

## FFA UPDATE

MARCH ISSUE

**MARIN AG DAY****BY: HAILEE HANKINS**

On March 19th, Mr. Costanzo, Hailee Hankins, Jeanette Furlong, and Rio Pagliaro went to the Marin Ag Day at the Marin County Fairgrounds. Over 1000 kids from preschool – 3rd grade from Marin County attended the event to learn about agriculture in the North Bay. Rio brought a bottle-fed lamb to educate the public on the sheep industry. One of the best parts of the day was when they listened to the children's comments about the lamb. For example, they loved educating the kids that stopped by the booth on how lambs produce fiber for their clothing. Hailee and Jeanette also helped at the North Bay Dairy Women booth, where they served milk with the District 3 Dairy Princess. Later on that day, Hailee passed out awards to our local schools who participated in the photo and essay contests. Needless to say, the girls had a blast and look forward to this event next year!

**BEEF JERKY SALE****BY: ALEJANDRA FLROES**

The 9th Annual Beef Jerky Fundraiser officially came to a close at the end of February. It began at the beginning of February and ended 4 weeks later. Thanks to all of the FFA members who participated in this fundraiser. We were able to sell \$1,180 of delicious, high quality, Beef Jerky and keep about half of that as profit to help the Tomales FFA Chapter. If you were not able to participate in either selling or buying during this fundraiser, we encourage you to participate next year or online now at [www.orvillestudleys.com](http://www.orvillestudleys.com)! The funds earned this year will be used to send various hard working members to the Annual FFA State Convention in Fresno in April. Those lucky members will be able to mingle with many other FFA members from numerous different chapters, attend leadership workshops, enjoy general sessions, attend the career & trade show and see Dustin Lynch in concert.



## GARDEN ARTICLE

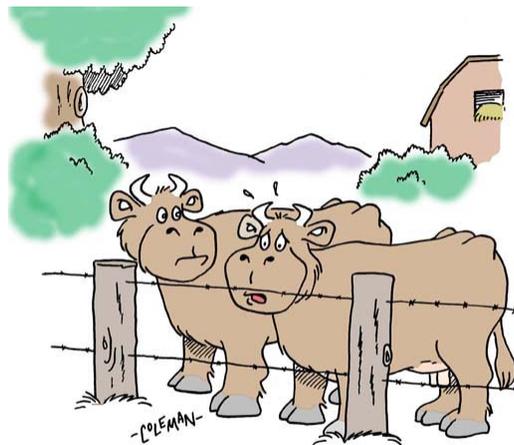
BY: SOPHIE VIGEANT

Welcome to Spring! The first step to take in your garden now that Spring has arrived is pruning back (away from your house) any and all shrubbery in preparation of the coming fire season. After this number one safety step, you should plant peas and sweet peas in your garden, as well as, vegetables like asparagus, rhubarb, and artichokes. Spinach and chard can be planted in late March and are likely to grow just about anywhere you plant them. Though it's a pain, the best thing for your garden at this time is weeding. This is especially important because once the weeds go to seed, you can be fighting that weed seed for up to seven years or more. Most weeds can simply be pulled or cultivated out of the garden while they are young. You can also mulch heavily around perennials to keep weeds down and to conserve on water. A side construction project that will increase the quality of your garden is building a birdhouse.

## AG FACTS AND FUNNIES

BY: MICHEAL PANTOJA

- If fruit comes from a fruit tree, where does turkey come from?  
(A poul-tree!)
- What do you give a sick pig?  
(Oink-ment!)
- What type of horse can jump higher than a house?  
(All of them. Houses can't jump!)
- Is it raining cats and dogs?  
(It's okay, as long as it doesn't rein-deer!)
- Where do Eskimos train their dogs?  
(In the mush room!)
- The phrase "buy the farm" is WWII slang meaning to die or get killed.
- Bees contribute to more than \$15 billion worth of crops every year through pollination.
- Farmers often plant tall, dense trees on the edges of fruit farms. These trees provide a windbreak, which helps prevent soil erosion.



" ACTUALLY I NEVER HAD ANY DESIRE TO GO INTO THAT FIELD UNTIL THEY BUILT THIS FENCE. "

## SUMMER'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH: RASPBERRY & ALMOND THUMBPRINTS

### Cookie

- 1 cup- Butter (softened)
- 2/3 cup- Sugar
- 1/2 tsp- Almond Extract
- 2 cups- Flour
- 1/2 cup- Raspberry Jam

### Glaze

- 1 cup- Powder Sugar
- 2-3 tsp- Water
- Almond Extract to taste



### Directions:

1. Beat butter, sugar and almond extract in bowl until creamy. Add flour and beat until mixed. Cover and refrigerate for one hour.
2. Heat oven to 350 degrees F.
3. Shape dough into one inch balls and place two inches apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Make an indentation in center of each cookie with thumb. Fill the indentation with 1/4 tsp. of jam.
4. Bake 14-18 minutes or until edges are slightly brown. Cool on a rack .
5. Combine glaze ingredients in a bowl and mix & drizzle over warm cookies.