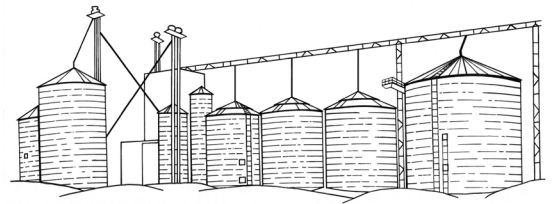




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CFC associates are preparing for what we all hope will be a very busy spring season. You have likely noticed re-merchandising of stores and general sprucing up. We hope you like the changes and find your shopping experience to be even better than before. If you have any comments or suggestions of ways we can serve you better, we would like to hear them. Use the list of telephone numbers at left to contact store managers with your ideas, or stop in and share your thoughts in person.

### Equine Tips

- How frequently and how often should a horse be fed grain or pellets? Feeding too much at any one time is an invitation for digestive dysfunction. A single meal should not be more than 1 lb. of feed per 220 lbs. of body weight (5 lbs for an 1100 lb. horse). Meals should be separated by a minimum of 5 hours. Horses that need more than 2 lbs. of feed per 220 lbs. of body weight (10 lbs. for an 1100 lb. horse) should be fed three times a day.
- Feeding in a relaxed environment and encouraging horses to eat slowly will also improve digestive health. Mixing water-soaked beet pulp, chopped hay, or hay cubes into the feed will encourage them to chew more and slow down.
- Year-round feeding of electrolyte preparations can damage the stomach lining. Only use electrolyte preparations when the horse is sweating heavily, and always provide access to a salt block.

### Livestock Tips

- Beef cows need to gain at least 100 lbs. during last 60-90 days prepartum (1-1.5 lbs./day). Pregnant heifers and 3-yr. olds need to gain 2-2.5 lbs. daily, so should be fed separately from the mature herd. Any thin cows (<4 body condition score) can also be fed with this group. Nutrition is critical to both fetal growth and future rebreeding. And don't forget the mineral!
- Newborn lambs should be offered creep feed within one week after birth. Use an 18% protein, low fiber feed, with proper mineral balance such as Prime Lamb 18B.

### Agronomy Tips

- Apply nitrogen to small grain fields (60-80# total). Check soil test. If sulfur is needed apply part of your nitrogen with ammonium sulfate! You may want to consider split applications of nitrogen to maximize yields. Also, February is the month to scout your small grain fields for weeds such as chickweed and garlic!
- Consider frost seeding Red Clover at 4-6# per acre and/or Ladino White Clover at 1-2# per acre into hay stands that were clipped late fall '09 or grazed fall '09 to boost quality of this year's hay and also supply some nitrogen as well! Use the grazing type White Clovers such as Duranna or Kopu at 2-3# per acre in permanent pastures!
- Now thru March is a good time to topdress hay and pasture with complete fertilizer blend so when the ground warms nutrients will be in place for crops to maximize growth before the first cut or grazing period.
- Making crop budgets is time well spent. If you need assistance, contact your field rep., they will be happy to help you.

### Lawn & Garden Tips

- Summer-flowering shrubs (post-June) should be pruned in late winter.
- Use anvil pruners for hard or dead branches; bypass pruners for green or fleshy branches. Single-handed type cut up to ¾" branches. Loppers for branches up to 1 ½". A saw may be needed for larger branches.
- Pruning from the inside out will improve light and airflow into the center of the plant and leaves a more natural appearing plant.
- Pruning slightly above the thick area where the branch meets the tree (branch collar), is best. The branch collar serves as a natural defense barrier and should never be cut.
- Now is the time to add Aquashade to your pond to stay ahead of aquatic weed growth.

### Dates and times to Remember

February 11 - 20

Pet Lovers Sale

February 11-12

Combined Beef Industry and Va. State Dairy Convention,  
Hotel Roanoke

February 18-19

VA Tech Nutritional Management Cow College,  
Hotel Roanoke

**IT IS GARDEN PLANNING TIME!**

CFC Farm & Home Center has all of your planting needs - large variety of seeds, seed potatoes (Culpeper CFC and Rappahannock CFC have "gourmet" red flesh and blue flesh seed potatoes), onion sets, fertilizer, hoes and much more. Get yours while the selection is best!

**What's new for Lawn and Garden this year?**



Check out the Franchi Sementi Seeds imported direct from Italy and now available at Culpeper, Rappahannock and Warrenton CFC stores. These unique varieties of tomato, beans, peas, squash and other vegetables, herbs and flowers are prized by chefs and gardeners alike. They can add a truly gourmet touch to your vegetable garden.

We are now stocking Jonathan Green Organic Lawn Food. This is a reasonably priced organic lawn food which will green up your lawn without excessive top growth.



Ames Tough Built long handle tools have a unique fiberglass handle design and a low CFC price. Spade post hole diggers are built to last. When it comes to price and quality no one beats CFC for long handle tools for the farm and garden.



Want to plant a garden but do not have the space? Culpeper CFC is again having a community garden. Contact the Culpeper County Extension Office at (540) 727-3435 ext. 348 to reserve your space.

**Late winter nutrition tips for beef cattle**

Late gestation and early lactation for beef cattle is a very critical time, and this winter's cold weather has resulted in a higher daily calorie requirement than normal (has your hay been disappearing faster?). In spring calving herds, cows typically are enduring cold weather and possibly poor quality forage at a time when nutrient demands are dramatically increasing. Some facts cited by Dr. John Hall, Extension Beef Specialist at VT:

- Cows with body condition score (BCS) <4 had a 9-29% lower pregnancy rate compared to cows calving with BCS of 5 or more.
- 1st calf heifers even more sensitive - pregnancy rate decreases 40-60% when BCS drops from 6 down to 4 or less. Aim for BCS of 6-7 in heifers at calving; they should gain 2-2.5 lbs. per day precalving.

Feeds such as MSG Pellets (mids, soyhulls, corn gluten) or any of these by-product feeds fed individually can help achieve necessary BCS.



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