

Zinnias thrive with special care

UNIVERSITY PARK - According to a Pennsylvania State University correspondence course on home floriculture, many kinds of plants have more

flowers when terminal tips are removed. Pinching is a method used to change plant growth.

Specialists say to pinch the terminal tips of zinnias to grow more flowers. The plants will put out branches below the pruned tip, become bushy, and start more flower buds.

A soil mulch is important in the Summer care of your annuals. Any loose material, such as wood shavings or peanut hulls, spread two inches deep on the ground around plants works well. Weeds will not come through; soil dryness is reduced and the ground stays cooler.

Your garden soil in mid Summer sun may go over 100 degrees. That is much too hot for shallow rooted plants like zinnias, marigolds, and many other plants. Growth of flower buds comes to a halt with roots in hot, dry soil.

To learn more about growing plants around your home, Penn State offers a correspondence course in Home Floriculture. Enroll by sending \$5 plus 25 cents postage to Home

Azaleas popular in home landscape

UNIVERSITY PARK - Rhododendrons, azaleas, and laurels are a group of shrubs many find useful in home landscaping. They have broad, evergreen leaves all year, attractive flowers in spring, need little pruning, can be used as hedges or in shrub borders or as individual plants in corners of lawns.

Rhododendrons, azaleas, and laurels are known by botanists as ericaceous plants. They grow best in moist, acid, crumbly soil.

There are many species of azalea. To help homeowners choose suitable ones and use them effectively in landscaping, the Pennsylvania State University offers a correspondence course on

this group of plants. The course explains species differences and cultural needs.

For a complete Rhododendrons and Azaleas course, send \$2.50 plus 25 cents postage to Azaleas, Box 5000, University Park, Pa. 16802. Make your check payable to Penn State.



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Berks beef club meets

READING - The Berks County 4-H Baby Beef club met recently with members reporting on their beef projects.

The Club will participate in Boscov's Days on March 30 and 31. The members will be making crafts and setting up petting zoos for the event.

The next meeting will be held on March 28.

Floriculture, Box 5000, University Park, Pa. 16802. Make your check payable to Penn State.

WHAT'S NEW

SEED SOYBEANS

Six new soybean varieties are available from the Asgrow Seed Company for planting in 1979. Two new varieties have been developed for eastern, southern and plains farmers, while Corn Belt farmers have four new choices.

The new Asgrow varieties, A5312 and A5618, are adapted to the Mid-Atlantic states, the Coastal Plains and the Mid-South.

A5312 is a tall, upright plant with very good seedling emergence, good stability and very good shattering characteristics. It's an excellent combining soybean, providing no green stem problems and with excellent threshability. It resists powdery mildew, bacterial pustule and is tolerant to bacterial blight and pod and stem blight.

A5618 is also a tall plant, providing good shattering characteristics, no green stem problems and excellent pod threshability. Seedling emergence and standability are also good. This variety resists powdery mildew, bacterial blight and tolerates pod and stem blight.

A4268 is a new Asgrow soybean for most of Kansas, Missouri and Kentucky, the Mid-Atlantic states, and southern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Standability is

superior to other varieties in its maturity range. It has excellent seed holding and is an excellent combining soybean. The plant matures evenly and is resistant to phytophthora root rot, purple stain, blight and leaf diseases.

Asgrow, a subsidiary of The Upjohn Company, also develops and produces hybrid corn and sorghum seed.

Toys wanted for children

BOSTON, Mass. - Help is needed in bringing some sunshine into the lives of sick children. The youngsters are either hospitalized or shut-ins, many are seriously ill and lonely. If some place in your home there is a toy, game, book, or puzzle that can be donated to bring a little joy into the life of one child, it would be gratefully appreciated. Two thousand volunteers are helping in the distribution of any gift sent. If you do not have an item to give, some useable postage stamps would be a big help. Volunteers are needed to write to the youngsters. The value of the gift donated is tax-deductible under federal law. Please address any item to: Mail For Tots, Drawer 8699 - J.F.K. Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02114.



