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User-friendly information on cutting-edge ag research—where do you find it?

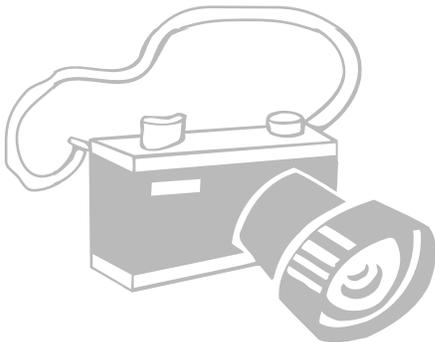
Hint—start with <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/>

Take a look at the following questions. First one in the class to deliver the right answers takes the prize. TEACHERS—how 'bout it?



Ready, set, surf's up!

1 Agricultural Research magazine is published monthly by the _____ and is available _____ on this web site.



2 The ARS _____ provides up-to-date snapshots of current research projects in USDA's chief in-house scientific research agency. What general topics are covered?

3 You need information on biocontrol. What's the most efficient way to see what the web site offers?

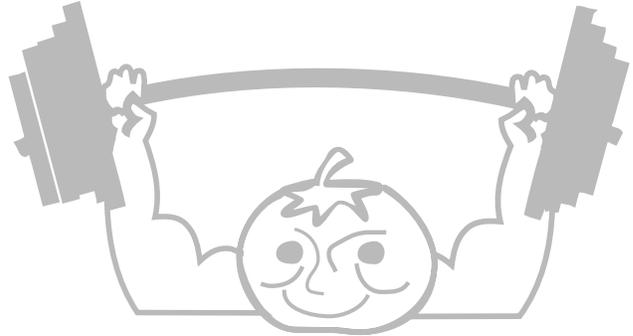
4 List three general sources for articles on nutrition of the elderly.



5 Find a picture of a sow and her piglets for your report on swine breeding. How can you obtain it?

6 Want to be a scientist? Find career information for a variety of disciplines in agriculture.

7 _____ is used as a cover crop to grow "Power Tomatoes."



8 You need to check out a press release on a campaign to stop the Formosan subterranean termite. The release was issued during the spring of 1998. Give its title.

9 Tell how to find the ARS location closest to your school.

10 Find a picture of ladybugs in the Image Gallery. Count them.

11 Where do you go when you need info on cutting-edge ag research?

12 Name 3 ways you can use this web site to help you.

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Answer Key

(All directions start from <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/>)

- (1) Agricultural Research Service, electronically. (Click on ARS magazine.)
- (2) Quarterly Report. Crop Productivity; Plant Genetic Resources; IPM/Biological Control; Into the Marketplace; Soil, Water & Air Quality; Human Nutrition; Animal Production & Protection; Industrial (Nonfood) Products; Food Safety & Quality; Crop Diseases & Pests; Computer Systems and Models. (Click on Newsletters & Publications, then Newsletters & Reports. Click on Quarterly Report and view list of sections under current issues.)
- (3) Click on Search.
- (4) Any 3 of the following: Food and Nutrition Research Briefs; Human Nutrition section of the ARS Quarterly Report; Agricultural Research magazine; News from the USDA Agricultural Research Service. (Use "elderly" and "nutrition" as a key word search; make note of the publications listed.)
- (5) Access the "Animals" section under "Image Gallery." See Image Number K7974-18. All photos in the Image Gallery are available for direct downloading in three sizes in black and white OR in color if you have a color printer.
- (6) Click on "Science for Kids," then on Dr. Watts. There's lots of cool stuff on the Sci4Kids site, including dozens of creative stories and ideas for science fair projects. Check it out!
- (7) Hairy vetch (Search for "power tomatoes." See "Power Tomatoes: Here's how to grow more and better tomatoes.")
- (8) "ARS Spearheads Campaign Against Exotic, Wood-Chomping Menace," April 1998.
- (9) Click on the "ARS Home Page." Click on "ARS Research" to access the map, then on the region where your state is located. States and research sites are provided. The web sites maintained by individual ARS research laboratories provide excellent technical resource material.
- (10) The picture is Image Number K4249-1 under "Insects." Just kidding about the count!
- (11) <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/>
- (12) Current events in agricultural research, ideas for written and oral report topics, resource for research reports and science fair projects, pictures to download for reports, to learn about careers in agricultural research, for personal information.