's rotation, which gives us our days, our nights, and our Cosmic Clock.

—Jeff DeTray

FOOD



Summer Strawberry Recipes

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Strawberry Mango Salsa



STRAWBERRY MANGO SALSA

1/2 red onion, cut into thin slivers

1/2 cup lemon juice, or as needed

1 jalapeño pepper*

1 pound fresh strawberries, cut into 1/4-inch pieces

1 mango, cut into 1/4-inch pieces

1/2 red bell pepper, finely diced

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

salt, to taste

Place onions in a small bowl of cool water for 5 minutes. Drain water and put onions directly into a serving bowl. Cover onions with lemon juice.

Slice jalapeño in half lengthwise. Remove seeds and wash thoroughly. Finely chop and add to bowl. Add strawberries, mango, bell peppers, and cilantro. Stir and season with salt.

Let salsa rest for at least 30 minutes for flavors to blend.

Makes 4 to 6 cups.

*Always use caution when handling jalapeños. If you can, wear gloves; afterward, wash your gloved (or bare) hands thoroughly with soap and cool water. Try not to touch your eyes or face for several hours after working with jalapeños.

Strawberry Crunch Muffins



STRAWBERRY CRUNCH MUFFINS

TOPPING:

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup chopped pecans

1/4 cup oatmeal

3 tablespoons unsalted butter,
melted

1/2 cup sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 egg, beaten

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter,
melted

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup milk

1 cup sliced strawberries

1 teaspoon lemon zest

MUFFINS:

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

3/4 cup whole wheat flour

For topping: Combine all of the topping ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Set aside.

For muffins: Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a standard 12-cup muffin pan or line with baking cups.

In a bowl, sift flours, sugar, baking powder, salt, and cinnamon.

In a separate bowl, mix egg, melted butter, vanilla, and milk.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients all at once and stir until just combined. Quickly stir in strawberries and lemon zest. Pour into prepared muffin cups, filling them two-thirds full.

Sprinkle topping evenly over muffins. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean.

Makes 12 muffins.

FOOD

A glass pitcher filled with a vibrant pink strawberry lemonade. The drink is garnished with several slices of fresh lemons and whole strawberries. The pitcher sits on a red and white striped tablecloth. In the background, a wooden cutting board with more lemons and a knife is visible, along with a glass of the same beverage. The overall scene is bright and fresh, suggesting a summer setting.

Strawberry Lemonade

PHOTO: BECKY LUIGART-STAYNER

STRAWBERRY LEMONADE

1 cup strawberries, hulled and sliced

1/2 cup sugar

1 cup fresh lemon juice

1-1/4 to 1-1/2 cups cold sparkling water

Put the strawberries into a blender or food processor and purée.

In a bowl, combine sugar and lemon juice and stir to blend.

Add lemon juice and sparkling water to puréed berries. Process for a few seconds to blend, then pour into ice-filled glasses.

Makes 3 servings.



GARDENING

Tips and Tricks for Growing Your Best Veggies

Whether you've got your garden going or are just getting started, you will have more success if you heed this advice.

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BEANS

- Plant bush beans when the ground is at least 60°F or when dandelions and wild violets bloom. Plant pole beans 2 weeks later; cool soil reduces their germination rate and retards early rapid growth.
- For maximum production from bush beans, plant them intensively on 2-inch centers (2 inches apart in all directions). The plants will support each other and smother sprouting weeds. Pick beans every day, too, so that plants produce more.

COLE CROPS

- Space transplants at least 18 inches apart in rows for big heads. The cole family is notorious for limiting its growth when crowded. Conversely, if you desire small heads, crowd the transplants.
- To avoid cabbage with

strong flavor, side-dress with ammonium nitrate, cottonseed meal, or any high-nitrogen fertilizer every 2 weeks.

- Wet roots, not heavy rains, make cabbage heads split or rot in the center. Avoid the problem by amending heavy soils with organic matter or plant cabbages in raised beds.

CORN

- Scoop up and mound the soil around each corn plant's base when it's about 12 inches high. Mounding helps to keep tall stalks upright during storms and high winds.
- Plant only one variety for the best flavor. Many kinds of sweet corn must be isolated because if ears are cross-pollinated by another variety, the sugar content of the kernels declines.

