



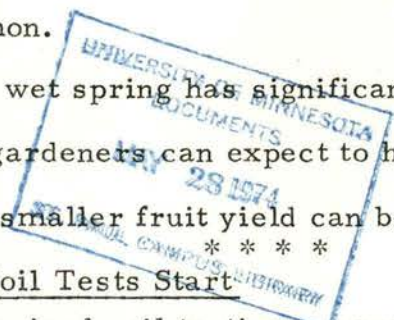
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Strawberry Plant Injury

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Frosty nights in Minnesota are responsible for part of the injury to strawberry flowers this spring. University of Minnesota Extension Horticulturist Leonard Hertz says flowers with brown or black centers are not uncommon.

Also, the wet spring has significantly delayed strawberry flowering. So gardeners can expect to harvest berries a little later this year and a smaller fruit yield can be expected.



Computerized Soil Tests Start

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A computerized soil testing program to aid homeowners in lawn and garden care is underway at the University of Minnesota.

Soil tests measure the relative nutrient status and guide in the making of recommendations for the efficient and safe use of fertilizer and lime.

Recommendations for lawns, gardens, fruit and shade trees and shrubs will be made to accommodate the soil's needs while attempting to avoid environmental pollution through excessive chemical usage.

Information and materials for soil testing are available from county extension offices and most garden centers. There is a three dollar fee for each sample tested. Samples can be delivered to Room 29 in the Soil Science Building or mailed to the Soil Testing Laboratory, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.

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Control Crabgrass Before It Appears

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For the best and easiest control of annual grassy weeds such as crabgrass, apply the weed killer before the seeds germinate.

University of Minnesota extension specialists say this is generally before Memorial Day.

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