

Tomato favorite garden vegetable, corn second

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 Survey after survey shows very clearly that tomatoes are the garden vegetable of choice in all parts of the United States of America. Nearly 95 percent of all the nation's gardeners plant and nurture tomatoes in their backyard gardens. Some are even grown in the front yard, carefully located among the petunias and the marigolds or any other bedding plant. Lots of sunshine, good fertility and timely additions of water are about the only ingredients necessary to growing a tomato crop.
 Do you know what the SECOND



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most favorite garden vegetable in America? Actually, it isn't really a vegetable. It's sweet corn! Everyone from youngsters with a few teeth to oldsters with a few teeth simply adore sweet corn. But here's the kicker! Less than half of all backyard gardeners in America actually GROW sweet

corn themselves. Most gardeners depend on the farmer's market or country friends with a two acre corn patch to obtain their sweet corn fix. The reason most gardeners give for not growing their own is "I just don't have room for it out there."

Despite a perceived shortage of space, sweet corn will produce well in the backyard, especially when planted in "blocks" instead of rows so that the pollination process is enhanced. Sweet corn is pollinated by the wind and not by bees as are

most other garden crops.

But just about everyone loves sweet corn. Do you know anyone who refuses to eat it? I don't either, and we just can't seem to get enough of it during the summer season.

The nice thing about sweet corn is it just gets better and better. New developments in cross-breeding some of the SE, SU, and Sh2 types has resulted in an almost unbelievably sweet and tender product, without sacrificing true sweet corn flavor. In the forefront of this type of advancement is a trademarked variety of sweet corn named Mirai, (pronounced ME-rye.). It is an

altogether different type of sweet corn called "synergistic" and Mirai isn't the only one in this class...just the most well known right now, and the one that carries the most hype, as well as the best distribution.

Mirai sweet corn was developed in 1954 at Twin Gardens Farms located near Harvard, Ill., by George Ahrens and his family. He experimented for years on his 200 acre farm where he grew mostly vegetables for the farmer's market and moonlighted as a truck driver. His experimental work has paid off, and today, the Japanese buy most of his available seed. The Japanese actu-

ally gave the corn its name which means "the taste of the future."

The Ahrens family has added an adjacent 200 acres to their farm, and just about every acre is planted to Mirai. The crop is picked by hand so as not to injure the tender kernels that might occur with a mechanical picker, and they have developed a large mail order market.

This will be my third year of planting Mirai, and I plant a yellow variety as well as a bi-color variety. It is, indeed, the best sweet corn I have ever grown. In a few years, I'm sure there will be a better one!

Miller moths to make their appearance soon

As I was putting the mower away in the garage the other night, I noticed an occasional miller moth scooting about seeking cover. I am reminded that moth activity should be increasing soon.

Miller moth is an umbrella term used to describe various moth species with powdery/dusty wings. Because nearly all moth species have wings covered with scales, what moth could not be categorized as a miller moth? Miller moths active now are army cutworm moths. Although often described as plain-looking brown moths, they actually have intricate and distinctive wing markings.

There is considerable variation in the appearance of army cutworm moths. Five morphological forms exist. To add to the variety of appearances, female moths appear somewhat gray, while males tend to be more brown.



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Each year in the central plain states, over wintered army cutworms complete feeding activities in early spring, and then pupate toward the end of April and beginning of May. By mid-May, most moths have emerged and become a nuisance. They seek cover in any conceivable space. Getting into a car with windows left open overnight, opening a trash dumpster or passing a line of shrubs, one might encounter a flurry of excited moths. In homes they leave wing scales behind on curtains or sheers.

Because moths can exploit very small openings, it is almost impossible to exclude them from homes

or buildings. But they are a nuisance for a short time. As if by magic, moths quickly disappear. On an unknown cue, moths from the entire central plains region form massive westward flights to

the Rocky Mountains. There they feed throughout the summer at cooler higher elevations, mature and accumulate fat reserves. By fall, moths migrate back to the central plains. Each female moth is capable of producing between 1,000 and 3,000 eggs. Larvae emerge and begin feeding. Partially grown

larvae are the over wintering stage of the species.

Another interesting tidbit from K-State entomologist about army cutworm moths is that Grizzly bears love them. During summer months, bears move to the higher elevations to feast on army cutworm moths. A single moth possesses 1/2 calorie of

fat content. It has been estimated that bears obtain 20,000 calories of fat daily by consuming 40,000 moths per day. I would not have thought miller moths looked that tasty; but then I would not be the one looking to see what the bear was eating either.

matters of record

Real Estate

Harvey DeLaRosa and Tamara L. DeLaRosa to Saul Musquiz, Lot 7, Block 42, Beahm's Addition to City of Goodland.