CUCUMBERS

- For the best quality and appearance of fruit,

train vines upward. Use cornstalks for trellising to save space—their different growth habits allow them to grow compatibly without one suppressing the other. Plant cucumber seeds at the base of corn plants when they are about 2 feet high. Side-dress with a balanced fertilizer every 2 weeks.

- If vine borers are a problem in your area, seed cucumbers twice, 3 weeks apart. Borers may attack one crop or the other, but the destructive part of their life cycle will not coincide with both plantings.

LETTUCE

- Incorporate 1 cup of rabbit food (alfalfa pellets) into every 10 square feet of ground to develop a fertile planting bed that will produce sweet, succulent lettuce. Lettuce needs a constant supply of nutrients to grow fast, and rabbit

food is an inexpensive source of slow-release nitrogen and growth stimulators.

- Lettuce requires cool ground for germination and can be seeded before the last frost. In hot climates or for late-summer crops, refrigerate lettuce seeds for 2 weeks before sowing them.

The chilling tricks an internal mechanism in the seeds and allows for germination in hot soil.

- Plant head lettuce as the first spring crop. Follow it up with romaine, a heading lettuce that can handle summer heat without bolting. Provide afternoon shade to keep the leaves sweet.

ONIONS

- Feed often and place fertilizer close to bulbs for the biggest, sweetest onions. But don't use

fertilizers that contain sulfur; it makes onions hot to the taste.

- Grow red onions if you want onions for storage. Their red pigment is due to the presence of a phenolic acid compound that inhibits them from rotting.

PEPPERS

- After blossoms have set, spray the pepper plants with a magnesium solution (1 tablespoon of Epsom salts in 1 quart of water), or scratch 1 tablespoon of Epsom salts into the ground around each plant. More blossoms will appear, and fruit will be bigger.

- Sweet peppers need a steady supply of water up to harvest. Hot peppers, on the other hand, develop more heat if water is withheld.

TOMATOES

- Heirloom tomatoes

need less fertilizer than hybrids do. They will produce more foliage and fewer flowers when given the same amount of nutrients that hybrids require. Use 1/2 cup of slow-release fertilizer such as Osmocote or cottonseed meal.

- Blossom-end rot is caused by inconsistent soil moisture, not lack of calcium in the ground.

There is usually plenty of calcium in most soils, but calcium depends on water to transport it to plant roots. Mulch heavily and deliver at least 1 inch of water to plants weekly.

- For maximum flavor, withhold water and fertilizer for 5 to 7 days before harvesting tomatoes. They are at their tastiest when the plants are slightly stressed for water.

—Doreen G. Howard

LIVING NATURALLY



Value the “Volunteers” in Your Garden—and Life!

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Nature and benign neglect brought me my first volunteer garden the year after my daughter's birth, when I managed the planting and harvesting but skipped the post-harvest garden cleanup.

Lo and behold, the following spring, tiny lettuces sprang up with the dandelions and quackgrass, soon followed by cilantro, dill, cosmos, and other annual flowers. The year after that, parsley and forgotten parsnips came up, made beautiful flowers favored by pollinators, and then set seed that popped up the following year in April. To get an abundance of volunteer crops, all I had to do was thin the volunteers.

I started calling it my perennial garden, and, decades later, I make a game of seeing how many crops (from nonhybrid seeds) I can get to keep coming back

year after year.

A couple of days ago, I discovered many beautiful, slender, zucchini-like fruit ripening on a volunteer plant that had emerged from the compost pile and wandered into the asparagus patch. No doubt they came from the seed of one of last summer's hybrid squash varieties, so it wasn't true to the variety that I'd purchased—but it was beautiful in its own right, with a delicate, nutty flavor.

Harvesting these squashes got me to pondering in a broader context the volunteer side of life that brings forth all of those serendipitous moments when life volunteers something that produces welcome but unexpected fruit. A few examples sprang to mind:

- The phone conversation with my neighbor who said that her 11-year-old daughter was bored stiff at home that summer.

