



Lime is fertilizer too

As I have worked with growers through the years one of the ideas that has kept coming up is how to choose between applications of lime or "fertilizer". There seems to be a great misunderstanding about the importance of these two kinds of soil amendments but this question should not be a big problem since both are essential to supplying nutrients to the crops we grow.

Our predecessors in the field of agronomy have done a good job of stressing the importance of testing the soil to determine the amounts of plant nutrient elements that should be applied to support the growth of crops. In recent years there has been increased awareness of a "secondary" set of elements which includes sulfur, zinc, and boron. Sulfur is essential for the formation of proteins since amino acids contain this element. Sulfur is essential for the best utilization of nitrogen while zinc is needed in many cases for corn as is boron for cotton. Application of these elements has become almost standard as a means to

lessen the chance that yields might be reduced by inadequate amounts of these elements.

Slimy, Slick, or Wiggling Things

I was sitting in my favorite chair, drinking my third cup of coffee, and enjoying Good Morning America, minding my own business. As I picked up my coffee cup "something" fell right to the middle of my chest from the fireplace mantel. I screamed and started slapping at whatever it was. I whacked the something as hard and as fast as possible, it hit the floor and darted under my couch. All I could see was a long black tail wiggling underneath its hiding place. Anything that is slimy, slick, or wiggling, I want nothing to do with and I will need help if this happens. So, I called my husband from the barn and said, "There is a snake in the house and it ran underneath our couch." He seems to think that I exaggerate at times so he doesn't believe it's a snake but after my seizure he comes to the house anyway. He looked under

Most recently we are learning about the importance of Silicon for plants in their ability to tolerate environmental challenges. Most of the elements I have mentioned are usually supplied in fertilizers that are applied according to soil test recommendations. Zinc, and boron may be applied to the leaves as foliar sprays since this may be the

everything and there was nothing. I assured him it was definitely "something".

Later on in the afternoon as I was preparing supper, I saw a small black lizard peeping around the corner of the room. Again I hyperventilate. I picked up a very large shoe and threw it with enthusiasm and broke the long black tail off and then I squished him with my fly swat. One of my grandsons is a snake and lizard authority as he houses a ball python and of course lizards. He told me, "Meme, we put them on our

most direct and efficient way to make sure they are absorbed by plants rather than being bound in unavailable forms following soil application. In this region poultry litter is an important part of many soil fertility programs but it must be used carefully so as to avoid oversupplying some elements especially phosphorus. We have also been taught that

ears like earrings." Okay, then! I was extremely chastised for killing the little black reptile.

I was coming in our back door several years ago, where we had nandina bushes planted, these house lizards, and a small green one jumps down my shirt. I started shrieking and nearly beat

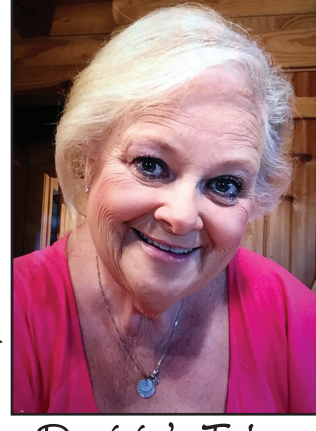
myself to death to kill the little beast. We have had several in our house over the years and each time I just get ridiculous. I am also afraid of frogs, any kind of frogs. We had a small tree frog jump in our back door one night and I would not go to bed (he could jump on me in bed) until I hunted him down and massacred him with my trusty fly swat.

I have asked my pest control man about a chemical to eradicate these pests. He tells me that they will not eat bait the way mice do. So I will just keep my fly swat nearby and for sure on my bedside table.

We have a Cajun friend that loves to fry and eat frog legs. He would always cook chicken tenders for me.

FRIED FROG LEGS
 2 cups Cajun fish fry
 ¾ cup cornstarch (makes it stick)
 2 T Creole seasoning
 ½ t. Cayenne
 1 t. Lemon Pepper
 Drop washed and dried frog legs in a bag with the mixture and shake well.
 Drop into hot Peanut oil and fry for about 5 minutes. Drain and enjoy!

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Peggy's Take



The children at Durant Public Library were entertained by Mr. Percy King and his animals on Tuesday, June 13, as part of summer library activities. Everyone enjoyed holding and petting an alligator, hedgehog, lionhead rabbit, bearded dragon, ferrets, chameleon and snakes. (Photo submitted)

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Just remember, he says, you'll go nowhere tomorrow that I haven't already been. Truth will still triumph. Death will still

die. The victory is still yours. And delight is one decision away--seize it! Joy begins by breathing deep up there before you go crazy down here!

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