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Genetically-engineered crops topic of farmers' luncheon

Farmers are winning the battle against two corn nemeses, thanks to genetically-engineered crops.

Root worm and the European corn borer are causing fewer problems for farmers, said Dr. Kevin Steffey, a University of Illinois Extension entomologist.

Steffey spoke at Tuesday's Farmers Luncheon, sponsored by the Hoopeston Rotary Club.

Genetically-engineered crops—also called “genetically modified organisms,” or Steffey's favorite, “transgenic crops” create concern in urban residents. “This is a very hot topic in agriculture right now,” he said.

Steffey, who has been at the U of I since 1979, works exclusively with insect control in Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) corn. The corn is a variety injected with the Bt bacterium, making it resistant to corn borer and root worm.

Like other genetically-engineered crops, Bt corn had its share of bad press, Steffey said. Lab experiments indicated Bt killed Monarch and Swallowtail butterfly larvae; however, field tests where larvae were not forced Bt showed no effect, he said.

Transgenic crops like Bt corn have benefits and limitations, Steffey said. On the up-side, they may work and be cost-effective. On the down side, insects may become resistant to the substance intended to remove them from crops. Another problem is the potential effect on non-target populations, as in the butterfly case. However by implementing careful scientific studies early on, that drawback will be limited.

Another crop recently under fire is golden rice, a yellow rice infused with vitamin A. Although the rice helps maintain health of those living in third world countries, some people have complained about the method used to combine the vitamin and the rice. “I think common sense will win out in the end,” Steffey said.

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WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti-Os, meatballs, cheese stick,
breadstick, applesauce..

THURSDAY: Taco meat/chips, lettuce, tomato, cheese,
orange.

FRIDAY: Pancakes, sausage links, baby carrots, applesauce.

Hoopeston Area Middle/High School

MONDAY: Sausage pizza or ham & cheese/bun, peas,
salad, fruit cocktail.

TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets or fish/bun, fries, peaches.

WEDNESDAY: Lasagna or grilled chicken/bun, bread, oleo,

Lunch Menus



corn, pears.

THURSDAY: Taco meat/chips or mini corn dogs, lettuce,
tomato, cheese, salsa, oranges.

FRIDAY: Roast turkey roll or hamburger/bun, mashed pota-
toes, green beans, apple slices.

Rossville-Alvin schools

MONDAY: Taco, corn, peaches, cookie.

TUESDAY: Pizza squares, salad, applesauce, Jello/fruit.

WEDNESDAY: Sub sandwich, tri-tator, baked apples, pret-
zel sticks.

THURSDAY: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green
beans, bread, butter, apple crisp.

FRIDAY: Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, peas &

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Briefly

Tiny Tots

“Valentine’s Day” will be the theme of Tiny Tots
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or pink.

Tiny Tots is open to children ages 1-4 who are accom-
panied by an adult.

Rules of the Road

A free Rules of the Road review course will be held

Police News



A 49-year-old woman reported Thursday that
someone took a billfold from her vehicle. The bill-
fold contained miscellaneous papers and money.

The burglary occurred in Hoopeston or Danville.

Two windows were reported broken from a build-
ing in the 600 block of East Honeywell.

The damage was reported Thursday.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 7

Admitted: Cathy Brooks, Rossville; Raymond
Stephens, Ambia, Ind.

Discharged: Opal Hanson, Maria Villalobos.

Weather



Morning showers changing to light snow today. High
52 falling to 33. Tonight, partly cloudy, cold. Low 17.
Tomorrow and Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs near 36,
lows near 18.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston
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