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Contest Rules

1. Winner is the entry which comes closest to guessing the day, hour and minute the first load of 2004 wheat arrives at one of the participating grain elevators with moisture content of 14 percent or less:

3. Winners will receive the following amounts in scrip money good at any of these fine places of business:

1st prize: \$50;
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2. Entry guesses may be made only at participating businesses advertised on these pages. Look for the sign in the window of participating business places and sign up at their service counters. No purchase necessary to win. Check their merchandise and services while you are there!

4. Persons age 18 or older are eligible to enter.

5. Deadline for entries: 4 p.m., Friday, June 25, or when the first load arrives, if earlier.

6. Previous winners and previous first loads are ineligible, as are employees and relatives of *The Oberlin Herald*.

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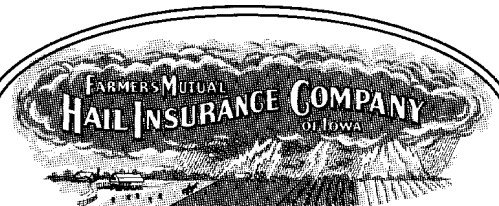
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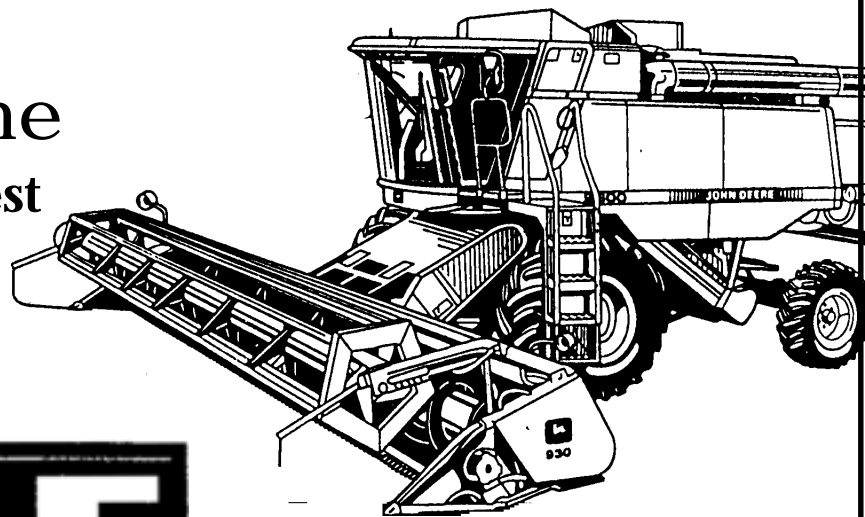


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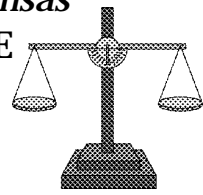
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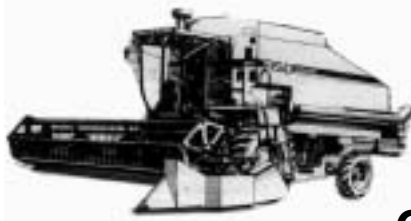
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*By Tranda Watts
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Rhubarb jelly makes winter treat

Rhubarb is an early spring treat. While classified as a vegetable, it is used as a fruit. It is typically used in pies, tarts, jams, jellies, sauces, puddings and the like.

Rhubarb stalks are edible, but avoid the leaves! The leaves contain oxalic acid which may cause lesions in the mouth and can be poisonous.

How easy is it to fix rhubarb? Simply pull the stalk from the ground, trim, wash, and eat! If you don't have your own plants, you can find rhubarb at farmer's markets and grocery stores. You might even have a neighbor who will give you some. Choose firm, crisp stalks with good color. Store rhubarb in the refrigerator in a plastic bag. Use within a week.

There are several ways rhubarb can be preserved. A favorite way for many is to preserve rhubarb as a jelly. If you don't already have a favorite recipe, you might want to try the following:

Strawberry-Rhubarb Jelly

- 1 1/2 lbs. stalks of red rhubarb
- 1 1/2 quarts ripe strawberries
- 1/2 t. butter or margarine to reduce foaming (optional)

6 cups sugar
6 oz. liquid pectin
Yield: About 7 half-pints

Procedure: Wash and cut rhubarb into 1-inch pieces and blend or grind. Wash, stem, and crush strawberries, one layer at a time, in a saucepan. Place both fruits in a jelly bag or double layer of cheesecloth and gently squeeze out juice. Measure 3 1/2 cups of juice into a large saucepan. Add butter and sugar, thoroughly mixing into juice. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Immediately stir in pectin. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, quickly skim off foam and fill sterile jars, leaving 1/4-inch head space.

Adjust lids and process using a hot pack for 10 minutes in half-pint or pint jars in a boiling water canner.

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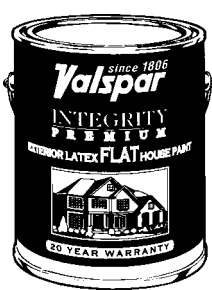


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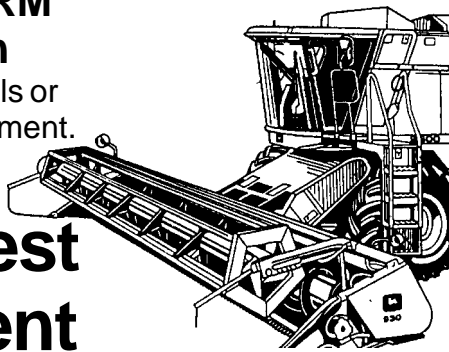
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