As it happened, I was desperate for someone to spend time with my toddler daughter so that I could retire to my attic office for a few undisturbed hours of writing. What a great arrangement! Molly got a responsible, devoted companion for about 4 hours a day, and Susan escaped her boredom and discovered the joy of earning her own spending money.

- My old Honda was ready for the scrap heap, and one day I heard a guy at the corner store telling someone that he'd just agreed to park a friend's 3-year-old Toyota Corolla on his lawn, hoping for a quick sale. He said that it was in perfect condition with only 27,000 miles and was going for \$6,000. I hustled right over. The car checked out with my mechanic, I could afford it, and *Sha-zam!* I was still driving that Corolla more than a dozen years later.
- Enjoying dinner out at a Chinese restaurant,



instead of trying to tune out the loud stories coming from the party in the adjoining booth, I tuned in. In half an hour, I got three great ideas for the weekly column that I was writing at the time.

- A former colleague told me that he had often been punished as a child by being sent alone into a fenced backyard. There weren't any toys or play equipment, so he spent most of his time

there sprawled on the grass, observing insect activity. He never lost his fascination with ants and beetles and went on to a Ph.D. and a distinguished career in entomology.

Life's randomness sows endless moments when some overheard snippet, some seemingly ordinary encounter—even a painful one—delivers something useful.

But the trick lies in keeping one's inner eye peeled, prepared for the fruitful moment. In truth, both nature and life volunteer many fruitful moments, but we ourselves are the most important volunteers.

—Margaret Boyles



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Remembering Family Road Trips

Think *you've* had an outing or two? Perhaps you can identify with these prizewinning essays by Almanac readers 20 years ago about their “most memorable family car trip.”

FIRST PRIZE

It was the summer of '59. The family—Mom, Dad, my four sisters, one brother, two cats, and one dog—was leaving at 5:00 A.M. for the Thousand Islands [in the St. Lawrence River, between southern Ontario and northern New York state]. We had a nine-passenger station wagon and trailered a Boston Whaler. With all of the wisdom of a 13-year-old, I'd chosen for my travel clothes a sugar-starched, three-layered, pink crinoline with my fullest skirt. Fifteen minutes into the 7-hour trip, I knew that I'd made a serious mistake. It was so-o-o-o scratchy, and the sugar was starting to melt. By the time we stopped to eat, I was miserable. I ran to the Ladies' Room and ripped it off. I washed my sticky legs, balled up the crinoline, and jammed it down

into the boat. As we got back on the road, I saw my crinoline start to wave up out of the boat, the wind pulling it out more and more. Finally, it let go, but it wrapped itself around Dad's 60-hp Mercury outboard motor. As we pulled up to the cabin, the owner came out to greet us and said, "That's a real unusual motor cover you folks got there."

—Eileen Engels
*Bayersdorfer, Toms River,
New Jersey*

SECOND PRIZE

This preschool experience of some 60 years ago is etched in my mind because it is also my earliest recollection of going to church. We lived in a rural area of northern Minnesota, and when the weather and roads were agreeable, we attended a rural "church," which was really a Sunday school for all ages except

for when a traveling missionary came to preach occasionally. Our family car, like a lot of family cars of that time, was a Model A Ford, but ours had four doors when most Model A's had two. Our family consisted of my parents, my sister, two brothers, and my grandmother. Now, a group of seven was quite a load for a little car like that, but somehow we all fit into it. Mother and Dad and my physically handicapped 8-year-old brother sitting on Mother's lap were in the front seat. In the backseat were my 16-year-old sister, my 12-year-old brother, and my grandmother holding me. Naturally, we all had our Sunday school books and Bibles, and I had two pennies for the offering tied in the corner of my hanky. Added to the cargo was the music for the

church service, which was my father's violin (not fiddle) in the front seat and my sister's large, auditorium-size guitar in a case in the backseat. The little Ford never complained, and if occasionally we came upon people walking to church, we would stop and roll down the windows and they would stand on the running boards to hitch a ride. Mother didn't like the wind blowing on her from the window, and, to her dismay, a rider would sometimes stick his head inside the car to converse during the trip. If the new passengers were carrying a baby, it would be placed inside the car, of course, but don't ask me who held it. Looking back, we didn't complain. We were glad to have wheels when some people had horses. They are laughable but good memories.

