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On being a farm wife

—And other hazards

By **JOYCE BUPP**

The sun shone golden and the sky was a deep glaze of delft blue that afternoon. My farm wife friend, J., walked to the sweet corn patch to gather fresh corn-on-the-cob for the evening's supper.

After twisting a long solid ear from the tall green stalk, J. carefully pulled the husk and silk from the vegetable, exposing fat juicy kernels inside.

"What are you doing to my house?" snarled a tiny voice.

Astonished, J. dropped the ear to the ground.

Liming tip

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Should meadows or pastures be limed? Yes, if the pH is below 6.0, one or two tons per acre of lime should be applied to the surface. Liming will encourage some of the more desirable volunteer forage species, including clover, to return to a meadow, and will also aid plant growth, according to the New Jersey Extension Service.

How much to apply? That's easy. "Test... don't guess," they say. Samples can be taken easily this time of year. Use a good sampling device. A large auger or a spade will do.

The sample should be representative of the field or area being tested. So, take borings at eight or a dozen spots, randomly, over the area. Mix the soil well and take about a pint of this mixture for testing.

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"Ouch! Stop that!" demanded the voice, somewhat louder this time.

J.'s curiosity overcame her surprise. She picked the ear of corn off the ground and carefully turned it over. Glowering at her from a large hole in the center of the cob was a gray worm with black speckles down his back. At two inches long by a quarter-inch thick, it was the biggest corn worm she had ever seen.

"Ugh! I hate worms in sweet corn," she grimaced, eyeing the ugly pest. "Who'd want to eat that after you've been in there stomping around?"

"Well, you'd better get used to us," grinned the nasty intruder. "My entire family and all our friends and relatives, all three billion of us, are lobbying with the state and federal regulatory agencies to do away with all insect sprays.

The worm's ugly face lit up at the thought of anti-pesticide legislation. He closed his eyes and a dreamy look spread over his countenance.

"Then my cousins could really move into the orchards and settle down, living peacefully amidst the peaches, the apples, the pears, the plums," he mused. "All our little wiggly children could play

unharmd and grow to be big and strong in the fields of corn, of soybeans, of alfalfa. Vegetable fields would provide us with a variety and selection we've been denied up to this time. Ah, 'twould truly be paradise."

"And just what do you suppose all those fresh produce lovers across the nation are going to say about eating wormy fruit and

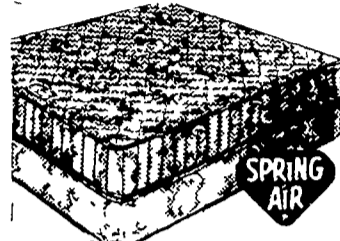
vegetables?" J. questioned the arrogant insect.

"Just tell them that if it's healthy enough for a worm, it'll be healthy for a person," called the worm, as he crawled back into his cozy home deep in the corn cob.

And as J. left the field, empty handed, I think I heard her say: "I wonder if worms are high in cholesterol?"

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