

# NOW IS THE TIME

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**To Control Wild Garlic**  
Dairy farmers who pasture their milking herd have the most to lose if they do not eliminate wild garlic from their pasture fields. This fast growing wild onion is already growing in pastures and other grass areas.

The young plants are much easier to kill with herbicides than mature plants. We suggest that the plants be sprayed very soon with 2,4-D. This has proven effective in keeping the young plants from maturing; by spraying early in the spring the legumes in the pasture area will not be injured.

Since the wild garlic plant is very well rooted, it may take several sprays over a period of two or more years to eliminate the weed from the area. Don't wait until the plants are mature to make this spray application. Follow label directions when applying any pesticide.

**To Store Undelivered Tobacco**

A number of tobacco growers have not delivered their '84 crop and need to store the bales on the above ground floor of a tobacco shed or barn. It's important to place some two by fours or similar size lumber under the bales to allow for air circulation. Then put the bales only 2 or 3 high to reduce fermentation from squeezing pressure.

Cover the top layer of bales to keep them clean of bird droppings and dirt. Use old tobacco muslin

covers, canvas tarps or loose material, not air-tight. Avoid tight plastic. Air should move freely around the bales.

Be certain no water drips on the stored bales or wind driven rain blows on them.

You can expect some weight loss to be fermentation and possible sweating as the weather warms.

**To Operate Machinery sensibly**

Farmers are always in a big hurry when the good spring weather arrives. As a result, they operate their tractors and other machinery at too high a speed. This presents safety hazards and is the cause of too many accidents. Grain drills and corn planters are designed for accurate planting, if operated at a normal rate of speed. Often in the rush of things, we travel too fast and the planting job is disappointing.

We urge farmers to take the time to properly prepare and adjust their machinery and then drive at a speed that will give good performance. With many pieces of machinery the speed is listed on the manufacturer's directions. Take time to be safe and not sorry.

**To Avoid Herbicide Residues**

Evidence is showing us that residues of atrazine, simazine and to a lesser extent, bladex, are affecting subsequent crops in the rotation following corn. Even though no visual symptoms are evident, the sub-lethal residues

still present in corn field soils, are lowering yields of small grain and alfalfa. Consequently, we must make efforts to reduce herbicide carryover.

- Soil test prior to the last year of corn in the rotation. Then apply all the lime recommended before the corn is planted. Liming will release any atrazine, simazine, bladex still tied up in the soil and help control corn crop weeds.

- Use a low residue herbicide program avoiding the triazines (above). Lasso and Dual would be choices to consider.

- To control broadleaf weeds that might escape, Banvel should be applied as a follow up.

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## Delaware offers

### "U-Pick" booklet

NEWARK, DE - Each year more farmers and gardeners start U-pick operations to market seasonal fruits and vegetables. Though this is generally a fast, economical way to sell fresh produce, success depends very much on skillful management.

The Delaware Cooperative Extension Service publication, "Management of Pick-Your-Own Marketing Operations," covers all aspects of running a U-pick business in the northeastern U.S.

The 66-page booklet includes tips on planning, organizing, publicizing and operating this type of venture.

It tells how to identify and reach potential customers, schedule production and lay out fields, design facilities such as parking and check-out systems, set prices, deal with customers and employees, and reduce the risk of accidents.

Single copies are available for \$1. To order, write: Mail Room, Townsend Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19717-1303.

HARRISBURG - Sen. Noah Wenger, (R-36), has announced the unanimous Senate passage of a bill he authored that would provide tax relief to family-owned farms in Pennsylvania.

The legislation, Senate Bill 246, would exempt family farms from having to pay a state realty transfer tax when the farm is transferred from a sole proprietor family member to a family farm corporation.

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS**  
BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE  
**LIFE: BEFORE AND AFTER DEATH**  
April 7, 1985

**Background Scripture:**

John 20:1-23.

**Devotional Reading:**

John 20:19-23.

Michael B. Sabom is a medical doctor. In his *Recollections of Death* (Simon & Schuster, 1982) he says, "Although I had been raised in a churchgoing family, I had always tried to keep religious and scientific doctrines separate... Unscientific - that I would never be."

Challenged to participate in a program on Dr. Raymond B. Moody's book, *Life After Life*, for a local Methodist church, Dr. Sabom tried to bow out, indicating that he was highly dubious of Dr. Moody's claims that patients with "near death" experiences "came back" with convictions that they had encountered a life beyond death.