—*Leona Muzzy, Thief River Falls, Minnesota*

THIRD PRIZE

While traveling through the rolling hills of Riverside County, California, with my wife, three of our young sons, and my wife's sister and her three young children, the close quarters and time spent in the car became boring to the children. Although they were good, they began to get at each other, and stress was beginning to set in. We had viewed a cow or two here and there in the hills but always ones that were brown and white. To stimulate interest in the drive and to relieve tension, I offered a nickel for every black-and-white cow that someone could spot. This created some peace in the drive and generated new interest for the children—until we went up a slight hill

and around a corner, when all of a sudden the hillside was covered with black-and-white cows belonging to a dairy farm. While the children counted as fast as they could and I drove out of the area as quickly as possible, the amount of nickels due got bigger and bigger. That day cost me many rows of nickels, and the family long remembers the sudden appearance of black-and-white dairy cows.
—*G. Robert Young, Surprise, Arizona*

GOT THE WRITE STUFF?

If these recollections touched your heart or tickled your funny bone, try your hand at an essay for this year's contest. Get all of the details, including the topic, deadline, and cash prize awards, at Almanac.com/old-farmers-almanac-essay-contest.



IN JUNE WHEN THERE IS NO DEW, IT INDICATES RAIN.

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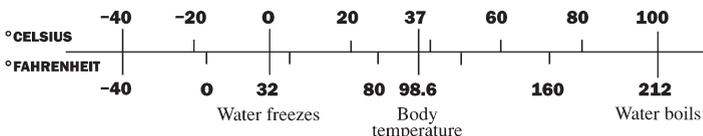
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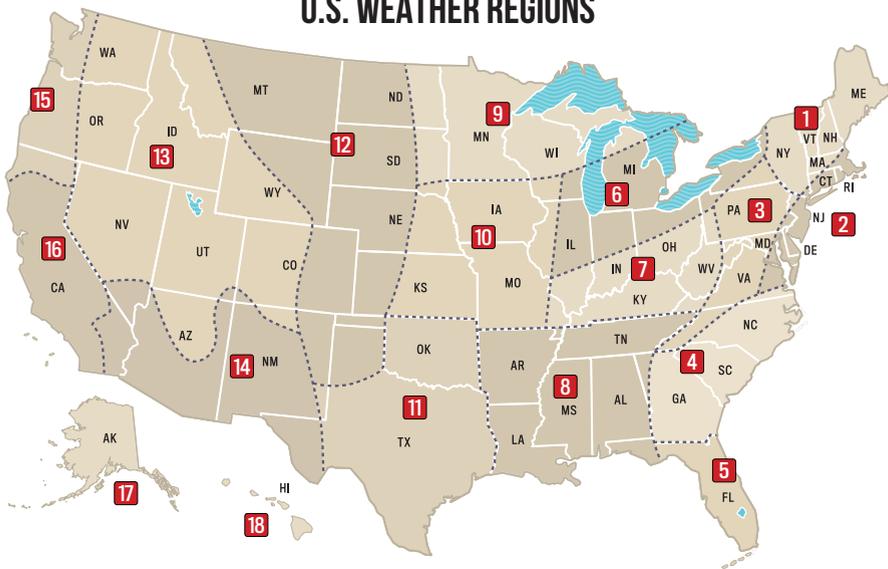


