

Order fruit trees early

MEDIA — Are you planning to purchase fruit trees this Spring? Then you'd better get your order in soon. Nursery orders are usually filled in the sequence they're received.

By ordering early, both back-yard and commercial orchardists can get the pick of the trees and varieties available.

Here are some tips to get the best results from your trees: Always order from a reliable nursery and insist on disease-free stock. It's also best to plant varieties that do well in your area.

Another tip, according to James J. McKeehen, Delaware County Extension Agricultural Agent, is to buy one-year-old non-branched fruit trees that are about four to seven feet high.

These will transplant more easily, will become established more quickly, and will grow out much faster than smaller or older trees.

If you're intending to plant fruit trees around your home but are a little short of space, consider using dwarf rootstocks. These size-

controlled trees can be planted close together...about six to eight feet apart. They'll also bear fruit earlier than standard trees, and can be sprayed and cared for more easily.

When you order nursery stock, always indicate when you want the trees to be shipped.

Dairy
for the Good Taste



Bill Adams, Shoemakersville, is using a nitrogen stabilizer to boost yields and cut feed costs.

Saving nitrogen

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acres are made into silage. This past year Adams got 28 tons to the acre.

In the spring he applies potash and phosphorus according to soil tests. He manufactures his own liquid fertilizer which consists of N, P and K under the brand name Sure-Crop.

Next he moldboard plows, followed by applying 90 units of liquid N mixed with Furadan and N-Serve. Planting follows and Lasso-atrazine is applied pre-emerge.

"I have used N-Serve for 3 years now and have gained 10 to 20 bushels more corn per acre where the product was used," Adams said.

Yields varied, according to Adams, depending on how wet the growing season was. It should be noted that the liquid N tank mix is incorporated immediately

with a disk to keep the stabilizer from evaporating.

No-till corn is grown basically the same way except Paraquat is mixed with the liquid N. All of the corn is planted in 30 inch rows with populations of 18,000 to 24,000.

Average yield increase

due to the nitrogen stabilizer is 12 bushels. His 300 acres times 12 bushels times \$2.50 = \$9,000 less the cost of the stabilizer. At \$5 per acre times 300 acres the cost is \$1,500. This leaves a net return of \$7,500.

The upshot of these two dairymen's operations is they both have been able to increase yields and reduce labor plus machinery costs. This enables them to reduce overall feed costs.

Try Creosote oil as deer repellent

NORRISTOWN — Deer cause much damage in Pennsylvania orchards and ornamentals each winter.

Many ideas to control them have been tried, but practically none of them have been completely successful, says Paul Reber, County Agent, Cooperative Extension Service.

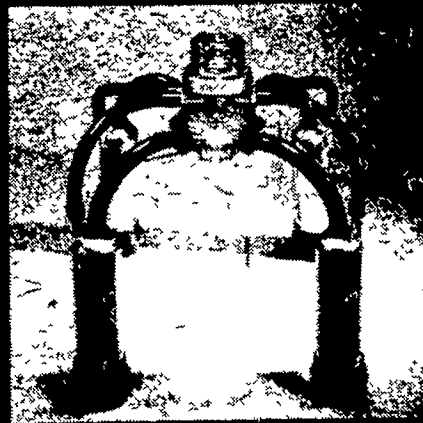
One of the older repellents

which does give some protection is creosote oil.

Directions for use involve winding a 4-inch by 24-inch piece of cloth into a loose four-inch roll. Tie the ends together to keep them from unwinding. Creosote oils may then be poured on the "doll" or it may be dipped into the oil container. The "doll" is then hung in the tree at browsing height for the deer, says Reber.

In areas of heavy deer feeding, it may be desirable to use two to three "dolls" per tree, but in lesser populated areas one "doll" per tree may be adequate.

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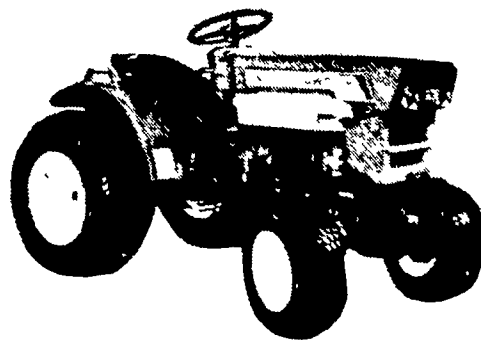
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