

# You ask we answer

This column is for readers who have questions but don't know whom to ask for answers.

"You Ask—You Answer" is for non-cooking questions. When a reader sends in a question, it will be printed in the paper. Readers who know the answer are asked to respond by mailing the answer, which will then be printed in the paper.

Questions and Answers to this column should be addressed to You Ask—You Answer, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522. Attention: Lou Ann Good.

There's no need to send a SASE. If we receive an answer to your question, we will publish it as soon as possible.

**QUESTION** — Patricia Varchol, Reinholds, writes that she started plants from seed for her large garden. She used a commercial planting mix for starting the seed, grew the plants under lights for 15 hours a day, watered from the bottom and watered only enough to keep them from drying out. She had a great germination rate, but since then has lost almost all the seedlings to damping off. Every time she has tried to start seeds, the seedlings met the same fate:

She knows it's too late this season, but are there tips or tricks to try next year to keep this from happening?

**QUESTION** — Kay McGrath, 68 Hunter St., Tamaqua, Pa., writes that she found an old antique in the attic of a deceased relative. She believes it is a spinning wheel loom. She has a picture of it if someone collects such objects.

**QUESTION** — Paul Early, R.R. 1, Box 632A, Annville, Pa. 17008 has a hopper to a wheelbarrow grass seeder that was made in the 1920s. He would like to hear from someone who has the wheelbarrow part or he would be willing to sell the hopper.

**QUESTION** — A Lehighon subscriber was given an appliance called Merit Quik Chef Fast Grille. She did not receive the card and plug with it. Does anyone know where she could purchase a plug or have the address of the company that makes the grill so that she could purchase some instructions?

**QUESTION** — A Lebanon reader would like to know where to purchase a Kistka, an instrument that resembles an old-time fountain pen that is used to apply the wax for egg decoration.

**QUESTION** — Betty Bixler, 2710 Maytown Rd., Marietta, subscribes to "Country Woman," but did not receive the Nov.-Dec. 1994 issue. The company is sold out. Betty is collecting the issues and will pay cost of the magazine and postage to someone who no longer wants their copy.

**QUESTION** — Linda Miller, Lancaster, would like to know what she can do to produce nice thick rhubarb stalks instead of pencil-thin ones.

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## Poultry Association Offers Scholarships

GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.)—The Adams County Poultry Association has voted to provide \$2000 in scholarship funds to Penn State University for the 1995-96 academic year.

To be eligible students must be from Adams County, be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in the College of Agricultural Sciences or Human Development. The applicant must have an acceptable scholastic average and be in need of financial assistance. Students should apply for assistance through the Office of Student Aid.

Application forms and any additional information can be obtained from Walter P. Griest, 2710 Mummasburg Road, Gettysburg, telephone (717) 677-8646 or from the Adams County Extension Office, 1135 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg, telephone (717) 334-6271.

All forms must be completed and returned to one of the above no later than June 15, 1995.

## All Gardens Great & Small

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Spinach, Tomatoes, Celery, Watermelon, Green beans.

Vitamin E: Major anti-oxidant — Legumes, some leafy green vegetables.

Zinc: For DNA synthesis, cell division, growth, healing etc. — Spinach, Parsley, Romaine lettuce, Summer Squash, Looseleaf lettuce, Beans in general.

Questions relating to this article can be sent to: Tom Becker, Extension Agent, Horticulture, 112 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402-9041.

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