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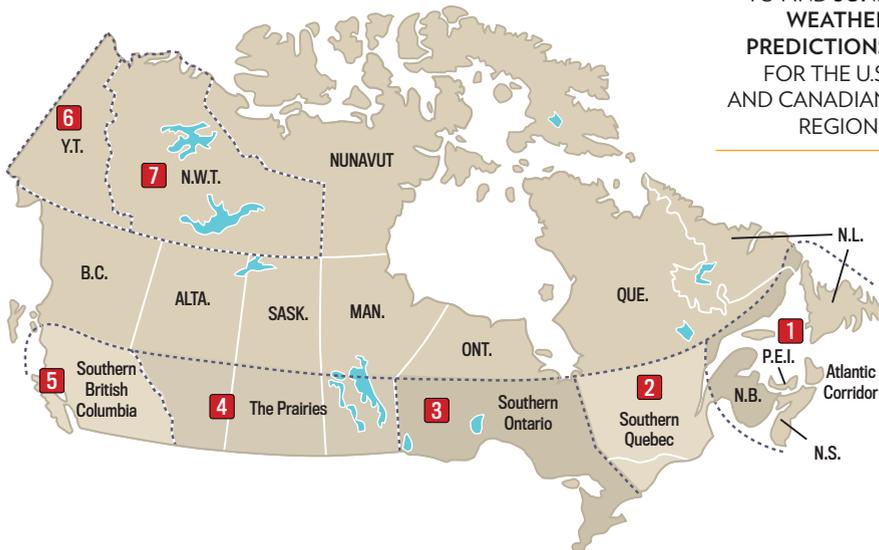


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THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DAY OF THE YEAR

On June 5, World Environment Day, the outdoor environment will be good in most of the United States, with sunshine the rule. Bring your umbrella to any outdoor activities in Canada, though, as most areas will have at least a couple of showers.

Expect showers and cool temperatures to reign on June 11, King Kamehameha Day in Hawaii.

The most significant day of the year arrives on June 19, which is not only Juneteenth but also my birthday. Showers and thunderstorms will be scattered



about most of the United States and Canada, although sunshine will prevail in the Intermountain region and Pacific states. I expect to have a great day and hope that you do, as well, as we all continue to recognize the importance of Juneteenth itself.

June 20 marks Father's Day, as well as the summer solstice, the start of astronomical summer. Expect warm temperatures in most of the United States, with cool temperatures prevailing across most of Canada.

Expect showers and cool temperatures as the rule across Canada on June 21, National Indigenous Peoples Day, but don't let this dampen the celebrations.

June temperatures will be hotter than normal from the Northeast into the Appalachians, in the Upper Midwest, and in the eastern half of Canada, but near or below normal elsewhere. Rainfall will be above normal in the Northeast and Appalachians; from Florida westward across the Deep South; in much of Texas and the Pacific Southwest; and in the western three-fourths of Canada.

Across the United States, summer temperatures will be hotter than normal in the Atlantic Corridor and eastern Great Lakes; from the Upper Midwest southwestward to the southern Intermountain region; and in the Pacific Northwest, coastal California, and Alaska. They will be near or below normal elsewhere. Rainfall will be greater than normal in the Northeast and eastern Great Lakes; from the western Ohio Valley southward westward to the Gulf of Mexico; from Washington southward through California; and in northern Alaska and western Hawaii. It will be near or below normal elsewhere.

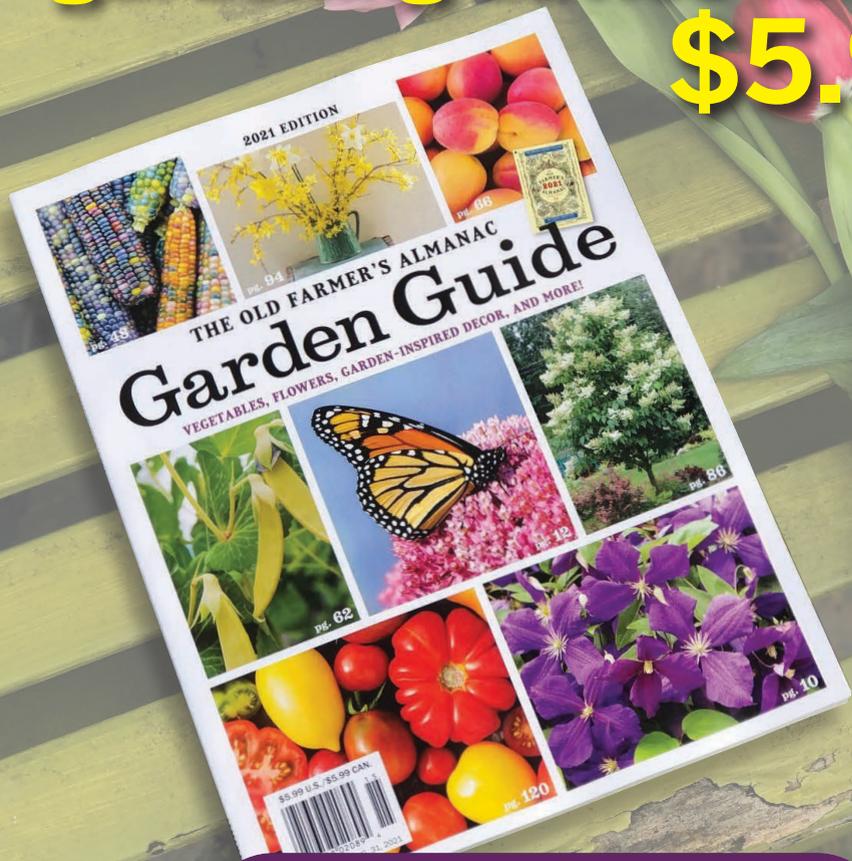
Across Canada, summer temperatures will be cooler than normal in Quebec and British Columbia and hotter than normal elsewhere. Rainfall will be abundant, with above-normal precipitation across nearly all of Canada.

