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## Ag Emergencies Keeping WVDA Busy

In August I look forward to two great agricultural events: The State Fair of West Virginia, as it is one of our top community events, and the Conservation Farmer of the Year Tour in which I, along with a team of judges, have the good fortune of visiting some of the distinct farms in the state. I'd like to visit with you folks if you come to Fairlea August 10-18, as I will be in residence there the entire duration of the Fair.

I hope we don't experience anymore emergencies. Since the beginning of the year, we have had situations with tainted pet food, drought, avian influenza (AI), and the loss of stored food when part of the roof of our Food Distribution Warehouse collapsed. Recalls on numerous meat and meat products and other processed foods have kept the food safety laboratory staff busy. In fact, all these emergencies have affected the entire Department. Fortunately, most employees have had special training to deal with these eventualities.

The AI outbreak in turkeys in Pendleton County was a new experience for 61 staff members who had to cope with depopulating approximately 26,000 40-lb. turkeys. The job was completed, and fortunately, we have found no additional low-path AI in any birds; either broilers or backyard farm flocks in the area.

In July we went back on the alert when an AI outbreak occurred in Mt. Jackson, Virginia, only 10 miles from the West Virginia border. Commercial and farm flocks have been surveyed and have tested negative. We remain on alert to any movement of birds from Virginia to West Virginia.

The WVDA manages and allocates food to the West Virginia school systems and to other qualifying agencies through the USDA Food Distribution Program. The recent roof collapse of the frozen food storage area resulted in a loss of \$682,000 in frozen meats and processed foods. Inventory was low at the time and we do not anticipate problems with food supplies for any of the agencies we serve. The dry storage area and two other frozen food freezers were not affected.

All reports indicate that summer Forestry and Plant Industry programs are successful, especially in the areas of gypsy moth suppres-

sion and black fly control in the Greenbrier River area.

A quiet month would be welcome so we could enjoy the opportunity to visit with you folks at the State Fair to learn of your individual problems and where we can be of assistance to you.

Many of you know that Governor Manchin has declared a drought emergency in West Virginia with most counties covered by the decree. This has been quite an effort on behalf of the USDA State Farm Service Agency and various county emergency boards in securing the data showing a 30 percent loss to agriculture in most West Virginia counties. The rain has been hit-and-miss and the Ohio River Valley remains in a severe drought. I can verify the bad conditions at my farm in Mason County.

USDA Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced the completion of the second component of a multi-phase \$460 million laboratory project in Ames, Iowa. This new high-containment, large-animal facility combines



### Gus' View ...

several research facilities into one location and could not have been completed in a more timely fashion. The high-containment designation means the building is designed for optimal safety and security because the scientists will work with a variety of endemic zoonotic and foreign animal diseases in what is called biological Safety Level 3 (BSL3) space.

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## Commissioner of Agriculture Halts Poultry Shows and Sales After AI-Positive Flock Discovered in Virginia

Commissioner of Agriculture Gus R. Douglass has ordered a halt to poultry shows and sales throughout West Virginia in response to a turkey flock that tested positive for low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) in Mt. Jackson, Va., just across the West Virginia border.

The strain is not the bird flu that has been plaguing Southeast Asia and parts of Europe and poses no threat to human health.

The order applies to any gathering of live birds, including shows at fairs and festivals and sales of poultry. The order is effective Monday, July 9, and will be in place for 30 days unless another positive flock is discovered.

The order does not apply to the commercial industry, which tests every flock for AI before it is moved off the farm to ensure that infected birds are not trucked past other poultry farms.

Having already dealt with a positive flock in West Virginia earlier this year, we want to take

every precaution to protect our poultry industry from a potentially devastating situation, said Commissioner Douglass.

He also noted that the West Virginia Department of Agriculture is on high alert for any signs of the disease here, and that the industry has been exercising enhanced surveillance protocols since a 2002 AI outbreak that affected West Virginia and Virginia.

Poultry companies on both sides of the border have instructed their growers not to spread litter or move it from their farms until further notice.

According to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), testing over the weekend by the USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, confirmed the presence of AI antibodies, which indicates possible prior exposure to the virus. The turkeys did not show any signs of illness prior to testing.

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The building contains more than 155,000 square feet and will house cattle, bison, elk, deer, reindeer, sheep and hogs. It includes designated areas Agriculture Research Service (ARS) research as well as for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) diagnostics testing training and biologic product evaluation. When I chaired the Foreign Animal and Poultry Disease Advisory Committee for USDA, the building of this facility was high on our list of priorities. I'm pleased to see it become a reality.

My personal schedule included a week at the beach in North Carolina with my daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It seemed like I took my office with me, too, as events compelled me to stay in touch with both state and national contacts because of ongoing situations. It was still fun to be with the children, especially the grandkids.

## Mountain Diamond Longhorn Farm Annual Farm Field Day

Hosted by Dave and Barb Miller  
August 25, 9 a.m.

near Tunnelton, W.Va. • Preston County  
Free and Open to the Public, but  
pre-registration is required.


