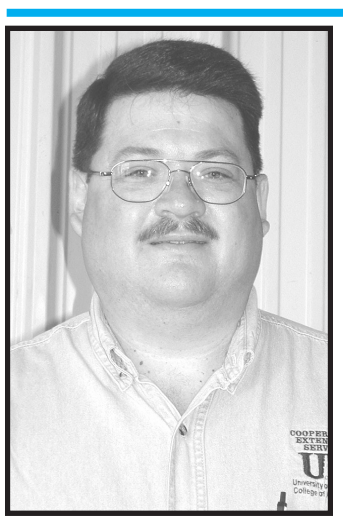
Cattle Lice Can Suck Your Profits



Eric Baker
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Lice can suck the profits out of your beef and dairy cattle herds during the winter. These cold-loving pests spread when animals bunch together in response to frigid temperatures, and we've already had plenty of those.

You can reduce potential lice problems on cattle by keeping new animals separate from your herd until you've given them a thorough louse treatment, generally two applications of a contact insecticide.

The first application kills active adults and immature lice, but it won't destroy nits on the hide. A second application targets new hatchlings from the nits and any other lice still around. Be sure to follow the label instructions on treatment intervals. After these two treatments, you can add new animals to the herd with minimal chance of lice problems during the winter.

Don't use systemic insecticides during the winter unless you know the treatment history of newly bought cattle. This is because migrating grubs might be in sensitive locations and cause an adverse reaction this time of year.

Additionally, winter is a good time to reduce future weevil problems in alfalfa by letting beef or dairy cattle graze dormant fields. Alfalfa weevils lay a significant number of their eggs in living and dead stems. Winter grazing helps manage alfalfa weevils in two ways. Grazing removes stems holding deposits of weevil eggs, and it removes stems that can serve as sites for females to lay the remaining eggs in the spring. Letting your cattle graze alfalfa fields in the winter can reduce weevil populations substantially, possibly to the level that you won't need a spring insecticide application.

For more information on controlling lice and other livestock insect pests, contact the Estill County Extension Service at 723-4557.

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The Garden Bug

Coltsfoot

Using this plant in medicinal treatments was once so popular that French pharmacists painted its image on their doorposts. American colonists treated whooping cough by wrapping blankets soaked with its essence around the ill. The plant can be found in abundance around river banks and watery ditches. Its bright yellow, dandelion-like flowers emerge in early spring *before* its leaves appear.

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Farm News

Monday, March 9th @ 7pm

Fruit Tree Grafting Workshop

Our fruit tree grafting workshop is rescheduled for Monday, March 9th, 7:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension office, 76 Golden Court in Irvine. We will discuss and demonstrate grafting of apple and pear trees as a way to preserve your favorite varieties at a low cost. If you plan to attend, please call 723-4557.

Thursdays, March 5th thru May 7th

Master Logger Program Offered

Kentucky Master Loggers will have the opportunity to enroll in two upcoming continuing education classes. The web-based sessions will take place in 15 county Cooperative Extension offices around the state.

The first class will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. EDT on March 10. Subjects covered will include new trucking regulations, updates on logging legislation, the tie and stage log markets, the pulpwood market and the forest industry economic report for 2014 to 2015.

The second session will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. EDT on March 17 and cover updates on the sawlog market and forest health; an interview with a Certified Master Logger whose life was saved because of having an emergency plan; biomass and chip mill development; new ticks and diseases; Best Management Practices inspection procedures; information about the top BMP issues; and changes in Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements for loggers.

Participants will be eligible for three continuing education units for each class.

The programs will originate from the UK campus and stream live to extension offices in Edmonson, Estill, Harlan, Hopkins, Lawrence, Letcher, Lewis, Lyon, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rowan, Scott, Taylor, and Whitley counties. The format will allow the participants to ask questions of the presenters.

The cost is $25 per class. Registration forms are available in The Kentucky LogJam newsletter or online at http://www.masterlogger.org . Interested participants can call the Kentucky Master Logger office, 800-859-6006 or their local Extension office.

Monday, March 16th @ 7pm

Private Pesticide Applicator Training

A private applicator pesticide certification meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16th, 7:00 p.m. at the Estill County Extension Office, 76 Golden Court in Irvine. The training will educate participants on the proper handling and use of pesticides. Certified private pesticide applicators must be recertified every three years. Farmers must be certified to purchase restricted-use pesticides. If you need further information or to pre-register, please call 723-4557.

