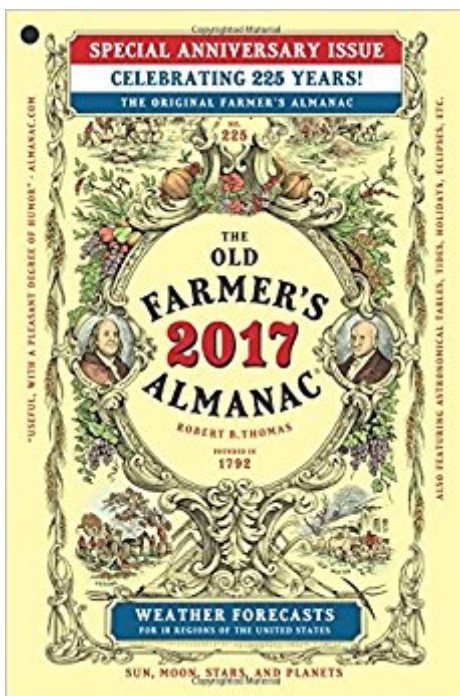


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# The Old Farmer's Almanac 2017: Special Anniversary Edition



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What is 225 years old yet always of the moment? The Old Farmer's Almanac! America's oldest continuously published periodical, beloved by generations for being "useful, with a pleasant degree of humor," celebrates its unique history with a special edition and more readers than ever before! As the nation's iconic calendar, the 2017 edition will predict and mark notable events; glance back and look forward, with historic perspectives on food, people, and businesses; salute legendary customs and folklore; hail celestial events; explore, forage, and cultivate the natural world; forecast traditionally 80 percent accurate weather; inspire giggles and perhaps romance; and more—all in the inimitably useful and humorous way it has done since 1792.

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## Customer Reviews

The words of our founder, Robert B. Thomas, guide us still: "strive always to be useful, but with a pleasant degree of humor." --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

JOIN US, FRIENDS, in a celebration of the 225th consecutive edition of this Almanac! It is our privilege and pleasure to provide you, on these pages, with the elements that make this a true almanac--a calendar of the heavens and a time capsule of the year: timetables for the year's astronomical events traditionally 80 percent-accurate daily

weather forecasts (beginning on page 220) for all of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. You will also find quirky facts, timeless adages and advice, pithy quotes and profound proverbs, contests, Anecdotes & Pleasantries, Best Days to do things (from fishing to weaning, from planting to setting eggs), and more, including these entertaining and informative articles . . .

**.SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SECTION** Congratulatory messages from U.S. President Barack Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; founder Robert B. Thomas's life story, in his own words; replica pages from the first (1793) edition; a timeline of little-known facts, plus legendary lore about the Almanac; contributions and quips from a constellation of celebrities.

**2017 TRENDS (PAGE 10)** Predictions for the hottest, coolest, and oddest ideas, products, and activities, with notes on life in 1792.

**CALL IN THE POLLINATORS (PAGE 32)** Whether we favor edibles or ornamentals, we all need to lure pollinators to the plants. Here's how.

**HARVEST A HELPING OF HISTORY (PAGE 42)** For fun, flavor, and the future, grow these heirloom vegetables--favorites of the founding fathers.

**DRY-FARM FOR TASTY TOMATOES (PAGE 52):** Try this technique for growing amazingly tasty tomatoes--and reap a smaller water bill!

**SOW GOOD! (PAGE 58)** Step-by-step advice for saving seeds to ensure the healthiest and most robust plants next season.

**MANGROVE MYSTERIES EXPLAINED (PAGE 66)** Learn about Florida's exclusive "walking trees" and their value to the environment.

**HOME WATERS: RIVERS THAT RUN IN THE MIND (PAGE 74)** Pull up a chair and join our roving angler as he casts his current thoughts.