To register, contact the Preston County  
Extension Office at 329-1391,  
or email [Carrie.Stemple@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Carrie.Stemple@mail.wvu.edu)

Speaking of families, I'm very proud of Cabell Midland High School and their Animal Science Program. As part of their efforts, they are acquiring the latest equipment for their meats program, and they also have an FFA Chapter that challenges for not only West Virginia's area schools, but those throughout the nation as well. Four students from Cabell Midland High School FFA set out on a journey to be the first to win a national title for their school on June 5-6 in Springfield, Missouri. They competed in the 8th Annual Mid-America Grasslands Evaluation Contest. As winners of the state contest since 2005, Cabell Midland has competed in the national contest, and this year brought home the national title (see photo right). This is not a easy contest. Again, I congratulate these participants from across the state for their perseverance and dedication in learning all these series of questions. The advisors and professionals that sponsor the group are to be admired for their support and efforts in helping them become champions. The 2007 National Grasslands Contest Champions are Allison Robertson (who placed 1st in the nation as an individual), Steven Clagg (who placed 3rd in the nation), Cassandra Morgan, and Leesha Campbell. Keep up the good work, you've proven the value of ag science classes in our high school programs.

Down on the farm, we're in the clean-up phase trying to get ready for the fall months.



Cabell Midland FFA – Mid-America National Grasslands Evaluation Contest Champions. L-R: Steven Clagg, Leesha Campbell, Cassandra Morgan and Allison Robertson.

The garden looks well and is very productive. The irrigation has paid off as I've had the largest harvest of tomatoes, sweet corn and green beans in recent memory – the results of our taking more care than normal of the garden. We have fared better than our neighbors who have not had a pond available to them as a water supply as we've had. Still many folks have been watering their gardens using city water. This can be observed from the quality of produce showing up at the Capitol Market. The Farmers' Market at the State Capitol grounds has started and I think the employees will enjoy the good selection of fruits and vegetables. Vegetables will be available Wednesdays through September 5, and "Fresh Fruit Fridays" will be conducted every Friday in August. 

## SBA Disaster Loans Available in West Virginia Following Secretary of Agriculture Declaration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that federal disaster loans are available to small businesses located in Mingo and Wayne Counties in West Virginia.

"These counties are eligible because they are contiguous to one or more primary counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. SBA recognizes that disasters do not usually stop at the county or state lines. For that reason, counties adjacent to primary counties named in the declaration are included," according to Frank Skaggs, Director of SBA Field Operations Center East.

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Virginia is closely monitoring all poultry operations within a six-mile radius of the affected farm. No further positives have been discovered.

NVSL is doing further testing to help identify the virus and hopefully determine its source. VDACS, USDA and the poultry owner are working cooperatively to minimize the possibility that the virus will move beyond this farm.

SBA's disaster declaration was issued as a result of a similar action taken by the Secretary of Agriculture to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops caused by extremely cold temperatures that occurred April 5-10, 2007.

Under this declaration, SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to farm-related and nonfarm-related small business concerns and small agricultural cooperatives that suffered economic injury as a direct result of this disaster. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible to apply to SBA.

The affected flock contained 54,000 birds, which were euthanized as a precaution and composted on-site. While LPAI poses no risk to human health, federal and state policy is to eradicate H5 and H7 subtypes because of their potential to change into more serious types, which have a higher mortality rate among birds.

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Eligible small businesses may qualify for loans up to \$1.5 million. These loans are available at a 4 percent interest rate with loan terms up to 30 years. SBA determines eligibility for the program based on the size and type of business and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based upon each applicants financial condition. Under this disaster declaration, SBA cannot provide loans to agricultural producers.

Interested business owners should contact SBA's Customer Service Center by calling 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing-impaired), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT. Loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than February 1, 2008.**

# State's Black Fly Spraying Intensifies

by MANNIX PORTERFIELD/THE REGISTER-HERALD

Only a few months into a new job that advanced her from the college classroom directly into some of West Virginia's finer waterways, Betsy Reeder is already reaping some satisfaction in her line of work.

"I don't want a cloud of black flies following me everywhere I go," she said, smiling as a helicopter alighted atop a truck to reload in a field at Pipestem State Park.

Nor do folks as far away as Beckley.

For more than two decades, the state has funded an annual assault on the pests along the New River in southern West Virginia.

Once in the realm of the Division of Natural Resources, then Department of Environmental Protection, the program now is in the hands of the Department of Agriculture, which this year will spend \$804,482 on spraying.

At the outset, the program survived a legal challenge by Save Our Mountains, an environmental group headed by Richard Smith, who remains opposed to the spraying on grounds it denies fish part of the natural food chain, and is ineffective anyway.

Critics say the spraying of Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) along several waterways disrupts the natural food chain, hurts other insects, lowers the fish population and can be harmful to humans.

"It's not any of those things," said Reeder, a Maryland native who taught biology, health and environmental science at Loyola College for 16 years and at Hartford Community College the past five years before answering an ad in *The Register-Herald* seeking a new black fly spray director in West Virginia.

"It's a bacterium. It's host specific. It targets the black fly larvae and doesn't affect the other invertebrates or the fish. And the fish can still eat the larvae, whether alive or dead. They're not toxic to the fish."