The Fuller Foundation of Pasadena, California, Trustee of The Greenhalgh Family Charitable Remainder Unitrust dated 2/24/2011, to Leon Pfeifer and Beverly Pfeifer, the NE/4 of Sec. 1, T6S, R38W.

Michael J. Cox quit claims to Tanya L. Cox, Lots 13 and 14, Block 48, Second Addition to City of Goodland.

Richard Liby and Paula Liby to Hudye Farms U.S., Inc., Lots 3 and 4 of Sec. 31 and in SW/4 and SE/4 of Sec. 32, T10S, R42W; SE/4 Sec. 20, T10S, R42W.

Irma D. Deeds quit claims to Reva Eicher, Linda Crumbaker, William Deeds and Jeanie Schields, the W/2 of Sec. 7, T7S, R40W; N/2 of SE/4 of Sec. 32, T6S, R40W, provided however the grantor reserves unto herself a life estate for and during her natural life time to receive the rents and profits from said real property and to pay the taxes thereon.

Dean R. Blume and Erna S. Blume, Trustees of the Dean R. Blume Revocable Trust dated March 12, 1992 and Erna S. Blume Revocable Trust dated March 12, 1992, to Donald Brent White, the N/2 of Lot 8, S37.5' of Lot 9, Block 35, Academy Addition to the City of Goodland.

Frank and Sheryl Linden convey and warrant to Brain Bauman and

Brooke Bauman, a tract of land in SW/4 of Sec. 20, T8S, R39W.

Robert Franklin Kible and Ethel M. Kibel to Ricardo Dehoyos and Mary Lou Dehoyos, Lot 2, Block 14, Sharp's Addition to the Town of Goodland.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, to Jackie Wayne Doyle and Melva Lea Doyle, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 11, First Sub-division to the first Addition to City of Goodland; Lots 9 and 10, Block 39, First Addition to City of Goodland; Lots 11 and 12, Block 39, First Addition to City of Goodland.

Larissa G. Coon conveys and warrant to Augustus H. Tompkins and Viola M. Tompkins, the N10' of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, Block 33, Beahm's Addition to City of Goodland.

District Traffic

The following fines have been paid in the Sherman County District Court.

January 2: Marjorie E. Woodard, speeding, \$198.50.

January 25: Catherine C. Barnes, speeding., \$227.50.


February 2: Bryan N. Gleason, unlawful parking, \$164.50.

February 3: Dee Ann Dorn, speeding, \$216.50.

Krystal M. Hernandez, vehicles operated in Kansas, registration, \$125.00.

February 4: Erica L. Austin, driving with suspended license, \$393.50; fail to yield at sign, \$75.00.

Worship warms the heart



<p>Calvary Gospel Church Pastor: Randy Payne Fourth & College • 890-3605 Sunday: Kid's Church: 10 am Morning Service: 10 am Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m. Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m. Youth @ the Rock House: 6:30 p.m. Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m. www.calvarygospel.net</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pastor: Father Norbert Diabal 307 W. 13th • 890-7205 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment Mass Schedule: Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am Spanish Mass: Sunday: 12:30 pm</p>
<p>Goodland United Methodist Church 1116 Sherman 899-3631 Pastors: Dustin and Shelly Petz Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages</p>	<p>Pleasant Home Church Serving the rural community for over 120 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 3190 Road 70 (785) 694-2807 Pastor: Perry Baird Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m.</p>
<p>Bible Baptist Church Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks Fifth & Broadway 890-7368 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m. Morning Service: 10 a.m. Evening Service: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO (719) 346-7984 Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.</p>
<p>United Methodist Church Brewster: Pastor: Dorine Chambers Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST Winona: Minister: Sheryl Johnson Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pastor: Rev. Carol Edling Jolly Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233 Sunday: Church School - All ages 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Sundays 5-7 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer Class - Noon Pastor Carol's Class 5:45 p.m. www.goodlandfccdoc.org</p>
<p>Church of the Nazarene Pastor: Bob Willis Third & Caldwell 899-2080 or 899-3797 Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:50 a.m. Evening Service: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Word of Life 10th & Clark 1-888-781-3450 Pastor: (to be announced) Services: (to be announced) A Foursquare Gospel Church</p>
<p>First Baptist Church Pastor: Travis Blake 1121 Main 890-3450 Sunday: Coffee fellowship: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m. Wheatridge Center</p>	<p>St. Paul's Episcopal Church 13th & Center Church 890-2115 or 890-7245 Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening</p>
<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Jerry Nowack Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m.</p>	<p>Emmanuel Lutheran Church 13th & Sherman • 890-6161 Pastor: Darian Hybl Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9 a.m.</p>
<p>Church of Christ 401 Caldwell 890-6185 Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Harvest Evangelical Free Church 521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423 Pastor: Brian Fugleberg Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday school: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: Senior High 6:30 p.m. at church Junior High 6:30 p.m. at 708 Washington www.goodlandefree.com</p>

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