

Solution to Puzzle #83 – April, 2008 "Food Chain"

B	R	U	T	P	O	R	T	E	D	R
I	F	T	T	A	I	L	O	R	H	O
O	D	H	A	N	G	E	R	E	E	L
T	I	D	Y	I	N	S	I	D	E	L
I	V	E	R	M	E	S	M	E	D	E
C	O	R	U	M	C	O	U	N	T	Y
G	R	A	P	E	S	N	S	P	A	C
E	C	I	T	R	U	S	S	U	L	L
Y	E	L	U	S	I	V	E	R	L	A
S	T	P	R	E	T	E	N	S	E	S
E	R	I	E	S	O	C	T	E	T	S

The words, whose first letters appear on the diagonal of the grid
from upper left to lower right, form the food chain
BEEFISHONEYAMANIOCORNUTSUGARICEGGSPICE

Across

1. **B**(EEF)
2. RUT
3. PORTED
4. RIFT
5. TAILOR
6. HOOD
7. **H**(ONEY)
8. ANGER
9. EEL
10. TIDY
11. INSIDE
12. LIVER
13. **M**(ANIOC)
14. ESME
15. DECORUM
16. COUNTY
17. GRAPES
18. **N**(UTS)
19. SPACE
20. CITRUS
21. SULLY
22. ELUSIVE
23. **R**(ICE)
24. LAST
25. PRETENSE
26. SERIES
27. OCTET
28. **S**(PICE)

Down

1. BIOTIC
2. GEYSER
3. **F**(ISH)
4. DIVORCE
5. TRUTH
6. DERAILED
7. PITTA
8. **Y**(AM)
9. RUPTURE
10. PAN
11. IMMERSE
12. SOIGNE
13. **C**(ORN)
14. SUITOR
15. LESSONS
16. VECTOR
17. IMUS
18. **S**(UGAR)
19. ENTER
20. EDEN
21. PURSED
22. HEED
23. TALL
24. **E**(GGS)
25. TROLLEY
26. CLASS

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 40 minutes.