Hurricane season officially starts on June 1. While we expect near- or above-normal activity, 2021 will fall far short of the intensity of the 2020 hurricane season. The best chance for a major hurricane strike will be from South Carolina to New England in early to mid-August, with tropical storm threats in Florida in mid-May and from Florida to southern New England in early to mid-September.

—Michael Steinberg, *Old Farmer's Almanac meteorologist*

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HUMOR ME

GRINS AND GROANS FROM THE ALMANAC



FISH TAIL

Senator Coe I. Crawford of South Dakota once related at a banquet a story to illustrate the mistake of wading into any proposition blindly.

Some time ago, the senator said, an eastern tourist had arrived in an attractive western town for the first time and, while rambling about its outskirts

on his first day, come across a small lake.

The piscatorial prospects looked so good that he lost no time in equipping himself with tackle and bait, and an hour later he was sitting on the bank waiting for things to come his way.

Close by stood a small boy with a face full of freckles and smiles. He had arrived

simultaneously with the fisherman, and, with each succeeding minute, the size of his happiness greatly expanded.

“Look here, young man,” the fisherman finally said at the end of the second hour, “what are you grinning about? Don’t you think that I’m going to catch anything?”

“I know you won’t,”



was the chuckling rejoinder of the kid.

“You do, do you?” came the good-natured reply. “Don’t you think that there are any fish here?”

“Guess not,” grinned the youngster. “There wasn’t even any pond there until the thunderstorm on Tuesday afternoon.”

DUBIOUS DIAGNOSIS

Notice in a Kansas newspaper:

“Our prominent townsman, Theodore Monkton, is seriously ill. He is being attended twice a day by Dr. Smithson, in consultation with Dr. Morgan. His recovery, therefore, is in great doubt.”

HIDDEN ANSWER

One evening while at his summer residence, Mark Twain decided

to take his buggy out for a drive. Expecting to be out late, he told the stable boy not to wait up for him but instead to lock up the stable and put the key under a certain stone, the location of which Twain described in minute detail.

When the humorist arrived home after his drive, he was surprised to find that the key was not where he had expected it to be. After searching for it fruitlessly and exhausting his patience, he finally awoke the boy, who explained as he started out to find the missing key, “Mr. Clemens, I found a better place to hide it!”

GETTING RELIGION

An old, cash-only farmer once came into possession of a check for \$200. After

some hesitation and consternation, he finally summoned up enough courage to try to cash it at the bank.

“What denomination?” asked the teller hastily, as the check was passed in through the window.

“Luth’ran, gol darn it!” said the farmer. “What’s that got to do with it?”

A GINGERLY REPLY

“Thomas!” announced the mother severely. “Someone has taken a big piece of gingerbread out of the pantry!”

Little Tommy blushed guiltily.

“Oh, Thomas!” she then exclaimed. “I’m so disappointed. I didn’t think you had this in you!”

“I don’t!” pronounced Tommy. “Jenny has some!”



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