**ALMANAC SNACKS (PAGE 82)** Recipes for a taste of the Almanac: Harvest Relish (gardening), Snow Pudding (weather), Cinnamon Stars (astronomy), Ladybug Cupcakes (nature), Piggy Dip (husbandry), and more!

**THE SAVORY PIE CONTEST WINNERS (PAGE 88)** Scrumptious fillings and uncommon crusts make these recipes "keepers" in any collection.

**A CHRONOLOGICAL COMPENDIUM OF WEATHER FACTS, PHENOMENA, AND FORECASTS (PAGE 94)** Five centuries of who, what, where, and when.

**FROTH OF OUR FATHERS (PAGE 200)** Tap into the saga of America's small beers and strong ales.

**HOW TO WOO ON THE WEB (PAGE 204)** With these tips, you'll surely "pick 'em cuter by computer"!

**DOG TRAINING FOR BUSY PEOPLE (PAGE 210)** Prep your pooch to wash the car, change a lightbulb, and more--or less.

**WINNERS IN THE 2016 ESSAY CONTEST (PAGE 240)** The new holiday we need and why!

Every year for more years than I care to remember, I've been getting the OFA and using it throughout the year. Interesting articles, the classic weather forecast (which is so general in its forecasts that it's hard to say they're wrong) and fascinating data keep me coming back year after

year, decade after decade.

I get the Old Farmers Almanac every year. I give it as gifts too. It is a great read with useful information. If you are a gardener or weather buff, you will enjoy reading this. I like to compare the predictions with the actual weather. This year's edition is the 225th year of publication.

i have always love almanacs, they are a combination of nostalgia, old folks wisdom, great moon and sun tables, lots of great tips and they never have become less usefull then in the old day's. i love gardening and tey come in very handy for that and for my photography hobby I use the sun and moon tables to know when to expect the right light. I know that there are modern apps for that now, but nothing beats getting it from the almanac !!! . In this case i ordered the hardcover version , it being the anniversary edition

There are a lot of ads. I read other reviews and thought I could easily overlook them, but they are annoying. I do like the old-timey feel of the book otherwise. The info is easily breezed through. I was hoping it would give me more hours of reading than it does.

Have been collecting the almanac for 15 years now. beginning to get kind of pricey. lots of ads but still a decent book with lots of good information to use throughout the year. I saved \$3.00 buying this through ...

EXCELLENT AS ALWAYS! THIS..is the one, the original...get it every year, just what my grandparents and neighbors followed in my growing up years, with strong predictions, not perfect but very accurate across the many many decades; great charges, humorous entries, facts, informative reading, and the entertaining oddball info and oddball ads, just as always...a consistent buy and yearly companion! Recommend this, the original Farmer's Almanac I've known over 60yrs! So glad available now on Kindle as well, but prefer the book to mark in for regular following and us in gardening, etc. GREAT solid science-based weather predictions, wide content variety, helpful home and living/gardening tips, lots of interesting reading!

“Anything invented after you're thirty or five is against the natural order of things” Douglas Adams Seriously folks, who reads the Old Farmer's Almanac on a Kindle? This is like putting

mayonnaise on French fries ãfÂçÃ â ã ã œ its goes against the natural order of the universe. Can you drop your Kindle in the tub while soaking your aches & pains? As to advertising, I would say every other page, but the further into the book you go the frequency of solicitations does diminish. Though it does remind of the New England Patriots yearbook and how it has trended. But, ultimately, itãfÂçÃ â ã ã„çs a small price to pay for a family & regional tradition, and they do make great stocking stuffers.

I've bought the OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC for many years, and in my opinion this is one of their best editions yet. The enduring farm-and-home standby has reached its 225th anniversary, and the editors seized the opportunity to put out a bigger book with longer articles (it also includes salutations from President Barack Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau). Good domestic advice, wack facts, and expert opinion are there as always, as are the weather prognostications cued to 18 American regions including Alaska and Hawaii. How well does the weather advice hold up? Buy the Almanac now before 2017 kicks in to get the best of it.

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