

Blair Co. DHIA Report

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Dawn Baker					
103	GH	8-3	20,486	4 3	875
157	GH	6-9	20,394	4 3	876
320	GH	2-5	19,533	3 5	676
Harry Brubaker					
Lynn	GH	6-5	17,392	3 8	655
Tyann	GH	3-4	18,937	4 2	802
Rodney L. Metzler					
22	GH	11-1	18,360	3 6	666
6	GH	6-0	18,859	3 6	681
78	GH	4-9	16,303	4 2	690
32 B	GH	3-11	17,916	3 9	691
Phillip E. Pheasant					
Polly	GH	3-6	18,792	3 6	677
Melvin Edwards					
104	GH	5-10	13,576	4 9	660
1	GH	4 8	19,521	3 9	763
Rodney Babe					
215	GH	3-4	18,333	4 0	740
Thomas W. Kelly					
Barb	RH	3-3	15,727	4 4	688
Belleb	RH	2-5	17,953	4 0	725
Mark Slagenweit, Jr					
Floss	RH	4-0	15,806	4 5	704
County Line Farm					
Tess	GH	4-6	19,237	3 5	674
Charles & Mike Hoover					
Sonya	GH	3-9	18,762	3 6	683
Content	RH	2-5	20,975	3 6	765
Sparkling Springs Farm					
216	GH	2-9	17,553	4 0	710

David W. Bishop					
Flossy	GH	5-9	16,122	5 2	860
Stella	GH	5-9	15,106	4 7	711
John Keithley					
5	GH	8 8	18,450	3 5	653
Sollenberger Farms					
26	GH	5-3	18,920	3 7	707
95	GH	5 6	13 995	5 0	693

Plantings can help reduce noise

MEDIA — With cars, trucks, televisions, stereos and lawn mowers, modern technology has brought noise along with the convenience. According to James J. McKeen, Delaware County Extension Agricultural Agent, plants can be an effective way to deflect, absorb, diffract and mask sounds and noise in the environment.

To understand how plants act as mufflers, you need to understand some basic facts about noise. Sound moves outward from the source in waves with the highest pitched having the shortest

wave length. Sound may also be carried by the wind and its transmission is affected by precipitation and humidity. Sound waves also rise upward from the source. Noise levels can be reduced because of distance, air and ground absorption or when the waves strike objects such as buildings or landforms. Finally, lightweight flexible objects tend to vibrate more easily from sound waves and therefore absorb more sound waves than stiff, massive surfaces.

Trees, shrubs, vines and turf areas all absorb noise very well, especially many

of the high frequency sounds. Many of the high frequency sounds have wavelengths not much longer than the average size of the twigs and leaves. The lightweight nature of the twigs and leaves allows them to vibrate easily and absorb more. There is also a secondary value from plants as far as noise control is concerned. The sounds created by the plants themselves as the wind rustles the foliage helps conceal and disguise offensive noise. The fruit and concealing abilities of plants attract noise-making birds and animals whose sounds

also tend to mask other less pleasant noise.

The actual amount of noise reduction will depend upon the density and size of the planting. In an area where space is limited, keep in mind that a single tree is better than nothing. Many downtown shopping areas have reduced traffic noise for shoppers with street trees and other plants in the business district. In the residential areas of a community, larger trees not only provide welcome shade but also absorb the upward moving traffic noise from the roadway.

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