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USDA Provides One-Time Extension of Deadline to Update Base Acres or Yield History for ARC/PLC Programs

Farmers Now Have Until March 31 to Update Yields and Reallocate Base Acres; Deadline for Choosing Between ARC and PLC also Remains March 31

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that a one-time extension will be provided to producers for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres has been extended one additional month, from Feb. 27, 2015 until March 31, 2015. The final day for farm owners and producers to choose ARC or PLC coverage also remains March 31, 2015.

"This is an important decision for producers, because these programs provide financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. Producers are working to make the best decision they can. And we're working to ensure that they've got the time, the information, and the opportunities to have those final conversations, review their data, and to visit the Farm Service Agency to make those decisions," said Vilsack.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by March 31, 2015, the farm's current yield and base will be used. A program choice of ARC or PLC coverage also must be made by March 31, 2015, or there will be no 2014 payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage through the 2018 crop year.

"These are complex decisions, which is why we launched a strong education and outreach campaign back in September. Now we're providing a one-time extension of an additional month so that every producer is fully prepared to enroll in this program, " said Vilsack.

Nationwide, more than 2.9 million educational postcards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers, and over 4,100 training sessions have been conducted on the new safety-net programs. The online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, allow producers to explore projections on how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation under possible future scenarios.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

To learn more, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office. To find your local office visit http://offices.usda.gov.

The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic].
by Terry Stickels

Translate this sentence back into a well-known saying:

Those individuals lacking in sapient capacity willfully push forward into areas where celestial beings do not go because of severe anxiety about the negative consequences of what may occur.

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11

Wishing Well®

7	5	4	5	2	4	2	6	4	6	4	5	6
A	E	A	A	C	C	O	F	H	A	A	S	M
7	5	2	6	5	3	8	3	4	2	5	4	6
N	Y	M	E	G	S	P	E	N	P	O	G	I
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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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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.

TO MJR UPCS VHVNMSATCI

QJCV MVXSVNQPM, UAPS

UTBB MJR QJ SJKJNNJU?

— PCJCMKJRX

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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: **G** equals **T**

ZG GAV MUZDNZXYFH DTZFG,

GCU CUOXVOM JZTMVTB

ZSSEMVK UJ MUNVGAYFH

MAUEGVK "TBVM! ZTT TBVM!"

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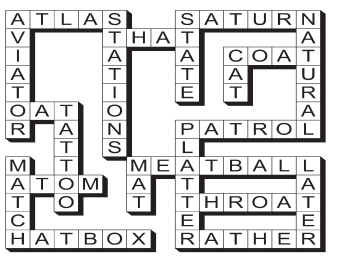
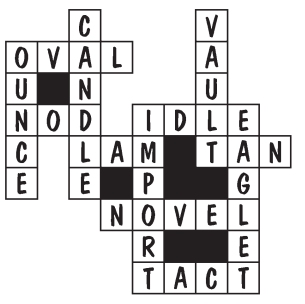
Puzzle Answers
March 4, 2015

Puzzles4Kids
Answer



FEAR KNOT
answer



Letter Box
Solution

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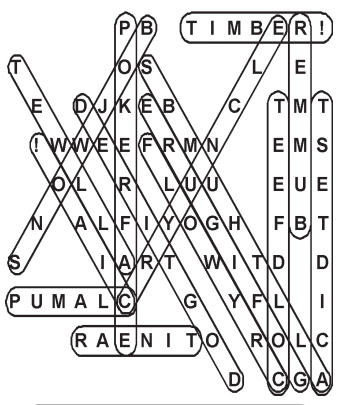
G	S	N	H	T	K	E	C	I
H	N	C	S	I	G	T	E	K
T	I	G	K	E	N	C	S	H
S	K	E	T	C	H	I	N	G

Even Exchange
answers

1. Aster, Alter
2. Expert, Export
3. Flint, Faint
4. Leash, Least
5. Ribbon, Gibbon
6. Joist, Joint
7. Gauze, Gauge
8. Divide, Divine
9. Manor, Major
10. Castor, Captor

CLICHES



Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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

CryptoQuote
answer

If you want everything done yesterday, what will you do tomorrow?
— ANONYMOUS

CryptoQuip
answer

At the soapmaking plant, two workers falsely accused of something shouted "Lyes! All lyes!"

King Crossword
Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

L	O	S		U	S	A	F		U	R	G	E
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Bible Trivia Answers

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

ANSWERS 1) New; 2) Love; 3) Hebrews; 4) Thistles; 5) Conquerors;