



MAILBAG

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Crop News

• The **Williamsburg Pesticide update meeting** will be held on Thursday, **February 9th** at 7pm at the Williamsburg Farm Show Building. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting. 2 core and 2 category credits will be available for those attending the full meeting. No reservations are necessary, and there is no fee for producers to attend. We hope to see you there!

• We also encourage you to attend the **Blair County Crops Day**. This Extension office event has moved to the Geeseytown Fire Hall and will take place on **Tuesday, February 28th** from 9:30am to 3pm. To register, please contact the extension office at 940-5989 or Zach Larson at Zmlarson@psu.edu. This meeting will provide 2 Category credit. Nutrient Management and CCA credits will be offered.

• Now is the time to order your crop seeds for spring 2017. That includes corn, pasture mix, grass, soybeans, alfalfa, summer annuals and small grains.

TA Seeds is offering an early order discount of 4% for orders paid by April 7th. The discount applies to cash, check or John Deere Financial transactions. New this year to the TA Seeds line is organic seed corn. Call Alan to ask about our low price on glyphosate tolerant soybeans!

King's AgriSeeds is offering an early order discount of 4% for orders paid by February 28th.

The new 2017 King's AgriSeeds Product Guides are now available! Please talk with Alan, Denny or Jim In addition to KingFisher alfalfas, we now have KingFisher seed corn!

• If you have questions about the early order programs, please call us to speak with Alan, Denny, Jim or Sarrah.

Check out Chaffhaye!

We are now carrying Chaffhaye, known as Premium Pasture-in-a-bag. Chaffhaye prides themselves on harvesting their alfalfa at the right maturity since they have very little rainfall (their fields are located in the Texas desert), and lots of groundwater, which they irrigate with. Before the plant can lose all its moisture to drying, a little bit of molasses is added and it is vacuum sealed in a bag where it "pre-digests," leading to improved utilization in your animals. Every cutting is lab tested to ensure quality.

If left unopened, the bags of forage are good for 16 months from harvest. Once the bag is opened, it should be fed in 7-14 days.

So what animals can eat Chaffhaye? All classes of livestock, including cattle, horses, goats, sheep, deer, chickens, and even rabbits and other small animals can benefit from the high nutritive value of Chaffhaye! For answers to your questions, please call and talk with Sarrah, or visit www.Chaffhaye.com.

Get Your Soil Ready!

Now is the time to determine if your soil will need lime or fertilizer to help it be productive this year. Not sure? Call Mill Hill and talk with Alan to schedule a time for him to sample your fields. We are excited to help you and your farm produce bountiful, nutritious feeds this year!

Remember...

that we have ice melting salt available by the bag and also in pallet quantities for a discount. For a safer option for concrete, try Calcium Chloride or urea.

Dairy Recipe

There's nothing better on a cold, blustery day than sitting down to a nice hot meal! Here's a recipe for a warm, comforting dinner that's both delicious and nutritious –

it contains butter and two different kinds of cheese to help you get your 3-Every-Day of Dairy. Enjoy! *Submitted by Jenna Kephart, 2016-2017 Blair County Dairy Princess*

20 Minute Chicken Parmesan

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts

1 egg slightly beaten

½ cup seasoned bread crumbs

2 tbsp **BUTTER**

1 ¾ cup spaghetti sauce

½ cup shredded **MOZZARELLA
CHEESE**

1 tbsp **PARMESAN CHEESE**

¼ cup parsley flakes

Using palm of hand flatten chicken to even thickness. Dip chicken into egg and then into bread crumbs. In a skillet in hot **BUTTER**, brown chicken on both sides, add sauce. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with **CHEESES** and parsley. Cover and simmer 5 minutes more or until **CHEESE** is melted.