

Tree Line Considerations

On small residential properties, trees frequently cover different properties. Unfortunately, questions sometimes arise about who is responsible for raking leaves, collecting the fallen fruit or even eliminating shade that may be undesirable. Fortunately, most of these problems can be solved by common sense and courtesy.

But, according to Susan Goldsworthy, Delaware County Agricultural Horticulturist, because trees are real property

and are a permanent part of the land on which they grow, they are protected by law.

A tree is the property of the person on who's land it is situated, and ownership of a tree, as a general rule, depends upon whose land the trunk of the tree stands on. If a neighbor's tree sheds leaves on your lawn, the law considers it reasonable for you to clean up the leaves, rather than expecting the tree owner to come onto your property to do it.

However, if the property owner can show that the adjoining landowner's tree possesses a substantial danger to property or safety, then the tree owner should remove the leaves.

The land owner may trim branches of a neighbor's tree which are his or her property, but only those branches which overhang. The landowner has a duty to trim without harming the tree and may not enter the tree owners' land to trim branches unless the tree is diseased or

rotten.

On rented property tenants who occupy a whole house are usually considered responsible for maintenance of the land that comes with the house. Although neither landlord nor tenant are required to remove leaves, if the leaves threaten to injure property (such as killing grass), then the tenant is obliged to remove them.

The question of who gets the produce from fruit bearing trees follows different rules.

While a landowner may be ex-

pected to remove leaves which have fallen on his property from a neighbor's tree, the landowner may not automatically collect fruit from the tree. The fruit tree owner must be given a reasonable opportunity to enter the property owner's land and remove the fruit.

Trees and shrubs that have been planted for landscaping purposes may not be cut by tenants. People renting houses or apartments in the city or suburbs can face legal penalties for cutting trees without the owners permission.

Canada Imposes Import Duty On U.S. Corn

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The Canadian Import Tribunal ruled recently that U.S. corn exports are causing material injury to Canadian corn farmers and the Canadian government.


With the announcement of this decision, permanent countervailing duties of 84.9 cents per bushel will be assessed on all U.S. corn exported to Canada. The figure reflects the per bushel

deficiency payment presently being paid to corn farmers participating in the U.S. feed grains program, according to findings released by Revenue Canada on February 2.

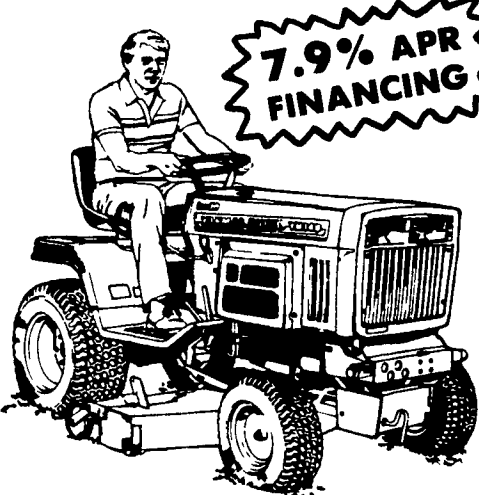
In a 2 to 1 vote, the Tribunal ruled in favor of a petition filed by the Ontario Corn Producers Association in June 1986, which stated the feed grains program

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