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With cooler weather in the forecast, livestock producers need to beware of the potential of prussic acid poisoning after a frost. Certain plants, such as johnsongrass, sudangrass, and sorghum/sudangrass hybrids contain cyanide-producing compounds that are released with frost

Beware of Prussic Acid Poisoning

damage to the plant. The amount of the compound in a plant depends on one or more factors including the size and variety of the plant, whether drought conditions are present, and the extent of physical damage caused by frost. When an animal eats plants containing high levels of the compounds, prussic acid poisoning results. Prussic acid interferes with oxygen utilization.

University of Kentucky Extension Forage Specialists and Ruminant Veterinarian have developed several tips to reduce prussic acid poisoning in livestock:

1) Frost/freezing is especially dangerous because the plant cells actually rupture allowing prussic acid to be released. Do not graze until well after the entire plant and new shoots are killed and have turned brown (dry).

New forage growth following drought or frost is dangerously high in prussic acid. Wait at least 7 days after a killing frost to allow the cyanide to dissipate;

2) Leaves produce much more prussic acid than stems, especially young upper leaves. New shoots often contain high concentrations of prussic acid. Never graze sorghums or sorghum-cross plants less than 15 inches tall ("knee high") to significantly reduce the potential for poisoning;

3) Feed hungry cattle hay or grain before allowing them to graze forages which may contain prussic acid therefore reducing the amount consumed. Do not graze at night when frost is likely;

4) Drought increases the chance for prussic acid because slowed growth and the inability of the plant to mature favors the formation of cyanogenic compounds in the leaves;

5) Do not graze until 2 weeks after a non-killing frost;

6) Plants grown in high nitrogen soil (and low in phosphorus and potassium) tend to have more prussic acid potential. Splitting nitrogen applications will reduce the risk of toxicity. Herbicides such as 2,4 D can also increase prussic acid for several weeks following application;

7) Chopping or ensiling

plants high in prussic acid will reduce toxin levels if properly cured. However dangerous levels of prussic acid may remain if extremely high before cutting. If in doubt, analyze suspect forages before feeding;

8) Johnson grass and sorghum-sudan grass hybrids also have the potential for nitrate accumulation, especially during drought conditions. Nitrate tends to accumulate in the lower stem, so cutting hay very short, or overgrazing so that cattle have to eat the lower stem bases (the "stubble") can cause more intake of nitrate and signs similar to prussic acid poisoning. Nitrates can persist even in hay;

9) If you cut Johnson grass or sorghum-sudangrass for hay, it is safe because the hay curing process neutralizes any prussic acid; and

10) Wild cherry leaves contain the cyanide compounds. Do not allow access to wild cherry leaves whether they are wilted or not. After storms always check pastures for fallen limbs.

For more information, contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557 or your veterinarian.

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Homemakers Events

Monday, October 21st @ 1pm

Keeping It Sweet – The Scoop on Non-nutritive Sweeteners

Sugar serves multiple purposes in food. Nonnutritive sweeteners do not have the ability to replace all the roles sugar plays in the food's chemical reactions.

On Monday, October 21, 2013, 1:00 p.m. the Estill County Extension Homemakers and Estill County Extension Service will hold a learning session called "Keeping It Sweet – The Scoop on Sugar and Nonnutritive Sweeteners". Understanding the functions of sugar in food will help consumers determine when sugar can be replaced or combined with nonnutritive sweeteners. You do not have to register to attend this free workshop.

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Saturday, November 9th, 9am-12:30pm

Living Well – The Holiday Edition Seminar

Looking for a jumpstart to the holidays? Living Well: The Holiday Edition will be held on Saturday, November 9th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. A great way to kick off the season, this annual entertaining event takes place at the Fayette County Extension Office.

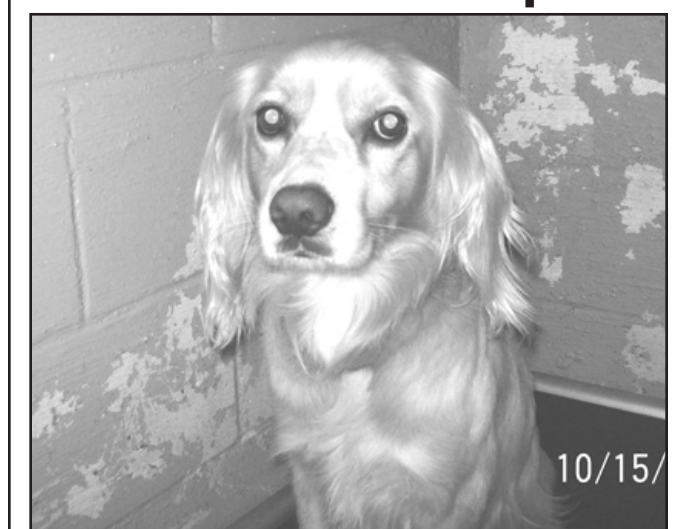
The Garden Bug

Bats are important to ecosystems as predators of night-flying insects. Some bat species eat fruit, nectar or small fish. Vampire bats live in Central and South America and feed on animal blood. Many tropical bats pollinate plants and help spread seeds, and bat droppings can be used as fertilizer.