Initially, the program focused on the New River, but has been expanded to the Bluestone and Greenbrier rivers. Consideration was given to moving to Logan County, but time doesn't allow that this year, said Terry Carrington, a former program director and now the agency's survey entomologist.

Bti is being sprayed by a new firm this season, Summit Helicopters of Cloverdale, Va. The program now has an office in Hinton, cutting down on frequent roundtrips from Charleston to direct the spraying and do follow-up stream evaluations of larvae.

Before heavy industry got rolling a century ago, thick swarms darkened the skies, but the onslaught of mining and timbering led to dirty waters, hardly conducive to the flies' lifestyle.

"Black flies are not pollution tolerant," Carrington said. "Even small amounts of various toxins will kill them."

"So with a lot of environmental legislation that went on in the late '60s and '70s, as the rivers were cleaned up, as less acid mine drainage ended up in them, the population started to rebound."

Once hatched, a fly can travel about 22 miles, depending on wind conditions, and that puts them not only on tennis courts, golf courses and backyard barbecues, but right on the farm pasture, as well.

"Studies show that livestock, which are getting severely bitten by flies, don't tend to put on as much body weight, which is important if you're raising beefers," Carrington said.

And the biting flies can disrupt production

of milk cows, he said.

For now, the state limits the spraying to the three southern streams.

"It's easy to target this part of the state," Carrington said. "The rivers are wide enough that we can actually get a helicopter down into them. In other parts of the state, where black flies are coming out of small creeks and streams that are spread out, it's a lot more difficult because you can't necessarily determine where the adult populations are coming from."

"You can't be sure that treating this stream or that stream is going to actually affect or control the program."

Reeder views this is a new career, one in which she intends to remain.

"As far as I know, that's the plan," she said. "I want to stay here and retire here. I love it."

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## SIGNUP FOR 2008 GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION PROGRAM UNDERWAY

West Virginia landowners can help the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) and the WVU Extension Service fight gypsy moths, the state's number one plant pest, through the Cooperative State-County-Landowner (CSCL) Gypsy Moth Suppression Program.

The gypsy moth is the most serious plant pest in West Virginia. It eats a wide variety of trees and shrubs, and West Virginia's vast forest resources offer an ideal habitat for this invasive pest to feed upon, said Commissioner of Agriculture Gus R. Douglass. This treatment program helps to safeguard our timber and tourism industries, which are vital components of our state's economy.

The gypsy moth feeds on more than 500 species, including West Virginia hardwoods. Defoliation by gypsy moth caterpillars can kill trees, or weaken them substantially, making them more susceptible to other pests and diseases.

Originally introduced into Massachusetts in 1869, the gypsy moth has slowly spread north to Maine and south to North Carolina. Despite control efforts, the infestation continues to move south and west.

Gypsy moths were first documented in West Virginia in 1972, and the first caterpillars were found in 1978. Each year, they affect tens of thousands of acres of West Virginia forest and cause millions of dollars in lost

forest productivity.

The 2008 CSCL Program will accept egg mass survey applications from landowners in Barbour, Berkeley, Braxton, Brooke, Doddridge, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jefferson, Lewis, Marion, Marshall, Mineral, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Pleasants, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Tyler, Tucker, Upshur, Webster and Wetzel Counties. The signup period runs from July 1-August 31.

Landowners must provide a 7½-minute topographic map with property boundaries clearly marked. The WVDA cannot map your property for you. Topographic maps are available from the United States Geological Survey at 1-800-ASK-USGS or their website at <http://store.usgs.gov>.

The minimum acreage required to participate in the program is 50 contiguous acres of wooded land. Adjoining landowners may combine their properties to meet the acreage requirement. Blocks must be made as rectangular as possible to be treated properly by aircraft without significant overspray. The presence of electrical transmission lines, communication towers, etc., may prohibit some blocks or portions of some spray blocks from being sprayed.

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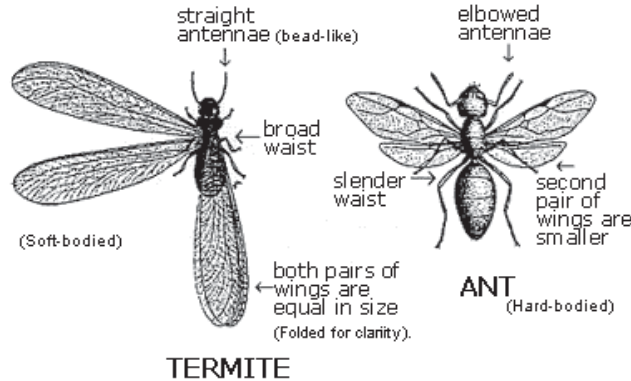
# Termite and Ant Swarms

Both termites and ants are social insects which means that they live together in large colonies. Most members of a colony of social insects are workers and do not reproduce. Instead, workers spend their time working for the good of the colony and caring for a few of their specialized sisters and/or brothers called queens and kings (termites) or drones (ants) that do nothing but produce huge numbers of offspring. In this way, even though most individual insects do not produce young, their genetic traits are preserved in the vast numbers of young produced by the colony.

