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Make farm record-keeping a priority

better long-term decisions. You can use a ledger book or a computer—whatever helps you maintain consistency. Software programs can make your data more meaningful.

Software has become more user-friendly over time, and while it may not make the record keeping process fun, it could help you see the overall picture of your operation. Some programs track purchases of inputs and how you use the input on a particular enterprise or field. You'll be able to keep track of repair and maintenance records for specific farm equipment and produce balance sheets, income statements and cash flow budgets.

For many livestock operations, a good time to start keeping records is when the veterinarian comes to check the herd.

Vets usually charge per head, so that data can help you develop a list of animals that need attention. You can use the same data to develop health histories of your animals, which will lead to more informed exams and diagnosis in the future.

Make record keeping a team effort for your family. Sit down and work on the records and budget together. Perhaps one person can read the information while another person types it into the software program or writes it in the ledger book. Also, if you do a little bit each day and don't save it all up for the end of the year, you won't become overwhelmed.

If you've done the work throughout the year, year-end procedures can feel more satisfying. You can generate year-end reports with a few simple clicks and not have to sort

through stacks of bills lying around the home or office.

The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Department of Agricultural Economics has several tools online that could help with budgeting and decision making. Visit <https://agecon.ca.uky.edu/budgets> to see what is available.

If you prefer to keep records on paper, we have the Kentucky Farm Record Book available and KY Farm Tax Guides. For more information, contact the Estill County Extension office at 723-4557.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

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6	4	2	4	8	6	3	7	8	2	6	5	6
A	S	A	T	D	L	F	Y	E	C	L	L	O
7	8	6	7	2	7	3	2	7	3	8	6	7
O	C	W	U	C	A	R	E	C	E	I	F	Q
6	3	8	7	4	3	8	6	2	6	5	8	3
O	S	S	U	A	H	I	R	P	L	O	O	I
5	7	6	2	7	6	4	6	2	7	8	5	8
V	I	E	T	R	I	Y	S	C	E	N	E	S
5	8	6	3	4	6	7	4	8	6	2	8	7
G	A	U	D	O	R	F	N	R	E	H	E	R
3	7	2	4	7	8	2	8	4	8	3	8	7
E	I	A	T	E	M	N	A	R	D	A	E	N
5	7	5	3	2	7	4	2	4	5	2	4	5
R	D	O	S	G	S	A	E	C	W	S	K	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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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: N equals U

HB PGN XGUD MV M XHZEGX

XMVQFU, H YNFVV PGN'E BHZE

PGNUVFOB GZ LQF GNLVHEF

OGGDHZY HZ.

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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.

WFBXUS DWXTPAOU NFCOI MHY

UH NHAO F VFAOUK KWFU

WFBXUS F VXFUH NFCOI MHY F

VXFUXIK. — NXDWFOT TOBXUO

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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

POLITE WORTHY
R OLD NEAT S UN
DULL AMUSING
O NOISY L L D I
BIG H SLY L I S
E TAME LOUD HOT
T E LO SE AN
RAW W DECENT

FEAR KNIT

answer

G
ERR
N I E D G E
GRATIN A
O L Y R E
L T I D
P L E A T
P

Even Exchange

answers

1. Waiter, Walter
2. Cloth, Sloth
3. Bagger, Bigger
4. Perch, Porch
5. Hoist, Moist
6. Rumble, Rubble
7. Tamper, Temper
8. Lotion, Motion
9. Snoop, Scoop
10. Folly, Filly

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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

SPOTTED WORDS

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

Letter Box

Solution

R	T	K	W	C	E	O	H	I
C	W	I	O	R	H	K	E	T
O	E	H	T	K	I	C	W	R
H	I	C	R	O	W	E	T	K
T	K	E	I	H	C	R	O	W
W	O	R	K	E	T	H	I	C
I	C	O	H	T	K	W	R	E
K	H	T	E	W	R	I	C	O
E	R	W	C	I	O	T	K	H

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Bible Trivia Answers

Test Your Bible Knowledge, with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

ANSWERS (1) Old: (2) Established: (3) Anna: (4) 7th: (5) Egypt: (6) Angel (in a dream)

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Extension is taking orders for Apple and Pear Rootstock

The Estill County Extension office is taking orders for apple and pear rootstocks. If you want to propagate a favorite apple or pear, grafting is one of the easiest, cheapest ways to preserve that cultivar. To graft, you will need scion wood (terminal branch segments from last year's growth collected at the end of February) and rootstock. If you do not know how to graft, contact me for more information.

We typically order Malling7 (55% of standard size tree) and/or MM.111 (80% of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. I have a limited supply reserved and their cost has increased to \$1.50 each. Please pre-pay your order by January 22nd. The rootstocks usually arrive the first of March. To place an order, you can call 723-4557 beginning January 4th. Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!

Stickeler's Answer

Stickelers Answer

The basket has nine white and nine brown eggs. When the sum, 18, is inverted, it becomes 81, the product of the two numbers.

Stickeler's Puzzle on Page 7

Puzzle Answers

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Bible Word Search on Page 7

looking in.
yourself on the outside
washer, I guess you'd find
If you work as a window
answer
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Having children makes you
no more a parent than
having a piano makes you a
pianist. — Michael Levine
answer
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