

### 1970 Barley Diversion Requirements Announced

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the qualifying minimum diversion of barley for participation in the 1970 feed grain program will be 20 percent of a farm's barley base acreage, the same as in 1969. Producers who wish to

substitute wheat for oat-rye are also required to divert 20 percent of their oat-rye base to qualify under the 1970 program. Diversion requirements under this provision were 15 percent under the 1969 program.

The provisions were announced at this time to facilitate plans of producers of winter barley.

Other features of 1970 feed grain program as they relate to barley, as well as corn and grain sorghum provisions will be announced in the near future.

### Final Date Nears For Seeding Winter Cover

Producers who have not received ACP assistance this year should file a request for winter cover crops. November 10, 1969 is the final seeding date.

There is still many acres of land in Franklin County needing to be seeded for protection against the bad weather which is to come during the months ahead. The sooner this land is seeded the sooner it begins to benefit from the early growth of a cover crop.

Since the final seeding date is fastly approaching, farmers are urged to come to the county office and file their requests without further delay.

A happy spirit is the greatest possession that comes to man, regardless of his wealth or lack of it.

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### Garden Time

If you want something different from your neighbors, or wish to create a point of interest in your home landscape, make arrangements now to espalier-train a suitable plant as you have time during the dormant season.

The word Espalier means a trellis, framework (or wall) on which fruit trees or shrubs are trained in flattened form. The trellis may be made by using No. 9 galvanized wire attached to posts and stretched taut. Two or three wires may be attached and spaced about two feet apart, the first wire being two feet above ground. The framework may be shaped according to the pattern you wish to follow in training your plant. Any suitable wall (brick or wood) can be used.

The advantage of the trellis, or framework, lies in the fact that you can place either in full sun. This does not rule out the wall but it will be best not to use a wall in deep shade, as most of the plants suitable for espalier training require some sunshine. The trellis is better adapted for formal patterns while the wall is best suited for informal

ones. While a number of plants are suitable for espalier training, perhaps the most commonly used are dwarf apple and pear trees, probably because of their early popularity in France and England. Others would include pyracantha, lilac, flowering quince, crabapple.

I suggest that you start with your plants so that training can begin as soon as planted. Ask your local nurseryman to help you select a plant that will require the minimum of initial pruning.

You will want to give your plant some extra care, so begin with a good job of planting. The next step is selecting and training your main branches so they will conform to whatever formal or informal pattern you select and also to the flat surface, if against a wall.

Frequent pruning during the growing season will be necessary to properly direct the growth and maintain the flattened form. This will consist of careful thinning out and heading back as needed.

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### About Your Home

Trees are certainly the most important feature of any home garden as far as decoration is concerned. They are the background but are most often treated haphazardly. People sometimes forget that trees have the power to make any house look permanent or temporary.

There is a strong temptation for people who build new houses on bare land to plant too many trees and these too close together. They don't take into consideration that, by doing this, they are defeating the very purpose for which the trees were planted. That is, to grow and provide ornament and shade the yard.

The best and safest thing for a person who is thinking of investing money in several

be tied to the trellis or wall. You can figure out the best way to do this. Just remember that precautions should be taken not to use anything around the branch that will girdle it or constrict growth.

trees for the yard or thinking of cutting down any tree already growing in the yard is to consult a tree expert or buy a good, well-known book on trees and get down to some serious study on the subject.

For example—too many people do not know that there is a great deal of difference between a Norway maple and a sugar maple. When the facts are known a sugar maple is much more to be desired because it increases in value as it ages, while a twenty year Norway maple is

nothing more than a liability.

Another thing that should be taken into consideration is the size the tree being planted will be when full grown, in scale with the size of the house and property it is to adorn.

On a large property, flowering trees and large shade trees planted in groups are effective.

A cat may have nine lives but when you are on the highway remember you are not a cat.

He who lives at high tension usually blows a fuse.

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