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U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) mailed the 2017 Census of Agriculture to the nation's producers. Conducted once every five

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feederwatch.org

Producers Should Respond to the Census of Agriculture agriculture. The resulting food marketing practices, data are used by farmers, and questions about onranchers, trade associa- farm decision-making to tions, researchers, policy- help better capture the makers, and many others roles and contributions of to help make decisions beginning farmers, wom- about the 2017 Census in community planning, en farmers, and others infarm assistance programs, volved in running a farm technology development, enterprise. farm advocacy, agribusiness setup, rural develop- to the census online or by ment, and more.

source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial Census of Agriculture is agriculture data for every required by law under Tistate and county in the na- tle 7 USC 2204(g) Public tion. NASS revised the cen- Law 105-113. The same sus forms in an attempt to law requires NASS to keep document changes and all information confidenemerging trends in the in- tial, to use the data only dustry. Changes include a for statistical purposes, years, the census aims to new question about mili- and only publish in aggre-

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FreederWatch

Coordinated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

and Bird Studies Canada, this winter-long survey

tracks birds that visit feeders in

North America. Participants are

then provide data to the project

visiting their feeders. This helps

sent research kits and instructions,

about the number and kinds of birds

scientists track bird populations and

backyards, nature centers

and other locations in

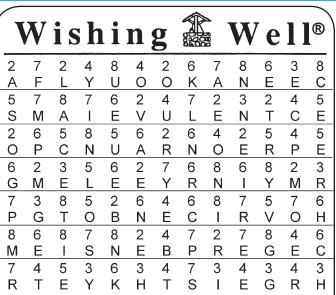
Producers can respond mail. The census response The census is the only deadline is February 5, 2018. Responding to the

get a complete and accu- tary veteran status, ex- gate form to prevent disrate picture of American panded questions about closing the identity of any individual producer or farm operation. NASS will release the results of the census in February 2019.

For more information of Agriculture, visit www. agcensus.usda.gov or call (800) 727-9540.

Check out all the farmrelated activities listed at bottom right including Apple Rootstock Orders, Cattle Producer Meeting, Marketing Locally Grown Meats and Farmers Market.

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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: F 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 GZX GFC WA F DXZFCWQI

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VHAC FA XWLWDHRQHA PZFX

from Extension Agent Eric Baker

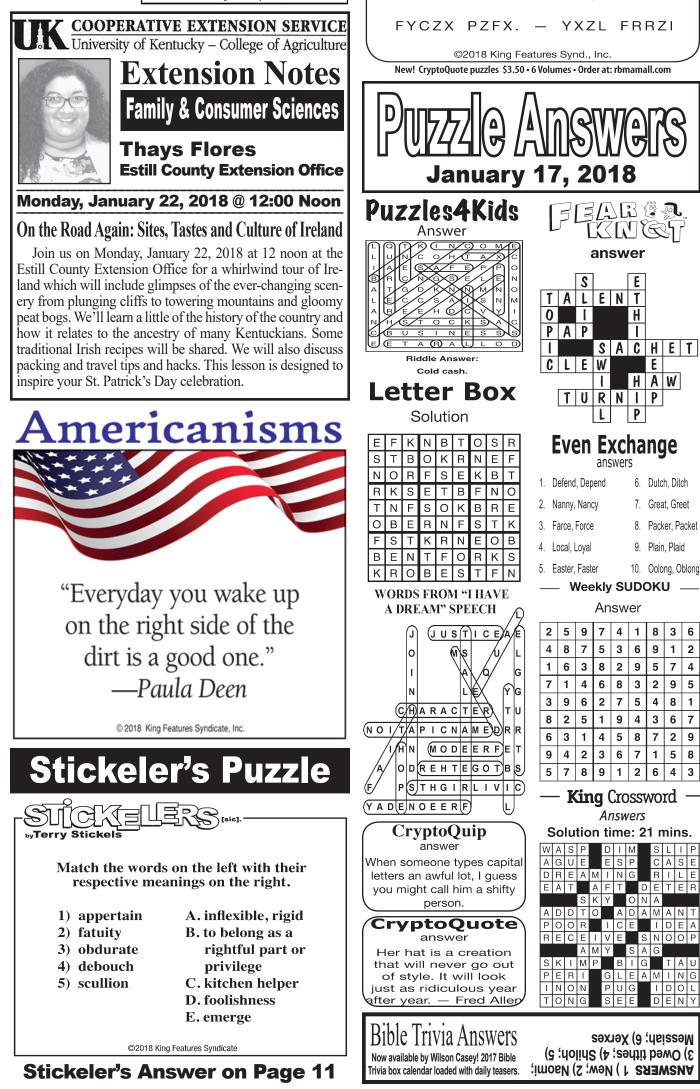
Order by Friday, January 19th

Apple Rootstock Orders



Winter Feast One of the best foods you can have on hand to feed backyard birds is peanuts (unsalted). They are loaded with protein and fat, two things birds need to carry them through the winter. Woodpeckers, wrens, titmice, catbirds, chickadees and cardinals will flock to your feeders for their share.

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their movements, and changes in their wintering ranges. Anyone, even children, can apply to take part in this study. - Brenda Weaver © 2018 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

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. 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.

#### Thursday, January 18th @ 6pm

## **Cattle Producer Meeting**

Estill County Cooperative Extension and Estill County Cattlemen's Association will host a cattle producers meeting on Thursday, January 18th, 6:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension office.

Our guest speaker will be UK Beef Extension specialist Dr. Jeff Lehmkuhler who will discuss cow/calf nutrition and stocker cattle care. The Estill County Cattlemen Association will have their business meeting afterward. Bluegrass Stockyards of Richmond is sponsoring the catered meal, so please pre-register by calling 723-4557 on or before January 12th. For more information, contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557.

#### Tuesday, January 23rd @ 8:30am

### **Marketing Locally Grown Meats**

The Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development's (KCARD) is hosting a Marketing Locally Grown Meat Workshop on Tuesday, January 23rd at the Morgan County Cooperative Extension office, 1002 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472. The workshop will begin at 8:30am EST with registration, and will last until 4:00pm EST. Lunch will be provided for participants. The workshop costs \$15 per person, which includes the cost the food and educational materials. Call (859) 550-3972 to register.

#### Wednesday, January 24th @ 7pm

## **Farmers Market Meeting**

The Estill County Farmer's Market Association will have their first organizational meeting of 2018 on Wednesday, January 24th, 7 p.m., at the Estill County Extension office. The market is looking for new members to help supply wholesome produce to the community. If you have questions, contact Hannah Eaton at 726-0679 or the Estill County Farmer's Market page on Facebook..