

SHORTS

How many times has this happened to you—you're trying to schedule an appointment, and you have no idea what date Easter Sunday falls on in, for example, 2009? Now you won't need to wonder, thanks to the forward-thinking Catholic cardinals of 1930—you can figure out the answer in minutes with this easy-to-use formula and some basic algebra:

A RULE FOR FINDING EASTER OF ANY YEAR IN THIS CENTURY OR THE NEXT

(Reprinted from *A Manual of Prayers for the Use of the Catholic Laity*, 1930.)

1st. Divide the date of the year by 19, and call the remainder a;

2nd. Divide the date of the year by 4, and call the remainder b;

3rd. Divide the date of the year by 7, and call the remainder c;

4th. Divide $19a + 24$ [for this century and the next] by 30, and call the remainder d;

5th. Divide $\{2b + 4c + 6d + 5$ [this century] or 6 [next century] $\}$ by 7, and call the remainder e;

Then Easter will be the $22d + d + e$ of March; or the $d + e + 9$ of April.

Exceptions

1st. When Easter would fall on April 26th, put it back to the 19th.

2nd. When It would fall on April 25, put it back to the 18th, if a is more than 10, and d is 28.

See how simple it is? And you almost went out and bought a calendar!

—WILSON

OCCUPATIONS LISTED IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S RECENTLY PUBLISHED DICTIONARY OF OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Asparagus Sorter	Hooker
Carrot Washer	Blind Hooker
Aquarium Tank Attendant	Cat Hooker
Banana-Ripening-Room Supervisor	Loin boner
Rug Scratcher	Bosom Presser
Sack Department Supervisor	Butt Presser
Dog Food Dough Mixer	Bunghole Borer
Tangled Yarn Spool Straightener	Backside Grinter
Chicken Fancier	Impregnator
Worm-Bed Attendant	Impregnating Helper
Mutton Puncher	Breast Buffer
Frickeutron Checker	Breast Worker
Egg Smeller	Round Boner
Brain Picker	Easter Bunny
Panama Hat Smearer	

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PHRASES USED IN THE MIDWEST EXPRESS IN-FLIGHT CATALOG TO DESCRIBE SHIRTS THAT WON'T WRINKLE

Won't wrinkle	Wrinkle shedding
Resists wrinkles	Magically sheds wrinkles
Wrinkle resistant	Scorns wrinkles, shuns dry cleaning
Heroically wrinkle resistant	Defies wrinkles and pickpockets
Wrinkle defiant	Passes the wrinkle test with flying colors
A wonder of wrinkle-defying elegance	Sends wrinkles packing
Wrinkle-free	Packs without wrinkling
Virtually wrinkle-free	Unpacks without a wrinkle
Wrinkleproof	Go for days without a rumple
Virtually wrinkleproof	Say <i>arrivederci</i> to wrinkles
Guaranteed not to wrinkle	Say farewell to wrinkles, <i>au revoir</i> to ironing
No wrinkles—guaranteed	
Never needs ironing	

—LIPOFF