Most of the offspring produced by an ant or termite colony grow up to be workers but, once a colony has grown to be large and strong enough, reproductive forms, called queens, kings and drones, are produced as well. Reproductives differ physically from workers because they have wings. The wings allow the reproductives to emerge and travel away from the home nest where they can locate unrelated mates and found new colonies. When a group of reproductive ants or termites leaves the nest it is referred to as a swarm.

If a structure is infested by termites, a swarm of reproductives may actually emerge inside the building. The insects

emerge from tiny holes in the woodwork and may number in the hundreds or even thousands. Emerging insects will immediately seek the nearest bright light, usually a window, and swarms are often found on windowsills. The emerging swarms are of no threat to the structure and may simply be vacuumed up and discarded. The emergence of a swarm of termites indicates that a colony of termites has been infesting the



structure for at least three years. If you experience a termite swarm inside your home, you should arrange for a professional inspector to examine the structure. This service will be performed for free by any reputable company. Should termites be present, it is wise to get at least three bids for your termite treatment. Act promptly, but remember that a termite swarm is NOT an

emergency situation. Keep calm and take your time to get the best service.

Ant swarms are sometimes confused with termite swarms, but the two insects actually look very different (see illustration). Ants always have a thin waist; termites do not. Termite swarms have 4 identical wings, while the rear wings of ants are much smaller than the fore wings. Finally, termites have thin antennae like tiny strings of beads while ants have elbowed antennae. Swarms of both ants and termites generally occur on a bright day following rain. Ant swarms occur throughout the warm months. Termite swarms are most likely to occur in May or June, but secondary swarms may occur at the end of the summer.

A sample of swarming insects can be sent to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture for identification. Insect samples should be placed in a tightly sealed vial containing some alcohol and sent to: West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Pest Identification Laboratory, Plant Industries Division, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, WV 25305-0191. Be sure to include such information as your name, address, telephone number, etc. so that an answer can be sent to you. For more information, contact the Plant Industries Division at 304-558-2212.

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Application forms and brochures detailing the program are available at local WVU Extension offices, [www.wvagriculture.org/Division/Webpages/plant\\_industries.html](http://www.wvagriculture.org/Division/Webpages/plant_industries.html), and at WVDA field offices in Elkins (304-637-0290), Inwood (304-229-5828), Morgantown (304-285-3133), New Creek (304-788-1066) and Moorefield (304-538-2397).

Once applications are received, a forest health expert will visit the property to determine if the level of gypsy moth infestation meets program guidelines. A final decision to participate in the program must be confirmed by signing a contract and making a deposit to the WVDA by December 7. A final payment to the WVDA will be required prior to actual treatment. Notification of the deadline for final payment will be by mail.

The 2007 landowner costs were \$11.51 per acre for Btk and \$8.65 per acre for Dimilin, but prices for the coming year may be higher. A 50 percent cost share on treatments may be available from the USDA Forest Service through a cooperative agreement with the WVDA. The total cost depends on the USDA Forest Service cost-sharing, total acres proposed for treatment, and the cost of the insecticide and aerial application.

For more information, contact WVDA Plant Industries Division Assistant Director Clark Haynes at 304-558-2212 or Gypsy Moth Program Manager Quentin Butch Sayers at 304-788-1066.

## Gardening Timeline

- August 1 ..... Seed beans.
- August 2 ..... Seed spinach.
- August 4 ..... Plant cabbage for fall crop.
- August 6 ..... Seed lettuce.
- August 8 ..... Watch for downey mildew.
- August 12 ..... Take note of new varieties.
- August 18 ..... Seed radishes.
- August 20 ..... Apply nitrogen to strawberries.
- August 22 ..... Turn compost.
- August 23 ..... Seed turnips.
- August 25 ..... Seed lawn.
- August 26 ..... Order spring-flowering bulbs.
- August 27 ..... Seed spinach.
- August 29 ..... Renovate lawn or reseed bare spots.
- September 1 ... Dig late potatoes.
- September 3 ... Plant crocus.
- September 4 ... Seed cover crop.
- September 5 ... Turn compost.
- September 6 ... Prepare root cellar.
- September 7 ... Aerate lawn.
- September 8 ... Divide peonies.

Source: WVU Extension Garden Calendar

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[www.statefairfww.com](http://www.statefairfww.com)

# Fresh from the Garden

Jean Smith, Director, Marketing and Development Division

Home gardeners from around the state are enjoying the fruits of their labor this time of year with delicious, fresh-from-the-garden fruits and vegetables. Nothing tastes better than sitting down to a meal with vegetables picked that morning straight from the garden. Of course, they are also full of vitamins and minerals. If

you don't grow your own garden, check out the nearest farmers' market to support your local farmers.

This month's featured recipes take advantage of the summer garden produce and are quick and easy to prepare. I hope you enjoy them!

~ Bon Appetit!