Source: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- Brenda Weaver

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Stickeler's Answer

Stickelers Answer

The word is discontinuation.

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3	5	2	4	7	8	6	7	6	7	6	5	6	
S	B	B	D	B	L	N	E	E	P	W	E	F	
8	3	4	7	3	7	5	6	4	7	3	6	2	
O	P	I	R	E	A	A	R	S	C	N	I	E	
4	3	6	2	5	7	6	2	4	2	8	5	2	
P	D	E	C	U	T	N	H	E	A	V	T	R	
6	4	5	4	5	8	3	7	2	5	2	3	6	
D	L	Y	I	E	E	W	I	N	T	I	S		
4	2	7	5	4	3	7	8	6	4	6	7	4	
L	A	C	D	L	S	A	H	A	H	U	I	L	S
5	4	8	2	6	5	3	7	4	6	4	7	2	
U	I	B	B	P	R	E	T	O	S	N	O	L	
3	7	8	7	5	8	2	7	8	3	8	5	8	
L	D	O	A	E	U	E	Y	N	Y	D	S	S	

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

WRAWGGWDAW TWNQKWN

QD JFUGQMB DHM QD

JFUDMQMB. MVW CWNM QN

UGSUBN ZWS UDK TUTW;

LFAV GHSWTN IUGFW.

— PTUAQUD

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: V equals E

SW LNJVYGSRD IVBV QCTFVE

MVRVTYG T DBVVR FSYBKL

WBKSY, S LKQQNLV SY INKCE

MV LKM-CSJV.

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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

W	E	L	C	O	M	E	M	E	L	O	N	
H	E	L	B	O	W	A	S	E	L	L	I	C
E	L	A	B	E	L	E	L	O	F	E	L	K
R	E	L	A	X	E	D	M	D	E	L	A	Y
R	E	L	A	X	E	D	M	D	E	L	A	Y
E	B	E	E	L	E	R	E	L	E	L	E	L
L	O	N	E	L	Y	S	T	E	E	L	S	T
L	O	N	E	L	Y	S	T	E	E	L	S	T

FEAR & KNIGHT

answer

G	L	A	M	O	R		
I	I	E					
N	O	N	N	E			
G	K	N	E	E	D		
F	O	G		G	A	I	N
I	N	T	E	R	N	E	
A							
N							
T							

Letter Box

Solution

O	E	A	P	C	I	R	M	J
M	I	C	R	A	J	P	O	E
P	R	J	E	M	O	A	C	I
E	M	I	A	J	P	O	A	C
C	O	P	I	E	R	J	A	M
A	J	R	C	O	M	I	E	P
J	A	M	O	I	C	E	P	R
I	P	E	M	R	A	C	J	O
R	C	O	J	P	E	M	I	A

Even Exchange

answers

1. Ladder, Larder
2. Stuck, Stick
3. Cloth, Sloth
4. Mental, Menial
5. Adorn, Acorn
6. Tense, Terse
7. Picky, Pinky
8. Expert, Expect
9. Nancy, Nanny
10. Bagger, Bigger

CAST IN STONE

Answer

G	E	N	O	T	S	H	A				
M	N	E									
G	A	L	L	S	T	O	N	E			
X	T	T	O	P							
S	O	K	E	Y	S	T	O	N	E		
T	N	T	E	S	R						
O	D	E	N	O	T	S	Y	R			
E	N	O	T	S	U	S					
E	Y	E	N	O	T	S	L	I	O	F	M

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

8	7	5	4	3	6	2	9	1
4	2	1	7	9	8	5	6	3
3	6	9	2	5	1	7	8	4
5	1	6	9	8	7	4	3	2
7	9	3	1	4	2	8	5	6
2	8	4	5	6	3	9	1	7
6	3	2	8	7	9	1	4	5
9	4	7	6	1	5	3	2	8
1	5	8	3	2	4	6	7	9

CryptoQuote

answer

Excellence resides in quality not in quantity. The best is always few and rare; much lowers value.

— GRACIAN

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

H	R	S		A	V	E							
B	E	A	M	S	N	A	R	E					
G	O	N	N	A	O	I	L	I	N	G			
M	A	R	I	L	Y	N	M	O	N	R	O	E	
C	R	Y	L	O	N	E	R	I	O	N			
D	E	W	E		A	C	E	D					
T	W	I	R	L		F	I	S	H	Y			
D	Y	A	N		M	A	N	S					
A	P	R			G	R	A	M	S		S	O	S
S	O	M	E	L	I	K	E	I	T	H	O	T	
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T	E	E											

Bible Trivia Answers

Casey's trivia book "Know It? ... or Not?" is available from BearManorMedia.com

ANSWERS: (1) 1) Not James; 2) Solomon 1 Kings; (4) Rams; (6) ther; 2) The Devil; (3) James; (1) 1) Not