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Warmer weather brings more pest problems. Horn flies and face flies are key pests of Kentucky cattle. Both species breed in fresh manure piles, but they present different threats and management problems. Fortunately, you have a variety of fly control options.

Lee Townsend, UK entomologist, explains that horn flies are blood feeders. They remain on animals most of the time, taking 20 to 30 small blood meals per day. More than 100 flies along dairy cattle. the sides and backs of each weights for spring calves and

animal, however, does make 15 weeks of fly control. Tag-systems. many control methods quite ging too early in the season effective.

flies spend about 90 percent that will help to control the of their time resting and they overwintering population. only visit animals to feed on for very short time periods.

amounts of an insecticide distributed over the animal during grooming or rubbing. In general, ear tags provide excellent, long-term control of horn flies and some brands in combination with other also reduce face fly numbers. Another advantage is that trol will vary with weather animals only have to be handled once.

Read the label before you use insecticide ear tags. All tags per side but no sooner than are labeled for beef cattle the label instructions allow. while only those with certain active ingredients are approved for use on lactating vices, such as dust bags,

animal every day during the to tag animals after horn fly control. You can purchase fly season can mean 12 to numbers reach 50 or more ready-made or assemble 15 pounds lower weaning per side. This reduces the from easily found materichances of developing repoor gains for older animals. sistance to the active ingre-The close association be-dients that are being used. fly control and may provide tween the horn fly and the Normally, tags provide 12 to

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can mean the tags are not On the other hand, face providing control in the fall

Fly Control on Cattle

Another method of conliquids around the eyes and trol is pour-on products. face. This makes some fly These are ready-to-use forcontrol methods more effec- mulations that are applied tive than others because face to animals in measured dosflies visit hard-to-treat areas es based upon body weight. Horn flies are killed as they One control option is in- land on treated areas of secticide-impregnated cattle the animal and pick up the ear tags which release small insecticide through their

body.

fly reduction so you must reapply at intervals or use methods. The length of conand other factors, so treat again when fly numbers build back up to about 100 Many cattle producers like to use self-application deback rubbers, or automatic For fly control, it is best sprayers for pasture fly als. These devices can do a very effective job of horn satisfactory to excellent face fly control. All require regular inspection and service to be sure they are working properly and may not be as mobile as other fly control

Location is important for these fly control methods. You must put them where animals can regularly use them. The number you need will vary with herd size, pasture area and other factors. The ultimate goal is to get each animal regularly treated.

Horn flies and face flies breed in cattle droppings in pastures. Animals consuming an insecticide that passes through the manure can make it toxic. Mineral Typically, pour-ons pro- blocks or loose supplevide about four weeks of ments are available which contain fly control products. This method is only part of a total fly-control program because horn flies and face flies move in from nearby herds. Supplemental control though the use of dust bags or backrubbers is needed to deal with these "fly-ins".

Beef cattle producers have many alternatives for pasture fly control. Cost, effectiveness, past control history and herd management practices help to narrow this list. For more information on fly control, contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557.

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Stickeler's Puzzle

Below are four squeezer puzzles.

Can you find the correct word to be placed

in the middle of each to create two new

words, one front-end, one back-end?

Here's an example of how it works:

ever G R E E N horn

2) farm \_ \_ \_ fast

3) air \_\_\_\_ craft 4) iron \_ \_ \_ \_ wall

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1) bottle

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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: T equals Y

CPAU Z LIT KQ QNKYKUL DPSVILPVID PKQ CPVYA YKBA, K LIAQQ PA'Q

LSKUUKUL BSVN TAZS DV TAZS.

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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

HM'W BEQMML RJEI MG

MQXX TRJM IGQW ZEHUY

RJBBHUQWW; BGCQEML JUI

TQJXMR RJCQ ZGMR NJHXQI.

AHU RVZZJEI

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answer

THESIS

MAP

5. Humble, Tumble

KNET

ADOPT

10. Expand, Expend

— Weekly SUDOKU ——

Answer

1 3 8 4 9 2 7 6 5

5 7 4 3 6 8 2 9 1

9 6 2 7 1 5 3 4 8

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

3 2 1 6 5 4 9 8 7

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

— **King** Crossword *—* 

**Answers** 

Solution time: 21 mins.

P A P A S A D G A Z E
E V I D E N C E A X E L
R E N O V A T E M I R A
R I G P O I S O N
E A S E L F E R N
E F T S R E N E G E D

MATES VEE

# June 28, 201*1*

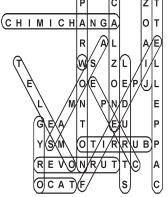
Answer

Why are mosquitoes annoying?

Because they get under your skin.

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Ν	_	С	Ε	G	R	0	U	Р
R	U	1	0	Е	С	Р	Ν	G
G	С	Ν	U	Р	Ι	R	Ш	0
Р	Ε	0	R	Ν	G	U	С	Τ
Ε	Ν	G	Τ	R	Р	С	0	U
1	0	Р	С	U	Е	G	R	N
С	R	U	G	0	N		Р	E

# FOLDED FOOD



When a guy is smiling throughout his whole life, I guess he's grinning from year to year.

It's pretty hard to tell what does bring happiness; poverty and wealth have both failed. Kin Hubbard

## T T T A R O S E PEA T A B O R **Letter Box** B М Solution **Even Exchange** 1. Revere, Severe 6. Chose, Chore 7. Smock, Shock Marsh, March 3. Betsy, Betty 8. Merge, Marge 4. Pellet, Pallet 9. Brink, Brisk

# **CryptoQuip**

## **CryptoQuote** answer

## Bible Trivia Answers Now available by Wilson Casev! 2017 Bible

5) Pharaoh; 6) Tent door Jacob; 3) Shechem; 4) Aaron; ANSWERS 1) New; 2) Trivia box calendar loaded with daily teasers.

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