## WHAT'S COOKIN'

AUGUST 2007

### Recipes

#### Stuffed Tomato Salad

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| 1 cup chopped, peeled cucumbers                | ½ cup salad dressing    |
| ¼ cup onions, finely chopped                   | ¼ teaspoon salt         |
| 1 tablespoon red sweet peppers, finely chopped | Sprinkle of celery salt |
|  | 6 medium tomatoes       |

Set tomatoes aside. Combine remaining ingredients in bowl. Cut a slice from stem end of tomatoes, remove core and seeds. Stuff with combined ingredients; serve. Serves 6.

### Recipes

#### Reduced-Sodium Sliced Dill Pickles

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| 4 pounds 3"-5" pickling cucumbers      | 1½ teaspoons celery seed      |
| 6 cups 5% vinegar                      | 1½ teaspoons mustard seed     |
| 6 cups sugar                           | 2 large onions, thinly sliced |
| 2 tablespoons canning or pickling salt | 8 heads of fresh dill         |

Wash cucumbers; cut and discard 1/16" off blossom end. Cut cucumbers in ¼" slices. Combine vinegar, sugar, salt, celery and mustard seed in large saucepan. Bring mixture to boil. Place 2 slices onion and 1 head dill in each pint jar. Fill jars with cucumber slices, leaving ½" headspace; add 1 slice onion and 1 head dill on top. Pour hot pickling solution over cucumbers, leaving ¼" headspace. Adjust lids. Process pints 20 minutes in boiling water bath. Yields 8 pints.

### Recipes

#### Strawberry Freezer Jam

ReaLemon® Golden Anniversary Recipe Collection

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| 2 cups crushed fresh strawberries (about 4 cups sliced) | 1 3-ounce pouch liquid fruit pectin (about 7 tablespoons) |
| 4 cups sugar  | 2 tablespoons ReaLemon® lemon juice from concentrate      |

In large bowl, combine strawberries and sugar; mix well. Let stand 10 minutes. In small bowl, combine pectin and ReaLemon®; pour over strawberries. Stir thoroughly 3 minutes (a few sugar crystals will remain). Spoon into glass or plastic containers; cover. Let stand at room temperature 24 hours. Store in freezer.

Tip: Small amounts can be refrigerator, covered, 2 to 3 weeks.



### Recipes

#### Garden Skillet

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1½ cups fresh green beans or 10 ounces frozen green beans
- 4-6 small whole cooked onions
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 bay leaf, crumbled
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 large tomato, cut in wedges

Heat oil in large skillet; add green beans, onions, sugar, seasonings and water; stir. Cover skillet tightly; cook 10 minutes. Lay tomato wedges on top; cook 5 more minutes. Serves 4.

### Recipes

#### Mixed Vegetable Salad

- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 cup cider vinegar
- ¼ cup salad oil
- 6 tablespoons wine vinegar with garlic
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 large package frozen mixed vegetables, salted
- 2 medium cucumbers
- 2 medium onions
- 1 green pepper
- 1 red pepper

Heat sugar, cider vinegar, salad oil, wine vinegar and pepper; cool.

Cook one large package of frozen mixed vegetables (salted); cool. Add cucumbers, onions, green and red peppers. Mix together; let stand overnight. Will keep 3 or 4 weeks.

# Six Enshrined into the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame

Six individuals who have made outstanding contributions to agriculture and forestry in West Virginia were enshrined into the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame July 7 at the annual banquet at WVU Jackson's Mill in Weston, W.Va. This year's enshrinees were Steve Hannah, the late Theodore L. Harriman, E. Keith Inskeep, Edward C. Murriner, Charles Richard Sypolt and Donald G. Wood.

Enshrinement in the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame is reserved for those individuals, businesses, organizations, institutions and foundations that have made outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement and improvement of the agricultural, forestry and family life of West Virginia.

**Steve Hannah**, of Jane Lew, W.Va., is widely recognized as a leader in West Virginia agriculture. From his early experience in 4-H to his current position as Deputy Commissioner of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Mr. Hannah has exhibited a passion for agriculture and forestry issues. He was born and raised in Harrison County. He served as Camp Manager of Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp before being selected as Executive Secretary for the West Virginia Farm Bureau. While there, he represented the interests of state farmers and landowners on state and federal issues for 24 years. Mr. Hannah is currently Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture where he provides leadership on a wide variety of agricultural issues.

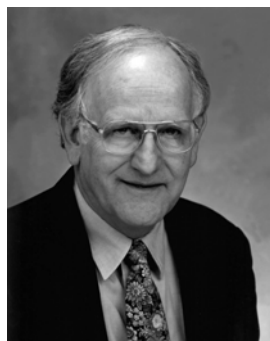
**Theodore L. Harriman**, formerly of Flemington, W.Va., served the forest industry for 19 years. He served in various professional forestry positions for Georgia-Pacific, Columbia Forest Products and Weyerhaeuser Corporation. Mr. Harriman served on the West Virginia Forestry Association Board of Directors and devoted many hours to the Association's Logger Safety Initiative.



**Steve Hannah**



**Theodore Harriman**



**E. Keith Inskeep**



**Edward Murriner**



**Charles Sypolt**



**Donald Wood**

He also worked to advance the mission of the West Virginia Forest Industries Camp and was deeply involved in the development of the Log-a-Load for Kids program. Portions of both of these activities have been renamed in honor of Mr. Harriman's memory.

