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Farm Diversification Considerations

think of diversification in terms of selecting the right enterprise for yourself and your operation instead of just choosing the latest fad or "miracle crop" that will supposedly bring immediate prosperity. Often these latter two only create success for a handful of producers but fail for the vast majority.

Be sure to choose an enterprise that you think you will enjoy doing or something that excites you. It will also need to be an endeavor your family or business partners also have enthusiasm for or are willing to do.

Once you have an idea or couple of ideas, you need to start thinking about the equipment and experience it would take to properly produce and whether you already have some of the production requirements on-hand or at least, a plan for accessing them. You also need to make sure there is

a demand and market for this new product. You need to be comfortable with the risk of producing a new product and consider how quickly this new endeavor will return a profit.

UK Cooperative Extension Service has a publication, PRIMER for Selecting New Enterprises, which can help you answer these important questions to determine whether a particular field is right for you. The publication, developed by UK agricultural economists Tim Woods and Steve Isaacs, is available online at <https://www.uky.edu/Ag/AgEcon/pubs/ext2000-13.pdf> and includes questions, score sheets and planning tools to help you determine the feasibility for adding a particular enterprise to your existing operation. You can also get a copy by contacting the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557.

April Forage Grower Tips

Here are a few tips for forage growers: 1) complete seeding of alfalfa; 2) determine need for supplemental forages such as millet or sudan-grass; 3) prepare for start of hay harvest; 4) prepare fencing, and water for grazing season and begin grazing early pastures; 5) plant corn for silage and warm season grasses after risk of frost; and 6) assess opportunity for weed control using recommended herbicides (always read and follow label recommendations). For more information, contact the Estill County Extension office or visit <https://kyforage-news.com/>

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In times of agricultural economic downturn, some of us look for ways to increase our income by diversifying into something new or adding different agricultural endeavors to our existing operations. While diversification may sound simple at first, there are many questions you should ask yourself before jumping into a new enterprise.

No two farmers or agricultural operations are the same. Remember to



Abutilon is commonly known as "flowering maple." It bears red, salmon, pink, yellow, orange, white or bi-colored flowers that have a papery consistency, reminiscent of the feel of the flowers of such plants as crepe myrtle, bougainvillea and oriental poppy. It can be grown outdoors year-round in the southeastern U.S., where it may grow as tall as 10 feet with optimal growing conditions. — Brenda Weaver

Source: www.thespruce.com/how-to-care-for-abutilon-plants

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50 Shades of Red-Wing
The other day about 50 hungry red-wing blackbirds came to chow down on some white proso millet I tossed on the ground. It was a quite a sight when they all took flight at once, exposing their bright red patches. It was stunning, to say the least.

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Community Garden

This year's Estill County Extension Service summer intern will be starting a summer community garden. She is trying to get a head count of families/individuals who would be interested in participating. Each family will have their own plot and this will be a whole summer commitment in order to keep your plot thriving. If interested, please call the Estill County Extension Office at 723-4557, to add your name to our list. There are limited plots available. Deadline to be considered for a plot will be April 25, 2018.

Americanisms



"If we do not save the environment, then whatever we do in civil rights will be of no meaning, because then we will have the equality of extinction."
—James L. Farmer, Jr.

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Plunge; 2. Hassle;
3. Scold; 4. Ingest

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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: G equals H

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PK ZGCRQ.

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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.

LYZSD EQVS ZS WSPNHKS Q
CYD'U EYYV EQVS N JQBE LRY
LYHEC KUSNE N RHKWND.
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Puzzle Answers

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Puzzles4Kids

Answer

ASHLEY Y LEASH
ASTROS O STARS
SAUCER U CARES
STREAM R TEAMS

SONNET N STONE
EASTER A STEER
HOMERS M HORSE
CLOSED E COLDS

Letter Box

Solution

I	E	T	M	U	S	O	C	Z
M	Z	U	I	C	O	S	E	T
S	C	O	E	T	Z	M	U	I
T	I	E	S	Z	U	C	M	O
O	M	Z	C	I	E	U	T	S
C	U	S	T	O	M	I	Z	E
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ANAGRAMS OF COUNTRIES

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CryptoQuip

answer

I believe one should never hitchhike after dark. You could say it's been my rule of thumb.

CryptoQuote

answer

Women like me because I don't look like a girl who would steal a husband. At least not for long.
— Jean Harlow

FEAR & KNIGHT

answer

J A B O T
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J E S T
L D I B
D E M O O
O A R T A L E
T A U
U T E R U S
M D

Even Exchange

answers

1. Austin, Austen
2. Snoop, Scoop
3. Topic, Tonic
4. Bitter, Better
5. Pluto, Plato
6. Wendy, Windy
7. Forget, Forged
8. Wordy, Worry
9. Saute, Sauce
10. Detour, Devour

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.
KAY FAIR AFRO
ICE AMOS FLOW
ERA CONVOLUTE
VERDI PRO
EATS BALLS
CONF LATE TOOL
ONE SLOTS KOOL
GIRL CONTRITE
STOOL PAIN
GOA PALMS
CONJUGATE YEA
IDEA ERATE RAW
DEEM SEND ENS

Stickeler's Puzzle



Here's an alphametic that contains only six numbers ...

A Let A = 9
TALL L = 5
+ TALE
LIES

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Bible Trivia Answers

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ANSWERS 1 Old; 2 John; 3 Edom; 4 Judas; 5 Great-grandson; 6 Joshua