



## **MAILBAG**

**June 1, 2015**

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### **FREE Cover Crop Workshop**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>!** The free Blair County Cover Crop Field Walk and Workshop will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The 1<sup>st</sup> field walk will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Mill Hill Farms (Alan and Sarrah's house, which is the former Skip and Pat Hileman farm, 5556 Clover Creek Rd) in Williamsburg. At the field walk you will be able to see TA Seeds cover crop mixes that are actively growing. One of the highlights this year will be seeing the interseeder at work. Light refreshments will be provided.

On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> the classroom portion of the workshop will start at 9am at the Farm Show Building in Williamsburg, with another field walk and interseeder demonstration following lunch.

**Registration is required, but remember, it is free!** Please register by June 15<sup>th</sup> so we have an accurate lunch count. Please RSVP to Mill Hill or to Beth Futrick at the Blair County Conservation District at 814-696-0877 extension # 113 or [bfutrick@blairconservationdistrict.org](mailto:bfutrick@blairconservationdistrict.org).

Thanks to TA Seeds, King's AgriSeeds, the Blair County Conservation District and the PA Ag Ombudsman Program for their help!

### **National Forage Week**

June 21-27 is celebrated as National Forage week. Without question, forages are the most important plants on earth. Forage grasses provide most of the nutrition for cattle, sheep, goats, horses and mules. Forage accounts for about 25% of the total value of U.S. agriculture, occupies about 50% of the total land area of the U.S and provides wildlife habitat.

Did you know? • An acre of forage can prevent 2 million pounds of soil from eroding each year. • U.S. dairy farmers use forage to produce 20 billion gallons of milk each year – enough for every person in the country to drink 1 gallon per week for the entire year.

### **June-Dairy Month!**

June is celebrated as Dairy Month, and Mill Hill would like to join in by thanking our area Dairy Farmers for their hard work and dedication to providing a safe and nutritious food-milk! One of the best ways you can say thank you to a farmer is to make sure you get 3 servings of dairy products everyday!

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce Farm City Committee would like to invite you to receive a free ice cream sundae on June 26<sup>th</sup> at noon (until the ice cream is gone!) at the steps of the Blair County Courthouse.

### **Father's Day is June 21<sup>st</sup>!**

Happy Father's Day to all Dads! If you are looking for a great gift to say thanks to your dad, stop by Mill Hill and browse our selection of lawn and garden tools, hand tools like screwdrivers and wrenches, boots for outside work and gloves to protect his hands. Or, how about a Mill Hill gift card so he can select his own gift?

### **SDS sheets available**

Mill Hill has SDS sheets for our animal feeds available for you. Please ask any Mill Hill Team member for a sheet if you are interested.

### **Tomato plant care**

Tomato plants require some extra TLC to get a bumper crop. We have the wood stakes and galvanized cages that you need to keep them upright. We also have Espoma Tomato-Tone, which is a fertilizer specially designed for tomatoes. It also contains calcium, which can help control blossom end rot. If blight is a concern to you, we also have copper and sulfur, along with Daconil and Fung-onil. We also have several products that will control both insects and diseases at one time. Stop by and ask us-we will help you decide which product will be best for you.

## Weed Control

You have the garden planted, and now there are weeds everywhere! What do you do? Mill Hill has many options for controlling weeds around your home and garden.

Preen works best where you already have plants growing, and aren't going to be disturbing the soil, such as a perennial flower bed, or around plants in a vegetable garden. Preen works by forming a barrier and not allowing seeds that land there to germinate. If the barrier is disturbed (by digging, walking, etc) then seeds can germinate. This is not for areas of your vegetable garden where you will be planting seeds and expecting them to grow.

KleenUp (generic RoundUp) kills grasses and most broadleaf weeds that it touches. This is good for renovating an area in your lawn. Seeds can be sown in 7 days, and tomato plants can be planted in 30 days.

If you don't want anything to grow in an area for the next 4-6 months, we have options for that too. Just be sure that you don't contaminate any areas that you want to grow something because it sterilizes the soil. If you would like to kill broadleaf weeds in your lawn (so you would like the grass to continue to grow) we have lawn weed killer, which will get rid of dandelions, clover and other undesired plants in your yard. We also have a formula for tough brush that will help you get rid of woody plants like raspberries and poison ivy.

## Dairy Recipe

June is Dairy Month! Yeah summer is finally here! After the bitter cold winter it's time to rejuvenate yourself with a healthy three servings of dairy everyday. I'm excited to tell you that my successor, Haley England, will keep providing recipes for you to keep it easy to get your 3 every day of dairy. I have had a wonderful and busy year and enjoyed meeting so many people. Thank you for trying my recipes. Farewell!!

*Submitted by Jessica Orczeck, 2014-2015  
Blair County Dairy Princess.*

### **Chocolate Chip Cookie Delight**

1 tube (16 1/2 oz) refrigerated chocolate  
chip cookie dough  
8 oz CREAM CHEESE, softened

1 c. confectioners' sugar  
12 oz WHIPPED CREAM  
3 c. 2% MILK

3.9 oz package instant chocolate pudding

3.4 oz package instant vanilla pudding

Chopped nuts and chocolate curls, optional  
Let cookie dough stand at room temperature for 5 to 10 minutes to soften. Press into an ungreased 13x9 inch baking pan. Bake at 350° for 14-16 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Fold in 1 ¾ cups whipped cream and spread over crust. In a large bowl, whisk milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes. Spread over cream cheese layer. Top with remaining whipped cream. Sprinkle with nuts and chocolate curls if desired. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight until firm. Yield 15 servings.