Express News Tasks

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* Take advantage of the blooming plants to cut the flowers and bring bouquets into the house. Snapdragons, larkspur, poppies, and the tough modern roses such as Belinda’s Dream Grandmothers Yellow, and Katy Road are making a good show. If you are lucky enough to have sweet peas or stocks blooming they have a very pleasant fragrance in addition to attractive color.
* Harvest the last of your fall planted Brussels sprouts, leaf lettuce, spinach, English peas, green onions, beets, turnips and rutabagas before they decline from the heat or go to seed. Swiss chard may last another month before it turns bitter.
* The winter weeds such as bedstraw, rescue grass, annual bluegrass, thistle, and beggars lice is putting on a growth push in an attempt to set seed. Pull or cut as much as possible to reduce the weed crop for next year.
* If you want to produce blemish free peaches maintain your weekly insect and fungus sprays. Sevin and Captan work. Organic gardeners can try sulfur products, neem oil, and organic insecticides. Follow label instructions.