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consumer radio briefs

Mini-Gardens

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Apartment and townhouse dwellers can beat the high cost of food this summer by growing vegetables in containers on patios and balconies.

University of Minnesota horticulturist Orrin Turnquist says you can use baskets, pails, cans, boxes and plastic trash can liners. Be sure and provide drainage by punching several one-quarter-inch holes spaced evenly along the sides, near the bottom of the containers and use a half-inch of coarse gravel on the bottom.

Tomato varieties suggested for containers include Small Fry, Presto, Patio and Pixie. Other vegetable possibilities include the dwarf Patio Pic cucumber and the ornamental Pinnocchio Pepper.

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Labeling Meat

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Minnesota's fresh meat labeling law is discussed in University of Minnesota Food Science and Nutrition Fact Sheet 19, "New Labels on Fresh Meat." Ask your county extension office for a copy.

The new regulations specifically prohibit the use of non-descriptive names such as "family" or "dinner" steak. However, the regulations do not prohibit stickers bearing fanciful names from being placed elsewhere on the meat package.

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UM Specialist Says:

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Storing pork properly can mean more flavorful and eye appealing portions on your dinner table. Leave pork in its transparent packaging film if you do not plan to freeze it before cooking it.

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