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Kentucky soybean growers produced the highest ever documented yields in the state this year in the soybean yield contest hosted by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the Kentucky Soybean Board.

Meredith Farms, owned by Philip and Lea Meredith in Henderson, produced the record-breaking yield

Record Soybean Yield in West Kentucky

of 107.76 bushels per acre in the full-season, irrigated category of the yield contest. This is the first time a yield of more than 100 bushels per acre has been documented in Kentucky, and it smashed the previous record of 98.34 bushels per acre set in 2015, a record the farm also held. Meredith Farms had two other contest entries top the 100-bushel-per-acre threshold in this year's contest. They will be the first farm inducted into the Kentucky Soybean Board's 100 Bushel Club.

"2017 was a record-breaking year for soybean production in Kentucky," said Davie Stephens, chairman of the Kentucky Soybean Board. "In addition to the three, 100-bushel entries, many growers across the state (and our state as a whole) are experiencing record yields. The

Kentucky Soybean Board is pleased to recognize all of our yield and quality contest winners at the Kentucky Commodity Conference in Bowling Green on Thursday, Jan. 18."

Kentucky farmers also broke records in the double-crop, non-irrigated portion of the contest with two entries harvesting more than 80 bushels per acre. Bruce and Jeremy Benson in Hopkins County recorded a yield of 91.84 bushels per acre. Scott Kuegel, of Daviess County, had a yield of 80 bushels per acre and placed second in the category. The Kentucky Soybean Board will induct the men into the 80 Bushel Club for double-crop soybeans.

"We thought these record yields might be out there in pockets, but we didn't expect them to be so high," said Carrie Knott,

yield contest organizer and UK extension grain crops specialist. "These record yields were helped by excellent growing conditions that included timely rains throughout the growing season as well as producers' management skills."

To enter the contest, producers must harvest a minimum of three acres out of a field that is at least 10 acres. The county's UK Cooperative Extension Service agent for agriculture and natural resources must be present to verify the yield. The extension agent then sends each entry to Knott to verify yield calculations.

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Tips for snow removal

- Remove heavy snowfall from plant beds. Some snow does offer protection and moisture, but too much weight can damage wintering plants and leave behind too much standing water as it melts.
- Avoid heaping roadside snow onto planting areas; it's most likely full of road salt, which is damaging to roots and foliage.
- When snow accumulates on trees and bushes, remove it gently. Don't bang on the branches, as they may snap and break. - Brenda Weaver

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Winter Mix
Mix together equal portions of black oil sunflower, hulled sunflower heart chips, safflower seed and peanuts. Fill a tube or mesh feeder or toss on the ground. Soon you will have tufted titmice, chickadees, buntings, finches, sparrows, cardinals, woodpeckers and nuthatches. Everyone will be happy!

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Athletic
EIGAL

Portion
HEARS

Frail
RENED

Turned
WEAKS

TODAY'S WORD

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all it contains; let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the Lord, for He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. — Psalm 96:11-13

Americanisms

"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas ... perhaps ... means a little bit more!"
—Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

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Apple Rootstock Orders

The Estill County Cooperative Extension Service will be ordering apple and pear rootstocks in January. If you want to propagate a favorite apple or pear, grafting is one of the easiest 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, come by the office for assistance.

We typically order Malling7 (55% of standard size) and/or MM.111 (80% of standard) semi-dwarf apple rootstock and a pear rootstock. Please pre-pay your order by January 19th. The rootstocks usually arrive in late February. For more information, contact the Estill County Extension office at 723-4557.

A reminder that the Extension office will be closed December 25th through January 1st for the holidays. We will reopen January 2nd. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [1-11]

by Terry Stickels

Below is a scrambled 18-letter word known to all. See how long it takes you to unravel it. (Hint: Neither the P nor the O start or end the word.)

P	I	S	R	P
R	O	N	T	
Y	I	E	D	
A	L	O	T	O

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

Wishing Well®

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

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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: Y equals I

PEWA OILKYGYAT YZ CLAZIR ZW
BIYGI ZSI RLF, L VOIBSCLZIO VYBS
EOWDEZKF TWZ PE LAR UOYIR

"ULOE RYID!"

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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.

LQ (ALQ TONWKQNNUMK) WN
ALQ EKRZ UMK YLE WN
DEVQXQV MJEREHWCWKH DEV
LWN EBBOJMAWEK.
— L.R. UQKBIQK

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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

Where does Santa put his red suit after Christmas?

FEAR & KNIGHT

answer

Where does Santa put his red suit after Christmas?

In the class-et.

Letter Box

Solution

P	I	T	C	H	F	O	R	K
O	K	C	P	T	R	I	H	F
H	R	F	O	K	I	T	C	P
R	O	I	H	P	K	C	F	T
K	C	H	T	F	O	R	P	I
F	T	P	R	I	C	K	O	H
C	H	K	F	R	T	P	I	O
T	P	R	I	O	H	F	K	C
I	F	O	K	C	P	H	T	R

Even Exchange

answers

- March, Match
- Holly, Hilly
- Empire, Umpire
- Liston, Lisbon
- Perch, Porch
- Venus, Vents
- Fright, Flight
- James, Tames
- Marina, Marine
- Sleep, Sweep

LAST DAY OF THE YEAR

Answer

Upon realizing it wanted to seize the day, a freshwater fish promptly got up and cried "Carp diem!"

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuip

answer

He (the businessman) is the only man who is forever apologizing for his occupation.
— H.L. Mencken

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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

Bible Trivia Answers

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ANSWERS 1) Matthew/Luke; 2) Shepherds; 3) Egypt; 4) Herod; 5) Zero; 6) Herod; 7) Herod; 8) Herod; 9) Herod; 10) Herod.