**E. Keith Inskeep**, of Morgantown, W.Va., is a world-renown researcher in reproductive physiology. After completing his formal education at Potomac State College, West Virginia University and the University of Wisconsin, he began his lifelong work as a researcher and educator at the University of Wisconsin in 1959 and moved on to

West Virginia University in 1964. There he has built an impressive body of work in his selected field. His research is often referred to as cutting-edge and easily applied to the needs of West Virginia farmers. Mr. Inskeep has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors for his body of work over the years.

**Edward C. Murriner**, of Hurricane, W.Va., has had a 38-year career with the West Virginia Division of Forestry, serving in many positions from Service Forester to Assistant State Forester. He worked diligently to promote the Forest Products Utilization program throughout the State. Mr. Murriner has worked extensively with the development of logging safety programs during his career. He retired from the Division of Forestry in 2006 and started his own company, Cahajo Consulting, which focuses on economic development and safety assistance for the wood products industry.

**Charles Richard Sypolt**, of Glenville, W.Va., has served on the faculty of Glenville State College for 34 years where his goal has been to provide instruction to prepare the most highly skilled forestry and land surveying graduates. Mr. Sypolt has been honored as Land Surveyor of the Year by the West Virginia Association of Land Surveyors. The Sypolts operate a farm in Gilmer County.

**Donald G. Wood**, of Beverly, W.Va., has maintained a life-long dedication to the advancement of agriculture and youth development. Mr. Wood's career included 22 years as District Director with the USDA-ASCS (now Farm Service Agency). On his farm he produced strawberries, sweet corn and Murray Grey cattle. Mr. Wood served as a leader in many farm and community organizations and has received many accolades throughout his career.

**Trail Ride**  
August 18, 12 Noon  
Sycamore Rd.  
Clarksburg, W.Va.

Contact Barbara Flanagan, 623-2162.

**Percheron** 6-yr. mare, black, work/traffic broke, \$1,500; Molly 5-yr. mule, black, broke, gentle, \$1,200. Mike Roach, P.O. Box 55, Lesage, 25537; 762-2885.

**Reg.** Qtr. filly, \$700; Qtr. mare, child/road safe, \$550. Melissa Robinson, 753 Oil Ridge Rd., Sistersville, 26175; 652-2492.

**Arab.** filly, Khemosabi/Black Egyptian blood, \$1,500. Chris Rohrbaugh, 196 Shamrock Dr., Moorefield, 26836; 851-4328.

**Reg.** Qtr. 2-yr. stallion, sorrel, Money Red Bully Bullion/Jet Deck blood, \$1,500. John Russell, 10394 Charleston Rd., Clendenin, 25045; 548-5646.

**Qtr.** cross mares, 4 & 7 yrs., bay, green broke, 1 bred to paint stud, \$450/ea.; \$800/both. Wanda Scott, P.O. Box 8, Helvetia, 26224; 924-5464.

**Donkeys**, 11-mo. & 5-yr. uncut males, \$300/ea. Heather Six, 336 West High St., Harrisville, 26362; 643-5224.

**At Stud:** Mammoth Jack, 58", choc., \$150/fee plus \$5/day mare care. Bob Smith, Rt. 7, Box 410B, S. Charleston, 25309; 744-8372.

**Reg.** Belgian 3- & 4-yr. full brother & sister, work broke, \$4,000/pr. Carl Spessert, Rt. 1, Box 216-1, Montrose, 26283; 636-6141.

**Reg.** Tenn. Wilk. geldings: 4-yr. buckskin, 15h, Black Hills Gold blood, good conf./gait; 3-yr. palomino, shown, excel. conf./gait, Pride's Genius blood, \$2,600/ea., both excel. trail. Dean Stump, P.O. Box 598, Cool Ridge, 25825; 787-3288.

**Arab.** fillies, Dbl. Dey Shah/Autumn Blaze V/Khemosabi blood, \$1,500 or \$3,500/two. Jeffrey Thorne, 196 Mayberry, Moorefield, 26836; 851-4326.

**Arab.** filly, black, Aladdin/Desperado V blood, \$1,500. M. Thorne, HC 85, Box 249A, Moorefield, 26836; 257-3460.

**APHA** Paint 14-yr. stallion, black & white w/blue eyes, 14.2h, excel. disp./conf., vacc., \$1,500; Paint wnlg. colt, red/white w/1 blue eye, 15h mature, good disp., vacc., \$400. Sue Truskowsky, Rt. 1, Box 397, Moatsville, 26405; 457-2154.

**AQHA** 12-yr. mare, bay, trail broke, shoes/loads, \$1,800. Rick Valdez, 226 Ross St., Bridgeport, 26330; 677-0112.

**Reg.:** Paint 5-yr. mare, 14.3h, started under saddle, \$2,000; Qtr. 8-yr. gelding, bay, 16.3h, trails, Eng./West/Show., \$10,000; Thoroughbred gelding, dark bay, 16h, Eng./West., jump prospect, \$3,000. Paula Walker, Rt. 2, Box 157B, Ravenswood, 26164; 273-2243.

