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Indicators within the grain markets are suggesting producers should store their corn and soybeans this fall. The question is whether storage is going to pay off.

"As fall progresses, producers need to know their break-even price, have patience and watch the local markets for advantageous situations to sell stored grain," said Todd Davis, agricultural economist for the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The basis for both corn

Marketing the 2017 Grain Crop

and soybeans, which is the current cash price for the crop at Kentucky grain elevators minus the closest futures contract price, are significantly wider than they have been in the past 10 years.

Basis is just one of many factors producers use in marketing their crop, and a wide basis favors storage. However, because it is so wide, some economists are concerned that it may signal less seasonal appreciation, which is when the basis narrows and cash prices gain value against futures contracts. This typically occurs in the spring and early summer and encourages producers to sell their stored grain.

Economists expect the 2017 crop basis to follow a similar pattern as it did in 2016 because U.S. farmers have increased on-farm and commercial storage capacity, which will keep supplies high. The basis for the 2016 corn and soybean crops did not increase as much as it did between

2013 and 2015. Without basis appreciation, farmers will have limited profit potential.

Knowing all of their input costs including cash rents, their family's cost-of-living expenses and the cost of storing the crop each additional month, will help producers determine the best time to market their crop.

"Like in 2016, producers will have some marketing opportunities this winter, particularly with soybeans," Davis said. "However, these opportunities may have a short window as additional grain could come on the market when South America harvests its crop. In 2016, the marketing window closed around Valentine's Day."

Grain producers/managers should pay particularly close attention to the South American growing season, as it could be an important variable in marketing their grain.

"It really is going to take a surprising increase in de-

mand, such as a significant weather event in South America, to make corn storage profitable given the large amount of corn stocks," Davis said. "So right now, it's really important for corn growers to have patience and pay attention to the market."

In addition, Estill and Madison County Extension are cooperating to have a Regional Grain Producer Update on Thursday, December 7th, 6:00 p.m., at the Madison County Extension office on Duncan Lane in Richmond. A sponsored meal will be served so please pre-register by December 1st.

To pre-register or for more information, contact the Estill County Extension office at 723-4557.

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Clue: E equals C

JRM EPFRXO ZAPM EPJERUJGJY

Q APTZRAPNX WAQW LUPXTERZ

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"WAR EQUWUGXYR SQFGNO."

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is
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RLC URLFECK ZJO GPFYFEK RT

VRRI TWNY-UYFE UWVJCO, XLE

EZY ECRLXPY WO EZYK UZJCVY

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Re-potting plants

A potted plant can collect pests such as scales, aphids, spider mites and mealy bugs as they sit outside all summer. To get it ready to come indoors for the winter, slide the plant and rootball from the old pot, and gently wash away all the soil from the roots. Swish the plants and its roots in warm, soapy water to remove pests, checking thoroughly; then rinse. Place the plant into new soil in a clean pot.

- Brenda Weaver Source: www.planetnatural.com



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Americanisms



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—Helen Keller

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Application Period:
October 16 – November 3

Application will only be accepted during this time.

Please obtain your Farm Serial Number (FSN) from the Farm Service Agency at the Richmond USDA Service Center prior to applying.

Application Availability:
Estill County Conservation District
1505 Richmond Road
Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

For More Information:
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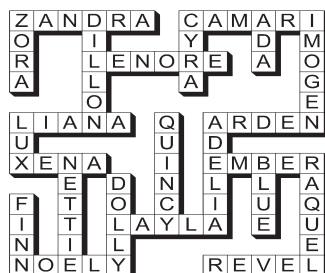


Puzzle Answers

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Answer

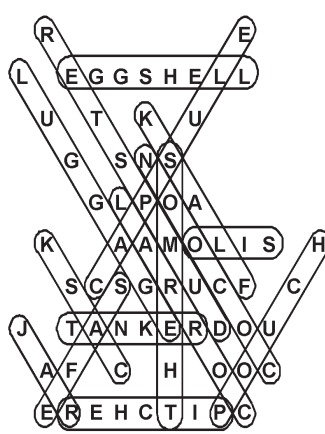


Letter Box

Solution

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E	S	B	M	H	G	I	U	L
M	U	I	L	B	S	E	H	G
H	G	L	U	I	E	M	S	B
B	L	U	I	S	H	G	E	M
I	M	S	G	E	L	U	B	H
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CryptoQuip

answer

New comedy show concerning a household that produces certain parts for firearms: "The Cartridge Family."

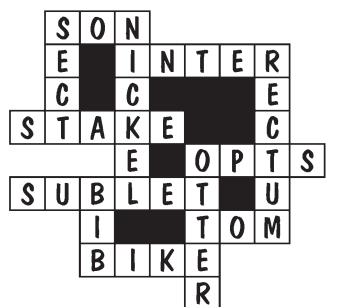
CryptoQuote

answer

Our country has plenty of good five-cent cigars, but the trouble is they charge fifteen cents for them. — Will Rogers

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answer



Even Exchange

answers

- Parton, Pardon
- Masks, Masts
- Junker, Junket
- Baron, Baton
- Roast, Coast
- Choir, Chair
- Export, Expert
- Onion, Orion
- Tense, Dense
- Rubble, Rumble

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

U	V	E	A	D	I	M	R	S	V	P	
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S	O	U	L	P	E	A					
P	I	C	T	U	R	E	S	S	K	I	P
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G	A	D	S	W	E	S	E	R	A	S	

Stickeler's Puzzle



Which of the following expressions is the smallest in value?

- A) $\sqrt{10}$ B) $\frac{10}{10}$ C) 10×10^{-2}
D) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$ E) $\frac{1}{10\sqrt{10}}$

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