# Corn earworm control in sweet corn



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One of the most potentially damaging problems facing sweet corn producers is controlling insects that feed on the ear. During covering their body. You amount of damaged ears. may find them feeding in than one per ear or whorl.

Corn earworm is potentially the greatest threat to Insect Killer, Bonide Eight. sweet corn production in and Ace Flower & Vegetable our state. Because it feeds Insect Spray. There is condirectly on the ear, is difficult cern that corn earworm in to control and is common some regions of the Midin high numbers at the end west has developed resisof the season, most insec- tance to this class of insecticides used on sweet corn ticides. Some field failures the summer months, if you target this pest. Once ear- have been reported. Other grow sweet corn, you need worm becomes established control options are Captain to watch for corn earworm. within the ear, controlling Jack's Dead Bug Brew or Se-According to UK Extension it is impossible. Earworms vin. The mention of brand entomologist Ric Bessin, spend a relatively short pe- names is not an endorse-

earworms are moderately riod of their life feeding in a ment. hairy larvae that vary in col- site that can receive an ador from yellow to green to equate insecticide applicared to brownish-black, but tion. An effective program, they all have a brown head especially for corn planted without markings and nu- later in the season, is necmerous microscopic spines essary to ensure a minimal

Currently, the primary inthe ear tips following silk- secticides used for corn earing. The larvae are canni- worm control in sweet corn balistic, rarely is there more belong to the pyrethroid class. Some brand include Ortho Max Lawn & Garden

You can start a preventive program against corn earworms when 10 percent of the ears are silked. Repeat sprays at three-to-fiveday intervals until 90 percent of the silks have wilted. This strategy should give a high percentage of wormfree ears during early and midseason. Control is more difficult late in the season. Even shortening spray intervals may produce only 90 percent clean ears.

For more information on sweet corn pest control, contact the Estill County **Cooperative Extension Ser**vice at 723-4557..

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Cindy Brook

**Happy Hummers** 

A simple sugar solution is 4

parts water to 1 part pure white

sugar. Boil. Let cool. Pour into

a red hummingbird feeder. No

red dye is needed. To keep wasps

and bees off your feeder, remove

any yellow parts, since bees and

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wasps love the color yellow.



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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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: L equals O

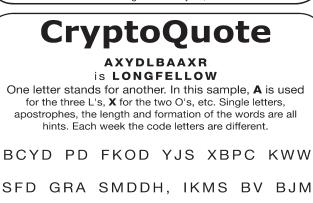
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# **King Features Puzzle Answers**

#### **BIBLE WORD SEARCH**

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### **SCRAMBLERS** solution

1. Askew 2. Morose; 3. Tuber; 4. Alarm Today's Word

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**Bible Word Search, Scramblers &** Stickeler's Puzzles are on Page 13

## **Stickelers Answer**

1) regains — gainers, searing, erasing

2) hornets — shorten, thrones

3) listen — inlets, tinsel, silent, enlist

4) petals — plates, staple, palest, pleats, pastel

# **Estill County Fair** Little Mister & Miss Estill County Pageant Saturday, August 7, 2021

7:00 P.M. Entry Fee: \$10

#### Rules:

- 1. All contestants must be Estill County residents.
- 2. You are eligible if your residential home falls within the Estill County Lines. You may also register at the practice at the fairgrounds on Friday night, August 6th, 7PM. Bring your entry form from the newspaper and the \$10 entry fee.

Due to state rules:

- 3. Contestants will wear and be judged in age appropriate attire in the pageant.
- 4. The winners of the Little Mister and Miss Pageant are not allowed to compete again. Little Mister and Miss Estill County will be competing at the Kentucky State Fair as a couple.

### **Boys and Girls**

Ages: Five through Seven -Must have reached his/her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday by midnight, June 30, 2021 and cannot be 8 years old by June 30, 2021

All contestants will receive a coin dollar and blue ribbon. The winner receives a crown, banner and trophy. 1st Runner Up will receive a trophy.

# For further information, contact: Missy Hunt 606-634-5160 missyhwcyo@yahoo.com

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July 31st. Make checks payable to: Estill County Agrl. Fair Board. You may also bring the form from the newspaper and \$10 entry fee to the practice at the fairgrounds on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.

Admission:
\$8 for ages 3 and up
Pay at the Exhibit Hall
front door next to the
parking lot. Only
contestants get in free.



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