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Preparing for Fall Lawn Care

By Katie Drewitz, University of Minnesota Extension

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (8/12/2020) – While I am still hoping for some nice summer days it is time to start looking towards fall. We often think of spring as the time for lawn improvement practices, but late summer to early autumn is actually a better time for seeding and weed control in lawns. Early fall is also the time to do if dethatching and aerating if it is needed.

Early September is the best time of the year to plant grass seed. The grass seed will germinate readily, and the cooler soil will encourage it to develop a good root system that will carry it through the winter. Seeding now allows for grass to establish better than in the spring when grass seed is competing with weed seeds.

If you wish to eliminate them, Fall is the time to control perennial broad-leafed weeds such as common dandelion, creeping charlie and plantain. The dandelions that germinated this summer will be your blooming plants next spring. Perennial weeds move the sugars produced in the leaves to underground roots or rhizomes for the winter and to fuel next year's growth during the fall months. This movement of sugars continues as long as the plants are not killed by frost and 50-75% of their leaves are still green and actively growing. Herbicides that are systemic and move within the plant are carried with the sugars to effectively kill the plants at the root in the fall. Although the death of weeds may not be obvious in the fall, most of them will not come back next spring. Take caution when using chemicals and always read and follow the label.

For an improved lawn in the spring, use the autumn months to take care of seeding and weed control. For a full lawn care calendar, you can visit www.extension.umn.edu. If you have questions or would like more information about Fall lawn care or any other horticultural questions, please reach out to your local Extension Educator. Residents in Stearns, Benton and Morrison Counties can call 320-255-6169 extension 1 or email wins0115@umn.edu. To receive informational and event email updates for the Stearns, Benton and Morrison County area please sign up at z.umn.edu/tricountyemail.

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A Deeper Look into White Mold on Soybeans

By Eliza Carlson, University of Minnesota Extension

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (8/12/20) – White mold or Sclerotinia Stem Rot is a destructive disease that is quite common throughout Minnesota. The occurrence of white mold varies widely from year to year and from location to location depending on weather conditions and past field history.

There are different types of conditions and factors that favor white mold on soybeans.

- Prolonged wet and cool weather
- High Plant Populations
- High Fertility
- Narrow Rows
- Early Planting

There are different symptoms that indicate the presence of white mold. During flowering we look for lesions developing at nodes at the bottom of the plant. After the lesions or markings expand, the tops of the soybean plants become grayish-green and then wilt and die. At this point in the year, stems become soft and mushy and covered with white moldy growth. In some instances, soybean plants can be killed in patches within the field or seen standing upright in affected fields.

There are ways to manage and decrease the chances of white mold on soybeans plants:

- Select white mold resistant soybean varieties
- Lower plant populations
- Plant in wider rows
- Reduce irrigation frequency during flowering
- Planting later
- Proper weed management
- Adding small grains into the crop rotation

Foliar fungicides can also be used but this does depend on the situation. When looking at fungicide applications consider the cost of application, application timing and chemicals used to help maximize the effectiveness and return on investment.

For more information about white mold on soybeans visit www.extension.umn.edu and search white mold. If you have other questions about this or other crops related topics, reach out to your local Extension Educator. Residents in Stearns, Benton, and Morrison Counties can call (320) 968-5081.

To receive future events, educational programming, and agronomic updates by email, signup at www.z.umn.edu/tricountysignup. In addition, if you would like to provide input for future local extension programming in Stearns, Benton, and Morrison counties, please fill out the survey at www.z.umn.edu/tricountycrops.



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Beef Producer Webinar Series Hosted by UMN Extension

By Brenda Postels, University of Minnesota Extension

FOLEY, Minn. (8/12/2020) — The University of Minnesota Extension is excited to host a six part webinar series titled: *Key Components of a Successful Beef Operation: Cow/Calf to Consumer!* Sign up for one or sign up for all. Sessions will be recorded so you can join in live or view at your own convenience! The series will be held on August 12, 13, 18, 20, 25, and 27 from 6:30pm-8:00pm CST. The series will focus on different aspects of raising and managing beef cattle while keeping the end consumer in mind.

Dates and topics include:

Wednesday August 12th: “Methods of Pregnancy Checking”, Dr. Tony Dank, DVM

“Preg-checking the Cowherd to Reduce the Cost of Open Cows”, Dr. Eric Mousel

Thursday August 13th: “Body Condition Scoring Cows: How, When, & Why”, & “Does Early Weaning Calves Make Sense?”, Melissa Runck

“Assessing Nutrition Status of the Cow Herd”, Dr. Eric Mousel

Tuesday August 18th: “Managing Forages for Fall & Winter Feeding”, Troy Salzer, Tarah Young, Emma Severns

Thursday August 20th: “Starting Calves: What Really Matters & When to Leave Cattle Alone”, Dr. Joe Armstrong, DVM

“Initial Days on Feed Nutrition and Implant Strategies”, Dr. Grant Crawford

Tuesday August 25th: “Selecting the Right Animal for Butcher”, Kyle Rozeboom & Dr. Ryan Cox

Thursday August 27th: “Keeping Beef at the Center of the Plate”, Dr. Megan Webb

“Meet the Meat Industry Middle Man – the Main Street Butcher. Bridging the Farmer and Consumer Conversation”, Lindsey Loken, Blondies Butcher Shop

Pre-registration is required. Please register at z.umn.edu/2020beefseries by 5:00 pm CST the day before each event. You will receive a Zoom link after registration closes. You only have to register once and you will be registered for all subsequent webinars. If you are unable to attend the live

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sessions, you will receive the recordings for all the sessions via email at the end of the series. Any questions please contact: Brenda Postels at post0060@umn.edu or Stacey Caughey at butle269@umn.edu

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For Immediate Release
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Free Introduction to Beekeeping Online Workshop

Learn what beekeeping is all about through an online Zoom workshop from University of Minnesota Bee Lab Entomologist Gary Reuter. It will be on Saturday, September 12th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Reuter will cover the equipment, cost, time needed, advantages and the charm of becoming a beekeeper. It will include an online tour of the Sapsucker Farms apiary near Mora and where honey is extracted by owner Debbie Morrison.

If you think you are interested in becoming a beekeeper this will help you to decide if it is right for you.

Registration is Required in order to receive the link to the online Zoom meeting. Installing/using the Zoom app is recommended.

Register by Thursday, September 10 online at <https://z.umn.edu/KanabecBee2020>

For those **without Internet access** there will be **twenty spots** available for in-person viewing. Please call 320-679-6440 for more information and to register by September 1

This is a Fall for All online workshop is cosponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension, Kanabec County Extension Committee, Kanabec County Master Gardeners and Sapsucker Farms.

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Industry experts discuss dairy outlook on the global and US dairy markets

St. Cloud, Minn. 08/06/2020—There has been unprecedented milk and product price volatility over the last few months. Rabobank’s global dairy strategist Mary Ledman and Vice President of Dairy Research Ben Laine discuss their outlook on the global and US dairy markets on a webinar at noon (CDT) on Tuesday, August 25. The webinar is hosted by I-29 Moo University Consortium.

Ben has spent ten years working across the dairy value chain from cooperatives and cheese processors to food and agriculture finance. Ben is currently an analyst covering the North American dairy production sector for RaboResearch.

As Rabobank’s Dairy Strategist, Mary Ledman leads a team of analysts around the globe to analyze developments in the regional and global dairy markets. She develops Rabobank’s dairy forecasts. Mary has extensive knowledge of international dairy markets and policy with over thirty years of experience in the sector.

There is no registration and participants can access the webinar at <https://z.umn.edu/I29DairyOutlook>

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