

NET Television's Backyard Farmer Guides Gardeners in Going "Green"

LINCOLN, Neb. (March 19, 2008) -- Growing a "green" garden can mean more than just having healthy grass, plants and bushes. This season, the "Backyard Farmer" yard and garden experts will guide you in practices and products that are part of "green" or organic gardening. Returning for its 55th consecutive year on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. CT on NET1, "Backyard Farmer" continues the tradition of offering trusted lawn and garden advice to Nebraskans

Series host Kim Todd, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension landscape horticultural specialist, and the "Backyard Farmer" panel of experts will help offer perspective on the many definitions of "green" gardening, as well as what the term "organic" really means.

The series will also feature lawn and gardening advice on such topics as preparing the soil, spring bulbs, water conservation, insects, recycling in the "green" garden, organic food and edible landscapes. Other "Backyard Farmer" segments will feature gardening techniques for Western Nebraska from former PBS series "Victory Garden" personality Lucinda Mays.

"Backyard Farmer" can also be seen on NET2 on Fridays at 8 p.m. CT and Sundays at noon CT, as well as on NET3's Create channel on Fridays at 7 p.m. CT, Sundays at 3 p.m. CT and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. CT.

E-mail questions from viewers are answered on the half-hour "Backyard Farmer Extra" series airing Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. CT, beginning April 5 on NET1. It also airs on NET2 each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. CT and Thursday at 8 a.m. CT and on NET3's Create channel on each Sunday at 9 a.m. CT, Monday at 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. CT and Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. CT.

The series will be streamed live and available as a podcast, on the "Backyard Farmer" Web site (byf.unl.edu), the same site viewers should visit to e-mail lawn and garden questions. The Web site also features gardening tips and a database where viewers can search for discussions from past seasons.

Viewers may send plant and pest samples to: "Backyard Farmer," NET Television, 1800 North 33rd Street, Lincoln, NE 68503. Viewers with questions for panelists should call 472-1212 in Lincoln, or toll-free 800-676-5446, on Thursday evenings during the live program, or e-mail byf@unl.edu.

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