

Ladies Have You

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The frozen turkey and gravy concept is also ideal for a Thanksgiving meal. Slices of turkey are placed in aluminum pans and covered with gravy. All you need to do is reheat it prior to serving.

There are a variety of forms of turkey for your Thanksgiving meal. Select one that is just right for you, your family and friends.

And have a happy Thanksgiving.

Don't Apply Nitrogen in Fall, Agronomist Says

Among Maryland's commercial corn farmers and affiliated agri-business men, you can argue the merits of fall versus spring plowing for hours and not arrive at a conclusion which will be generally acceptable.

Too much depends on an individual farm, its location and soil types, and especially the

susceptibility of its soils to wind and water erosion.

But the issue of fall versus spring application of plowdown nitrogen fertilizer is more clearcut. Fall application of nitrogen for corn is not a good practice, according to Dr. V. Allan Bandel, Extension soils specialist at the College Park campus of the University of Maryland.

Dr. Bandel's recommendation is based on a three-year study just completed at several locations around the state, including the university's Eastern Shore plots at the Wye Institute near Queenstown (Queen Annes County).

Ironically, a cursory glance at the Maryland agronomist's yield statistics for the Wye Institute site indicates that fall plowing at that location had a beneficial effect on yields, particularly in 1971. But this did not necessarily always occur on other soil types, or in other years.

For example, the fall-plowed nonfertilized check plot yielded 28 bushels per acre more this year than the spring-plowed nonfertilized plot. But the fall-plowed plot receiving a high nitrogen treatment yielded five bushels per acre less than the similarly fertilized spring-plowed plot.

This indicates a considerable amount of nitrogen fertilizer either leached downward through the soil over the winter, out of reach for corn roots, or escaped upward into the atmosphere, the soils specialist pointed out.

For farmers who are convinced that their erosion problems are

not serious and they must undertake at least some fall plowing, Dr. Bandel recommends plowing down only phosphate and potash fertilizers now, plus lime if needed. Nitrogen should then be applied in the spring.

Nitrogen can be broadcast and disked down before planting, applied at planting time, or even applied after planting. The closer the time of application to the time needed by the plants, the less chance exists that nitrogen will be lost.

Mothe is Speech Model to Child

One of the ways a child learns to speak is by listening to his mother. This puts a big responsibility on the mother if she is to be a good speech model. James E. Van Horn, extension family life specialist at The Pennsylvania State University, suggests mothers speak in sentences when they talk with their children. When they ask "what's this," tell them "this is a cake pan." Don't say "a pan." Children learn the correct language framework when their mothers use full sentences when talking with them.

Self-Rising Flour

Self-rising flour is a mixture of flour, sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) and one or more of the acid-reacting substances — monocalcium phosphate, sodium acid phosphate, and sodium aluminum phosphate (baking powder), explains Mrs. Ruth J. Buck, extension foods specialist at The Pennsylvania State University.



by MARY LEE

So you know all about the birds and the bees? . . . Well, it could be that designers of sheets, towels and tablecloths have a few surprises in store for you. They've gone back to nature in a big way for design inspiration.

They bird-watch, put nature under the microscope, and find animal-insect life highly amusing. All of which translates into a new fashion approach.

For example, golden pineapples are ripe for success on linen tablecloths that have a gay Carmen Miranda feeling. Butterflies and humming birds hover over tropical flowers in pastel sheets. Wild pansies bloom in lavender, purple, yellow colors that are so appealing they're expected to turn up in apparel as well as table linens.

Luring small fry to bed early may be easier, too, with the new funny animal kingdom bedding that has a cartoon influence. One designer uses a whole zoo of ebullient animals in primary colors to border juvenile sheets. They're almost as much fun as a story hour.

Along with the return to nature comes the popularity of such basics as denim, calico, raw woods and baskets for home decor, too. Back when baskets were a hand-made necessity, they were used from morning to night.

They stored grains, carried garden produce, caught lobsters and fish, toted infants, logs or loaves of bread, and collected wine bottles as well as the grapes. Baskets also served as food hampers.

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