**At Stud:** Mammoth Jack, 58", dark choc., \$150/fee, mare care avail. Dwight Wilson, Rt. 7, Box 409A, S. Charleston, 25309; 744-0071.

**Reg.** Belgian mares, 2, half sisters, harness broke, \$1,600/both. B. Yoho, HC 61, Box 32, Wileyville, 26581; 889-2435.

## HORSE WANTS

**Arab.** mare or stallion w/Cass Ole' pedigree, any age. Chrissy Ingram, Rt. 2, Box 30, West Union, 26456; 873-2727; bcjngam@hotmail.com.

## JOB WANTS

**Horse** boarding w/outdoor arena & daily turnout, \$250/mo. Kimberly D'Arco, 26 Homestead Lane, Charleston, 25312; 984-0950.

**Farrier**, \$25/trims, \$65/resets. Adam Fauber, 220 Rosemont Ave., Charleston, 25303; 541-2238.

**Tear** down of old buildings & barns. Bo Miller, P.O. Box 138, Tunnelton, 26444; 568-4419.

**Horseshoeing** & trims, \$25/up. Dwight Wilson, Rt. 7, Box 409A, S. Charleston, 25309; 744-0071.

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## NOTICE

### ORDER BY THE WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

By Authority of Chapter 19, Article 9 of the WV State Code I hereby issue the following order:

On July 9, 2007, a turkey farm in Virginia, which is in close proximity with the West Virginia border, confirmed low pathogen avian influenza in their flocks.

In order to prevent the spread of low pathogen avian influenza, I am hereby suspending the sale of all poultry in West Virginia, as well as the displaying of live poultry at shows, fairs, festivals and all similar events.

The Order does not apply to commercial producers that test birds prior to movement off the farm.

The Order will be in effect for 30 days, ending August 8, 2007, unless other outbreaks occur.

*As a service to our advertisers, we have listed the below Poultry Sales, which will be available for sale August 8, 2007, unless the above poultry order is extended.*

## POULTRY SALES

No ornamental, wild or game birds; eggs.

**Guinea** keets, \$6/ea. min. 4; adult guineas, \$30/pr. Darlene Bolyard, RR 2, Box 101A, Moatsville, 26405; 892-4637; sarahb@thingsgoneby.com.

**Standard** Cochin, various colors & Bantam Cochin, black/white, \$20/up.; other varieties, \$15/up. Ted Brown, P.O. Box 15, Lost Creek, 26385; 672-2535.

**Cochin/Silkie** bantam pullets, \$3/ea. Ann Burns, Rt. 5, Box 925, Grafton, 26354; 265-1402; burnsfarm5@msn.com.

**Chickens**, \$3/ea.; guineas, \$5/ea. Catherine Howard, Rt. 1, Box 7, Moatsville, 26405; 457-2178.

**Turkeys**, 6/07, white, \$10/up. Paul Ledman, Rt. 4, Box 321, Hurricane, 25526; 562-9090.

**Rhode** Island Reds, Barred Rock, Golden Buff, Black Australorp, Delaware, Dominique, Speckled Sussex, others, all lay brown eggs, \$3.50-\$6. Turkeys: Broad Breasted Bronze, Blue Slate, Royal Palm & Bourbon Red, \$15-\$20. Louis Roy, Rt. 1, Box 85-11, Philippi, 26416; 457-2593; whiteoakridgefarm@yahoo.com.

## SHEEP SALES

**Full** Dorper ewes & rams, various ages, \$400/up. Dave Anderson, HC 68, Box 5, Kegley, 24731; 920-5313.

**Corriedale**, Lincoln & Coopworth 1- to 6-yr. ewes & rams w/excel. fleece, white, charcoal & silver, \$85-\$175. Mary Child, HC 63, Box 75, Moyers, 26815; 249-5999; marymountain.net.

**Pure** Dorset & Suff. ram lambs, \$175/ea. K. Gall, Rt. 1, Box 176E, Independence, 26374; 282-1286.

**Reg.** Suff. yrlg. ram, codon 171 tested, \$400; ram lambs, \$250; ewe lambs, \$225. Lucy Kimble, P.O. Box 241, Cabins, 26855; 257-1442, after 6 p.m.

**Katahdin** ram lambs, 7, \$75/ea. Mildred Lewis, HC 36, Box 172, Buckhannon, 26201; 472-1628.

**ACR** Coopworth adult rams, ewes & '07 lambs, various colors, medium breed, easy care/lambing, vacc./wormed, \$200-\$350. Debbie Martzall, 2576 Laurel Crk. Rd., Big Springs, 26137; 462-8043; heartsofthefield1@verizon.net.

**Reg.** Coopworth, white & natural, \$150-\$250. Chris Mayfield, HC 80, Box 36, Harrisville, 26362; 643-4308; mayfield@zoominternet.net.

**Icelandic** sheep & lambs, \$100/unreg.; \$150-\$200/reg. Karen Simms, P.O. Box 57, Oak Hill, 25901; 465-5579.

**Reg.** Suff. & Dorset yrlg. & 3/07 ram lambs, produce oriented, easy fleshing, \$200/up. Zachary Teter, Rt. 1, Box 68, Beverly, 26253; 338-6856; zteter@mix.wvu.edu.

