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Help lawns win war against weeds

In most lawns, there's a constant battle between the grasses people want to grow, and the weeds they don't want. Lawns get weedy when conditions favor weeds more than grass.

"By altering growing conditions, you can control the kinds of plants in a lawn," says University of Delaware Extension turf specialist William Mitchell.

"When you start a new lawn, try to keep weeds from getting a foothold. And if you remove weeds from an established lawn, stimulate the grass to grow better.

Otherwise, the weeds will merely fill in the bare spots again. Any sound weed control program is based on these principles," Mitchell says.

Weeds in lawns are classified as either broadleaf (like dandelion and chickweed or grassy (like orchardgrass, quackgrass, nut-sedge and crabgrass). Broadleaf weeds usually are the most troublesome, though crabgrass often is a major offender.

The basic ingredient in broadleaf weed killers is 2, 4-D. Alone, Mitchell says this chemical con-

trols a wide range of broadleaf weeds. It is often combined with one or more other chemicals - such as Silvex, MCPP or Dicamba - to increase the number of weeds controlled.

These mixtures will kill most broadleaf weeds commonly found in lawns, the specialist says. It isn't necessary to come up with and exact identification for each weed you want to get rid of.

One exception is wild veronica - a small-leaved, low growing plant with a purplish flower in the spring. If repeated treatments with a standard broadleaf herbicide formulation fail to eliminate a weed fitting this description, it may be veronica. In this case, Mitchell suggests consulting your local Extension office for advice on specific controls if it is a serious problem.

Broadleaf herbicides are most effective when applied in spring and fall. Two consecutive years of treatment often are necessary for satisfactory results, he says.

Except for crabgrass, grassy weeds are harder to control in a lawn. The specialist recommends using a pre-emergence crabgrass

herbicide in the spring for best results with this pest.

One caution about using weed killers on a lawn: several materials labeled for this use will

kill any vegetation they contact. When used for spot treatment only, however, they may control grassy weeds with minimum damage to desirable lawn grasses.

Dairy Month recipes

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CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP

- 1 pint of asparagus
 - 1 small onion
 - 3 T. butter
 - 3 T. flour
 - 1 qt. milk
 - salt and pepper
- Cook asparagus in salt water until tender.
- Melt butter in saucepan, add flour and then milk to make a cream sauce.

Saute minced onion in 1 T. butter, when brown, add to asparagus. Then add asparagus to cream sauce. Heat and serve.

For extra flavor, fry a little bacon and add to soup.

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SOUR CREAM CAKE

- 1 c. less 2 T. butter
- 2 c. sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 c. sifted cake flour
- 1 c. sour cream
- 1/2 t. soda

Cream the butter until light and fluffy. Gradually add the sugar, creaming until light. Add eggs one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition.

Dissolve the soda in the sour cream and add alternately with the flour.

Pour in a 10-inch tube pan that has been well greased and floured.

Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until done.

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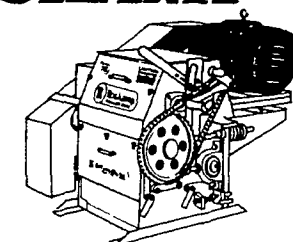
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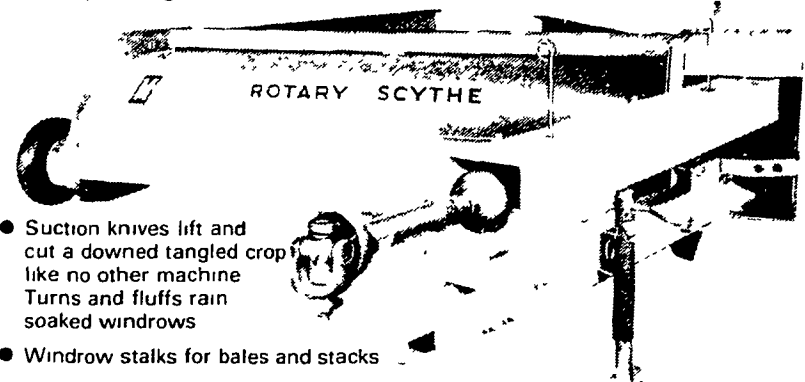
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