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Winter Care for Strawberry Plants

bud damage, the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil that commonly occurs in winter and early spring can cause plant roots to break and the plants to be heaved right out of the ground.

Mulching strawberry plants will insulate them from extreme low temperatures, minimize soil heaving and decrease excessive drying (desiccation) of the plant crowns. But be sure to wait until plants are dormant before you pile on the mulch. Applying mulch too early can cause the crown of the plant to rot. Plants should be mulched before the temperature drops below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, usually by late November or early December.

Several materials can be used for winter mulch, including clean (weed-free) straw, chopped cornstalks, hay, corn cobs or bark chips. Tree leaves and grass clippings are not recommended, since they tend to mat down and smother the plants.

About 2-3 inches of mulch, after settling, should provide adequate protection. This is a great use for those fall decorator straw bales.

Put a note on your garden calendar to uncover the plants in spring as new growth begins. Rake off most of the mulch as soon as the first new leaves develop. The new growth will probably look a little yellow at first but will green up

with exposure to light. Rake the mulch between the rows to provide weed control and a source of emergency cover in case frost threatens. Mulching around the plants will also help keep the berries clean.

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Monday, November 14th @ 7pm

Ginseng Seminar

Ginseng is a perennial herb that has been used for medicinal purposes in China and other Asian countries for centuries. American ginseng is native to the rich hardwood forests of Canada and the eastern half of the United States, including Kentucky. Kentucky leads the nation in wild ginseng production. While wild American ginseng is not yet considered endangered, it is protected by federal and state laws.

Because ginseng regulations are subject to change, we have requested the Kentucky Department of Agriculture ginseng program coordinator Anna Lucio to come to Estill County to provide the latest ginseng laws and restrictions. The ginseng informational seminar will be Monday, November 14th, 7:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension office. Please call 723-4557 if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, November 15th @ 6:30pm

Cattle Handling & Care Certification Training

Attention cattle producers! The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will host a Cattle Handling and Care Certification training on Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30 p.m., at the Extension office, 76 Golden Court, Irvine.

Participants will have a comprehensive training including proper cattle handling techniques, proper nutrition, animal health procedures, health disorders, handling facilities and hauling, and more. Everyone will take a short written exam and those passing the exam can receive a barn sign, chute-side laminated sheet, and trailing bumper sticker. Barn signs may not be available at the meeting but at a later date. In addition, participants can receive a beef quality assurance (BQA) certification by watching another short video and paying a \$5 fee.

Wednesdays, Nov. 22nd & Dec. 6th

Forestry Webinars Offered

The Estill County Extension Service is partnering with the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry Extension to offer two Fall Forestry Webinars. Forestry extension professors and professional foresters will be presenting the webinars. A webinar is an educational seminar conducted through the internet to satellite locations across the state at the same time.

Two educational webinars will be held at the Estill County Extension office at 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays, November 22nd (topic: marking your woodlands property boundaries) and December 6th (topic: preventing wildlife damage on your property). Certified Kentucky Master Loggers can receive 1-hour of continuing education credit for the November 22nd session.

If you are interested in attending, please call 723-4557 to pre-register. Estill County Extension is located at 76 Golden Court (off Stacy Lane), Irvine.

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Clue: V equals T

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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.

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Puzzle Answers

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Answer

BASKET	B	STEAK
DUTIES	U	DIETS
GRAZES	Z	GEARS
DAZZLE	Z	LAZED
CEYLON	Y	CLONE
TRIBES	B	TIRES
EDISON	O	SNIDE
NOMADS	D	MOANS
REVISE	I	SEVER
BRACES	E	CARBS
RECAST	S	TRACE

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Letter Box

Solution

O	D	H	T	F	E	G	R	A
A	T	G	O	R	H	F	D	E
F	R	E	A	D	G	T	O	H
T	A	O	R	E	F	D	H	G
H	E	F	D	G	A	R	T	O
D	G	R	H	T	O	E	A	F
E	H	T	G	O	R	A	F	D
G	O	D	F	A	T	H	E	R
R	F	A	E	H	D	O	G	T

Even Exchange

- answers
- Grand, Grant
 - Nimble, Nibble
 - Harry, Hurry
 - Shiner, Shiver
 - Around, Ground
 - Hover, Homer
 - Orate, Irate
 - Ballot, Ballet
 - Jolly, Jelly
 - Larder, Larger

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

S	L	O	W	E	T	H	A	S	P	S		
O	A	T	H	M	O	A	R	H	E	A		
A	L	T	A	R	B	O	Y	G	O	R	Y	
P	O	O	R	E	R	E	L	O	P	E	S	
F	L	Y	S	I	N	G						
H	A	S	Y	O	N	S	N	I	F	F		
E	C	H	O	S	O	L	E	R	I	E		
S	T	O	R	E	M	I	S	L	E	W		
W	I	L	L	N	O	S						
B	O	G	G	L	E	E	N	C	O	D	E	
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The Garden Bug
The Three Sisters

By the time European settlers arrived in America in the early 1600s, native tribes like the Iroquois had been growing corn, beans and squash (the "three sisters") together for centuries. They considered the support the plants gave each other a divine gift. The stalks of the corn plants support the bean vines, while the leaves of the beans pull nitrogen from the air and bring it to the soil for all three. The squash plant's wide leaves protect the soil while their prickles discourage foraging pests.

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.almanac.com

Stickeler's Puzzle

by Terry Stickels

What are the top 5 languages spoken in the world, based on the number of people who speak them?

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

ANSWERS: (1) Old; (2) Benjamin; (3) Eden; (4) Earth's dust; (5) Ten Commandments; (6) Ungodly