

**Spring Tree Planting  
Orders Should Be Made**

Landowners who plan to plant idle lands to trees this spring should order their trees now. Forest tree nurseries operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters are already accepting orders for next spring's tree planting. Trees should be ordered as soon as possible because the supply of some tree species will be exhausted before the end of January. The closing date for applications for trees from the state tree nurseries is February 15.

Each year some landowners who plan to start forest tree plantations are disappointed because tree supplies are exhausted. Forest tree plantations are commonly made for soil and watershed protection, timber production for income, forest recreation sites, aesthetics and wildlife cover. Generally, idle land value is increased when a tree plantation is established.

The landowner should plan his tree planting project and have his trees ordered before the end of January. His plan should consider the species of trees suitable for his soil and the species suitable to his tree planting objective. He should also know tree planting technique, tree spacing, and the time to plant. This information is available from the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters, along with a list of trees available from the state tree nursery and nursery stock applications.

Landowners in Lancaster County can obtain this information from the ASCS office in the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster.

Department of Forests & Waters forest tree nursery stock is available to landowners for timber production and watershed protection purposes at a cost of \$6.00 per 1,000 seedlings. The trees can be delivered to a central pick-up point in each county for the convenience of landowners. Charge for this service is \$1.00 per 1,000 seedlings.

The Agricultural Conservation Program under practice A-7 Planting of Forest Trees, will cost share up to 80% not to exceed \$2.50 per 100 trees of the cost of establishing a forest tree plantation on farm land for soil protection or forestry purposes. The Agricultural Conservation Program is administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Technical advice for this program is provided by a service forester from the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters.

The pickup point for local landowners will be the Penna. Highway Department Sheds on Lincoln Highway East.

**Flowers Brighten a Home**

During and between Christmas and Easter, you can have flowers in your home. Look over what might be available at your local flower shop or green house. Ask about those flowers or potted plants that may be available when you need them. Potted chrysanthemums and colorful foliage plants may be available now, remind extension floriculturists at The Pennsylvania State University.

**Vanilla Top Flavor**

Vanilla is still the favorite flavor for ice cream, according to survey results published in a recent issue of American Dairy Review. Results indicated that vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry were favorite flavors in that order. Vanilla accounted for 47 percent, chocolate for 9 percent, and strawberry for 6 percent in ice cream.

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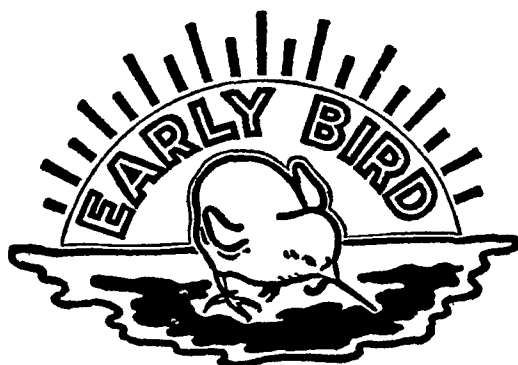


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<b>AVERAGE PRODUCTION PER HEN HOUSED</b>	<b>80.68%</b>	<b>73.39%</b>
<b>FEED EFFICIENCY FROM DATE HOUSED</b>	<b>3.29 lbs.</b>	<b>3.66 lbs.</b>
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