**Reg.** 2-yr. rams: Tunis & Suff., \$175/ea. Ronnie Vance, P.O. Box 244, Seneca Rocks, 26884; 567-2618.

**Reg.** Suff. rams: 1/07 lambs, \$250; yrlgs. to 2 yrs., \$325; Suff./Dorset rams, \$225/up. Jonathan Wilkins, HC 64, Box 472, George Edgar Rd., Hillsboro, 24946;

653-8569; wilkinsuffolks@yahoo.com.

## SHEEP WANTS

**North** Country Chevoit ewe lambs w/good feet, healthy/vacc./wormed. Chrissy Ingram, Rt. 2, Box 30, West Union, 26456; 873-2727; bcjngam@hotmail.com.

## MISCELLANEOUS SALES

**No riding habits or other clothes; appliances or furniture; antiques or crafts; hand power tools or equipment; food processing or preservation items or equipment; general wood working tools; firewood. Only dogs recognized by the AKC as herding dogs can be accepted.**

**Trailer**, 5th wheel, \$3,000; wagon, \$200. Brenda Bahmer, HC 68, Box 12, McFarlan, 26148; 477-3438.

**Powder** River Classic calf tables w/door, \$695; w/o back, \$85; w/large back, \$110, all new; strawberry planter, rusted, \$50. James Barkelew, RR 2, Box 34, Philippi, 26416; 457-1556.

**Rabbits:** Angora, buff & 1 blue, 1 buck/4 does, \$25/ea. Eleanor Brown, P.O. Box 236, Shinnston, 26431; 592-2414.

**Acreage:** 104 A. in Raleigh Co., between Arnett & Rock Creek, \$150,000. Lillian Clay, 235 Cicerone Star Rt., Sissonville, 25320; 988-9293.

**Aust.** cattle dog pups, males & females, see parents, \$300/ea. Darrion Clemons, 2735 Greensburg Rd., Martinsburg, 25404; 263-4275.

**Rabbits:** New Zealand, 8 wks., various colors, \$10/ea. Ron Cook, 951 Edmore Village Rd., Welch, 24801; 923-5316.

**Mulch** hay, 4x4 round bales, \$10/bale, del. avail. Valerie Davis, Rt. 1, Box 178A, Independence, 26374; 864-4167.

**Callicrate** smart bander, \$175; cattle headgate, \$125. Ed Dremak, RR 1, Box 247, Wheeling, 26003; 336-7680.

**Llamas**, males & females, \$400-\$1,200. Donald Dunn, P.O. Box 128, Summit Point, 25446; 725-6708.

**AKC** Shetland Sheepdog pups, males & females, black/white, tricolors & sables, \$300. Mary Eden, Rt. 2, Box 65, Milton, 25541; 380-3907.

**Trailer**, 12' 2000 Adam stock, good cond., \$2,250. Blaine Emery, 229 Pineview Estates, Waverly, 26184; 699-1297.

**Acreage:** 82.85 A. in Rainelle, Greenbrier Co., level to rolling fields, woods, \$250,000. Delbert Gillespie, Rt. 2, Box 144A, Dawson, 24910; 392-5264.

**Rabbits:** grand champ pedigreed English Spots, black, choc., lilacs & greys, jrs. & srs., some w/GC legs, \$25-\$45. Aimee Harper, 3430 3rd Ave., Parkersburg, 26101; 485-5158.

**AKC** Great Pyreneese 7-yr. male, raised w/goats, \$350. George Harris, P.O. Box 0043, Birch River, 26610; 649-2483.

**Pond fish:** 3"-4" bass, 90¢; 3"-5" bluegill, 50¢; 4"-6" hybrid bluegill, \$1/ea.; 6"-8" catfish, 90¢; grasscarp, 8"-11" \$11, 12"-14", \$12.50; 5"-7" koi carp, \$5; 5" goldfish, \$1/ea., free consultation/del. Fred Hays, P.O. Box 241, Elkview, 25071; 548-7117.

**Aust.** Shepherd pups, black/white, 4 males/1 female, \$60/ea. Linda Hoover, 6424 Wadesville Rd., Belleville, 26133; 863-8495.

**Rabbits:** 10- to 11-wk. albino satin/angora, \$300/25 or trade one rabbit for used pet cage w/tray. J. Hughes, 9 Fairview Acres, Charleston, 25309; 768-7562.

**Acreage:** 35 + A. w/woods, pasture, berry/fruit trees & well, private, \$40,000. C. Lusk, P.O. Box 104, Kegley, 24731; 425-8994.

**Coopworth** roving, various colors, & brown or white batting, \$19/lb.; raw fleeces, various colors, \$8-\$12/lb. Debbie Martzall, 2576 Laurel Crk. Rd., Big Springs, 26137; 462-8043; heartsofthefield1@verizon.net.

**Fleece**, natural & white, \$9/lb., roving, \$16/lb. Chris Mayfield, HC 80, Box 36, Harrisville, 26362; 643-4308; mayfield@zoominternet.net.

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