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Saturday - August 9, 1975
10AM - 7PM

Field Day - U. of I. Experiment Station
Downers Grove



Saturday-August 9th, you are invited to visit the University of Illinois Experiment Station - 21W042 Finlay Road, Downers Grove for the Annual Field Day.

The day starts at 10AM and runs until 7PM. One will be able to inspect (at your own speed) ground covers, dwarf fruit trees, brambles, grapes & strawberries, a large annual flower garden, disease & insect problems on vegetables, organic insect control,

several types of vegetable gardens and vegetable varieties, mulching & staking of tomatoes, herbs and poisonous plants.

In addition, State and local Cooperative Extension Specialists will be on hand to answer questions on the above gardens as well as how to preserve the food produced in some of the gardens.

So, mark your calendar now...and plan to visit the Experiment Station on the 9th of August.

THATCH IN BLUEGRASS

Research shows there's a connection between thatch in bluegrass and the absence of earthworms. Scientists don't have all the details, but they know excessive use of insecticides causes thatch. In all tests where thatch builds up, there is an absence of worms.

Do worms feed on the dead clippings and plant surplus to control thatch or are they merely bystanders? Scientists don't know for sure.

But they do know that two applications of chlordane or dieldrin a year caused thatch to appear in two years, while surrounding untreated turf remained free of thatch and seething with worms. The researchers also tested short-lived pesticides like carbaryl and diazinon, applying them twice a year during a 3-year study. These pesticides didn't cause thatch and had little influence on numbers of worms in the soil.

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