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Cooperative Extension - Agriculture & Natural Resources

The goal of DSU Extension?s Agriculture & Natural Resources Program is to help improve the economic viability of small farm enterprises across Delaware. Our program specializes in assisting small farm families through one-on-one farm visits, workshops, research, and demonstrations.

We are the Delaware resource for alternative markets such as, aquaculture, ethnic vegetables, high tunnels, meat goats, pole lima beans, *Profiting from a Few Acres* and small flock poultry. The program staff can also assist with farm and financial management issues, accessing USDA program services, direct marketing, sustainable agriculture practices and on-farm research.

Outreach programs in this mission area include:

- Aquaculture
- Farm Profitability
- Home Horticulture
- Natural Resources
- Small Flocks
- Small Ruminants

DSU Cooperative Extension Announces

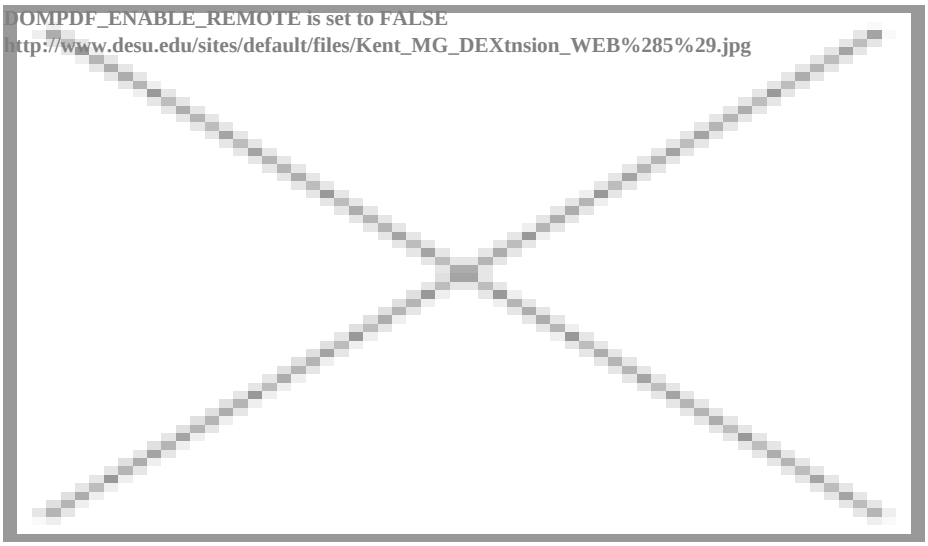
2012 Profiting from a Few Acre$ Risk Management Conference

December 12 - 13, 2012
Modern Maturity Center, Dover, DE

This two-day educational conference was designed to expose small farmers to new opportunities and provide education in risk management, and training in pesticides and nutrient management.

Stay tuned for more information!

DE Cooperative Congratulates Master Gardeners of Kent and Sussex County



Kent County Master Gardeners First row: Maggie Moor-Orth (Master Gardener Coordinator for Kent and Sussex counties), Betty Lender, Arthur McQueen, Liz Gnecco, Cathy Ressler, and Ralph Sena, Jr.; Back row: Ellen Scheel, Bob Lender, Peg Walz, Dave Campana, Ed Hynes, and Mike Radebach.

Kent County Master Gardeners gathered recently to celebrate their 2010 accomplishments. **C ongratulations go to Barbara Johnson and Eileen Wells (from Dover) who were each named Delaware Master Gardener of the Year for Kent County.**
Gold Badges were awarded to Tom Dix, Deloris Donnelly, Terry Dupuis, Beverly Gemmill and Ila Myers for completing more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time.

Silver Badges went to Barbara Bolman, Marion Bon, Fran DeStafeno, Will Ella Jackson, Charlotte Mathis, Kirstey Murray, Pat Renfrow, Ellen Scheel and Eileen Wells for completing more than 500 hours of volunteer time.

Members of the Kent County Master Gardener Class of 2009 recently completed the requisite 45 hours of volunteer time and have, therefore, earned the title of Delaware Master Gardener. Congratulations to: Dave Campana (Dover), Ed Hynes (Dover), Robert Lender (Milford), Betty Lender (Milford), Art McQueen (Dover), Michael Radebach (Felton), Cathy Ressler (Dover), Ralph Sena, Jr. (Harrington), Ellen Scheel (Dover), and Peg Walz (Dover).

Sussex County Master Gardeners Front first row: Jane Roy, Susan Trone, Betty Layton, Tracy Mulveny, Jessica Clark, and Mary Perkins; Back row: Maggie Moor-Orth, (DSU Kent and Sussex Counties Master Gardener Coordinator), Tracy Wootten, (University of DE Extension Agriculture Agent), Ernie Soffronoff, Eddie Filemyr, John Trivits, Jane Casazza, Marie Mayor, Brent Marsh, Gayle August, Thomas White, Terry Plummer and Miguel Pirez-Fabar.

Sussex County Master Gardeners also recently celebrated their 2010 accomplishments. **Congratulations go to Terry Carr from Lewes and Will Fox from Lincoln who were each named Delaware Master Gardener of the Year for Sussex County.**

Gold Badges were awarded to Mary Sue Colaizzi, Nancy Davis, Wanda Davis, Ingrid Hetfield, Bobbie Ranney and Eleanor Swink for completing more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time.

Silver Badges went to Marion Bon, Ana Dittel, Bob Dougherty, Will Fox and Judy Yeager for completing more than 500 hours of volunteer time.

Members of the Sussex County Master Gardener Class of 2009 recently completed the requisite 45 hours of volunteer time and have, therefore, earned the title of Delaware Master Gardener. Congratulations to: Gayle August (Milton), Jane Casazza (Lewes), Jessica Clark (Georgetown), Eddie Filemyr (Milton), Ed Hynes (Lewes), Betty Layton (Greenwood), Robert Lender (Milford), Betty Lender (Milford), Brent Marsh (Georgetown), Marie Mayor (Milton), Tracy Mulveny (Lewes), Mary Perkins (Ocean View), Miquel Pirez-Fabar (Georgetown), Theresa Plummer (Lincoln), Jane Roy (Laurel), Ernie Soffronoff (Lewes), John Trivits (Laurel), Susan Trone (Lewes), and Thomas White (Rehoboth Beach).

Master Gardener classes for both Kent and Sussex County would be held biennially. For more information about the Delaware Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Program, contact Maggie Moor-Orth (Delaware State University) at (302) 857-6426, ormmoor@desu.edu[1].

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