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more**

*For the avid gardener*

What to do with that holiday plant — poinsettia, amaryllis, cyclamen — once the flowers are finished? They can all be recycled, given the right care. Is it worthwhile? Here is what's involved — you decide.

Amaryllis is probably the most satisfactory rebloomer. When it's finished flowering, cut back the stalk, continue watering and begin regular feeding (½ strength soluble fertilizer every two weeks) to encourage vigorous foliage.

Put the plant outdoors in full sun when weather warms up (mid-May). If it shows signs of going dormant (yellowing leaves) in late summer, withhold water, remove dead foliage, and store the bulb in a cool spot at least two months before beginning the cycle again. Some amaryllis may not go dor-

mant. Bring the plant inside when cool weather arrives and continue growing as before.

Don't expect a recycled poinsettia to look the same as it did from the florist - it will probably be much taller with smaller blooms. Continue normal care until April, then reduce watering and cut stems back to six inches. Before moving it outdoors after frost, repot to next larger container.

Grow it in a bright location, feeding every two to three weeks, and pruning occasionally until Sept. 1. Bring it inside to a sunny window. To bloom for Christmas, poinsettia need 12 hours of uninterrupted dark at night (with temperatures below 65°F) and sun during the day from Oct. 1 to Thanksgiving. Continue normal watering and feeding.

## Brook End hosts winter sale

BEAVERTOWN — Brooks End and Par Kay Farms of Beavertown held their annual Winter Sale, which totaled \$54,315.00 for 186 head. 86 head of pure-bred boars and gilts averaged \$430.

The top-selling animal sold for \$1325.00 to Irvin Zimmerman of

Swarthmore. It was a Yorkshire Bred gilt RTB4 Esther 14-3.

The top-selling Yorkshire Boar was sold for \$1225.00 to Sam Lane Dover, NC. The top-selling Landrace Bred Gilt was purchased by Alvin Shaffer Dalmatia, Pa. for \$500. The top-selling Landrace Boar was purchased by Sutton Brothers LaGrange, NC for \$325.

Other results included: 33 head of Yorkshire Bred Gilts Averaged \$390; 38 head of Yorkshire Boars Averaged \$574; 71 head of Yorkshires Averaged \$456; 15 head of Landrace Bred Gilts Averaged \$329; 3 head of Landrace Boars Averaged \$308; 18 head of Lan-

drace Averaged \$326; 97 head of Commercial Open Gilts Averaged \$166.

The Auctioneer was Mike Jones, West Point, Ga. This sale offering sold into 10 different states.

It is the goal of Brooks End and Par Kay Farms to furnish high quality tested breeding stock to the Commercial Pig Producer where/by the consumer will benefit through higher quality lean cuts of pork. Much of this sale offering featured imported bloodlines from Ireland and Scotland. Our next Sale offering will be April 18, 1986.

Cyclamen are tough to keep growing under normal home conditions. If they survive, they might bloom again if, when the leaves start dying back in late spring, water is withheld and the plant is put in a cool, dim spot to rest. Dead leaves are removed when they are dry.

Part of the secret to success is keeping the tuber dry but not too dry during the rest, so keep the soil just barely moist. In late summer or when new shoots appear, repot, resume watering and grow as usual.



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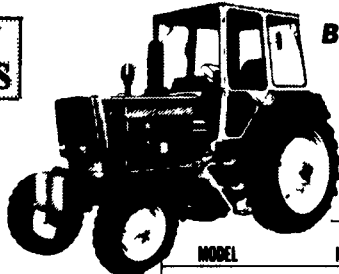
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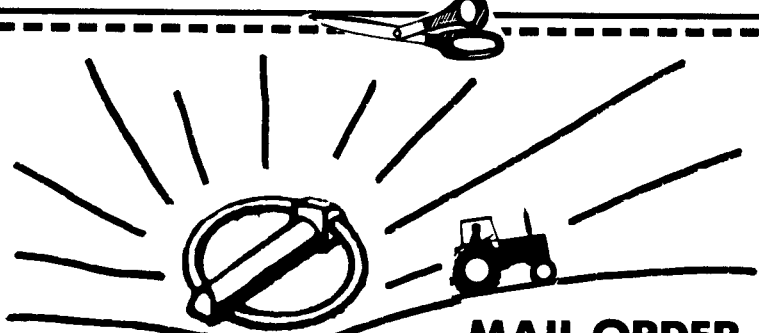
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