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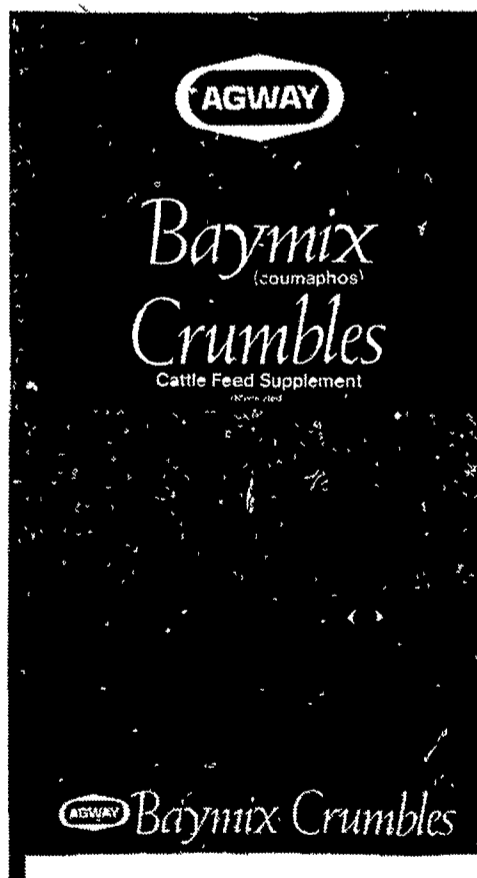
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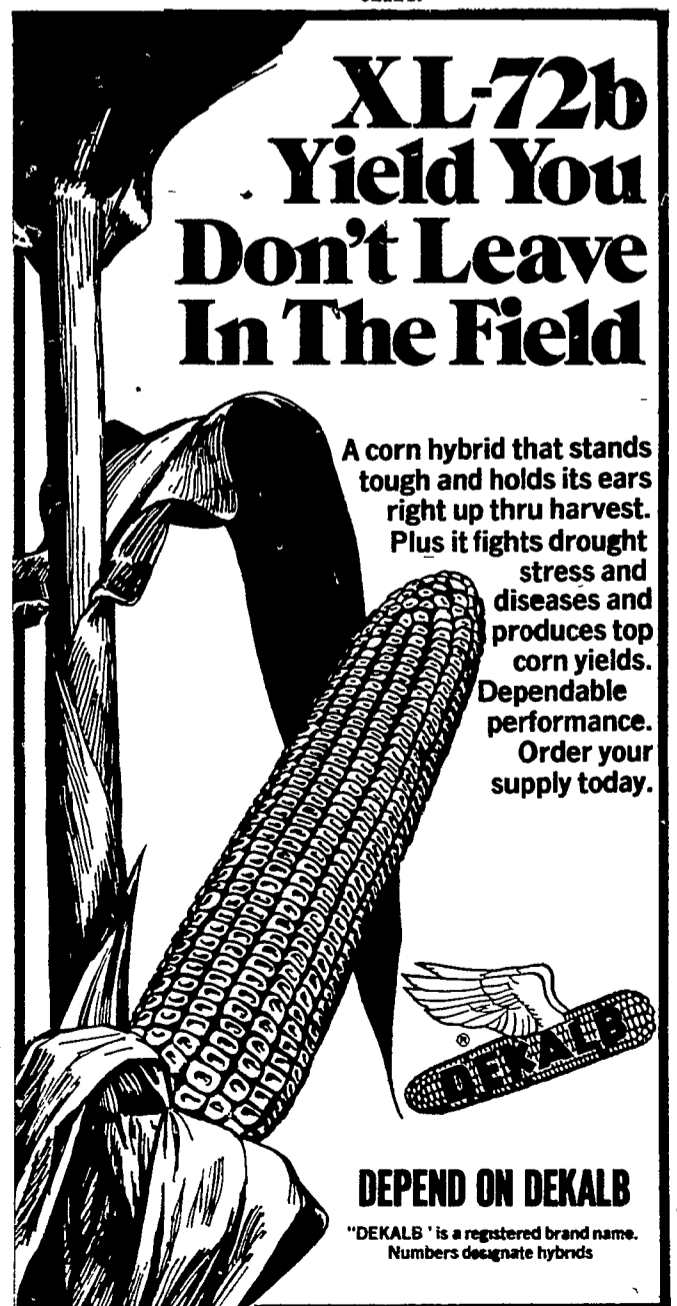
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