In order to prove Moody wrong, Dr. Sabom decided to conduct his own investigation with his own "near death" patients under scientific controls which would stand up under critical scrutiny. But Sabom's findings were quite different from what he expected them to be: his own patients seemed to confirm Dr. Moody's findings. He ended up writing of his experience and conclusions and his book, *Recollections of Death*, is a convincing chronicle of evidence that seems to indicate support for the belief in a life after death.

**LIFE-CHANGING**

One of the things he found in his study - and this confirmed what Dr. Moody and others had found - was that these experiences of "near-death" (actually, the patients were "clinically dead" and resuscitated) usually have a profound effect upon their lives. Almost always they are "life-changing" experiences. Assured that there is a life and this or on earth seems to make a difference in the way they return to live life in the here and now.

Actually, that is also the most important thing about the Easter faith in Jesus Christ. It is, of course, wonderful and marvelous that Christ rose from the dead. But that, by itself, would be nothing more than an item in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" if it were not for the fact that the resurrection of Christ has something of the utmost of importance to say about how and why we live before death.

**I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!**

When at last the disciples of Jesus finally grasped that he was risen from the tomb, it was a recognition that utterly transformed their lives. By raising Jesus from the dead, God had shown once and for all that He is in charge of this world and our lives. Evil people had done their very worst to defeat Jesus, but God vindicated him when he demonstrated that death does not have the last word.

The disciples of Jesus realized that, even if the enemies of God killed them for preaching the gospel, neither they nor the gospel would be snuffed-out by such an act of violence. Their assurance of a life after death, radically transformed the meaning and impact of their lives before death.

That is why the Easter message is the most important good news of all time.

## OUR READERS WRITE, AND OTHER OPINIONS

### Send SCS column to White House

The article in Joyce Bupp's column of March 16, 1985 concerning the necessary and exemplary work done by Soil Conservationists certainly expressed some thoughts that needed to be said.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to send a copy to the President whose administration has recently

proposed the elimination of the SCS in its budget-cutting plans, a difficult scheme indeed to fathom.

Joyce Bupp's column has always been a pleasure to read for her "earthy" humor and understanding.

Charles F. Gross

## Wenger's tax-relief bill approved by Senate

"Under current law," Wenger stated, "the owner of a farm is required to pay a one percent state realty transfer tax when the owner forms a family corporation. This bill would eliminate that tax and make forming a corporation more attractive to family-owned farms."

In most cases, forming corporations is advantageous to farmers because it provides them with tax relief once they become

incorporated, Wenger added.

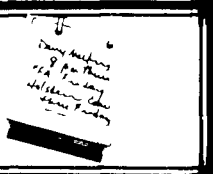
To ensure that the legislation is used for the purpose intended, the senator said a requirement has been built in specifically stating that none of the family farm corporation's stock can be sold to a non-family member.

"If that happens within a period of ten years after the farm is incorporated, the tax exemption status would be lost and the corporation would have to pay the transfer fee," Wenger explained.

The approved bill is similar to a Wenger-sponsored measure approved during the last session of the General Assembly that provided incorporating family farms with a tax exemption on the local realty transfer tax.

"I am confident that this bill will continue to move through the legislature and that we will soon be able to offer the family farm a much-deserved break in the payment of taxes," Wenger concluded.

## Farm Calendar



**Monday, April 8**

Franklin County Conservation District monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. Conservation District Office, 550 Cleveland Ave., Chambersburg.

Maryland Futurity, Timonium, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, April 13**

Maryland State Holstein Show, Cow Classes, Timonium, 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 9**

Adams County Beef Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Adams Co. Extension office.

**Tuesday, April 16**

21st Annual ASCS Banquet, 7 p.m., Kauffman's Ruritan Community Building.

Delaware Sheep and Wool Producers meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Capital Grange in Dover.

N.J. Holstein Breeder's Seminar, Allamuchy Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.

York Farmer's Forum April meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Moser's Restaurant.

**Wednesday, April 17**

York County ASCS spring banquet, 7 p.m. at Springettsbury Fire Hall.

**Friday, April 12**

N.J. Dorset Sheep Breeder's Annual Meeting, Extension Center, Flemington, 8 p.m.; covered dish supper, 7 p.m.

Maryland State Holstein Show, Heifer Classes, Timonium, 11 a.m.

**Thursday, April 18**

Annual Fund Raising Banquet, Pa. Poultry Federation, Hershey Convention Center.

Special Dairy Promotion, sponsored by the Maryland Holstein Association, Timonium, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, April 20**

Little International at Penn State University.

