Good News. Bad News. It’s everywhere. And like your audience, we’re tired of the bad, but we know bad news tends to get the most attention. So this year we’re offering you the option to spread GOOD or BAD news. Read on.

GOOD NEWS

Destress!
Herbs that help you relax as you wave goodbye to a stressful year. (p. 30)

Waste Not, Want Not
Be sure to check out our story on how to turn grass clippings, leaves, and branches into a prosperous garden! (p. 84)

Grow a Sponge!
You can’t eat it but you can use it. Plus, it’s a fun project to do with kids! See page 26 for details.

Weather
Winter of the Great Divide.
Which side are you on?
We had to mention the weather here. We wouldn’t be the Farmers’ Almanac if we didn’t! Depending on your version of “good” winter weather—we’ve got an interesting forecast you’ve got to check out!

When & What to Plant—Check the Moon!
People have been planting by the phases of the Moon for as long as humans have been growing their own food. Check out page 166 for our popular gardening planner! Many people swear they get the best results when they follow the suggested dates to do these gardening tasks.

Back to Basics is Trending
There are more backyard chicken keepers thanks to the virus. We list important days to set eggs (p. 80) and share some compelling reasons why raising chickens is great for you and the earth (p. 124).

Grow Your Own Food
The pandemic has proven that people want to grow their own food, even if it’s on their balconies!

10 Deer-Resistant Plants
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**Cold Weather Does Make You Crave Carbs!**

Why? What other weather and food myths deserve exploring? We dig in. (p. 48)

**Think You Have a Christmas Cactus?**

You might be living with an imposter! Turn to page 56 to find out which holiday cactus you actually have.

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**“Killer” Bees? Feral pigs! Oh My!**

On land and in the air, destructive, gross, and just plain scary invasive species wreak havoc across the fruited plain. Check out why we’ve highlighted four in this edition. (p. 98)

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**Winter of the GREAT Divide**

Cold and snowy in the north, drought in the west, and everything in between! (A blizzard warning in February?) Learn more turn to p. 61

**Rainy, Thunder-Filled Summer?**

As we wave goodbye to a rocky 2020, summer 2021 is more important than ever. The Almanac is predicting a stormier-than-average summer ahead, and some folks might not be happy. Where and when? (p. 64)

**Rough Winter Ahead?**

Lots of acorns? Higher than average hornets nests? Pigs gathering sticks? These signs from nature mean you may be in for a rough, long winter. (p. 46)

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