



## THE LATEST FROM AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES RCE OF CAPE MAY COUNTY

### The Latest from Cape May Ag

RUTGERS  
New Jersey Agricultural  
Experiment Station  
Cooperative Extension

"GARDEN & GROW" WORKSHOP SERIES

Back By Popular Demand...

### Seed Starting 101

Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension  
355 Court House - South Dennis Road  
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Presenter: Jen Sawyer Caraballo  
ANR County Program Associate for Commercial  
Agriculture, RCE Cape May County

Participants will learn:

- the basics of seed starting
- when to start seeds indoors
- how to select equipment
- seedling care

Everyone takes home a Seed Starter kit!

For information, call 609-465-5115  
Cost \$10, Snacks and Drinks provided

Registration required at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/gmu4j02>

**Last Chance to Register!**  
Only a few spots left!  
[Registration Required](https://go.rutgers.edu/gmu4j02)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- February 21<sup>st</sup> [North Jersey Commercial Vegetable Grower Meeting](#)  
Hunterdon County Complex - 314 State Route 12, Bldg. #1 - Flemington, New Jersey 08822  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm Registration required
- February 28<sup>th</sup> [Vineyard & Winery Financial Management Meeting](#)  
Sharrott Winery, 370 South Egg Harbor Road, Hammonton, NJ 08037  
1:00pm – 4:00pm
- March 1<sup>st</sup> [North Jersey Commercial Fruit Grower Meeting](#)  
Hunterdon County Complex - 314 State Route 12, Bldg. #1 - Flemington, New Jersey 08822  
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### EVENTS

- February 21 [Ecosystem Services of Solar-Pollinator Habitat with Lee Walston, Argonne National Lab](#)  
Lee Walston from Argonne National Laboratory discusses the ecosystem services of solar-pollinator habitat.  
Attendance is free and recordings will be posted in the AgriSolar Clearinghouse.
- February 23 [Phytophthora](#): Learn about this harmful disease that infects vegetable and small fruit crops. We will discuss how to recognize the disease and methods to handle it on your farm.
- February 25 [Fall in Love with your Garden Again at this year's Garden and Landscape Symposium](#) Register now for the 27th annual Garden and Landscape Symposium Register to join prominent authors Kim Eierman and Jenny Rose Carey as they inspire you to create.  
[Turning Lawns into Meadows](#) will compare the effect of lawns and meadows on the environment. You will learn how meadows provide myriad ecological benefits—including ongoing sequestering of carbon and significantly increasing biological diversity.  
[Propagation of Native Plants from Seed](#), Turn seeds into mature native plants with tips from our expert! Learn about seed sourcing, soil, germination, transplanting, and much more.
- February 28 [Multi-Farm & Cooperative CSA Models](#)  
This Ideas Lab features speakers from Black Soil KY & the Fresno Farm Box program, sharing their experiences with running multi-farm CSA programs through a cooperative model.  
Feb 28, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM CST  
Zoom
- February 28 [Herbicide Drift Perspectives from the Vineyard](#), learn about current research on herbicide damage in vineyards, and learn about herbicide use/choices from industry, academic, and regulatory representatives with various areas of specialization.
- February 28 – March 16 [Growing Hope](#) Practical tools for a changing climate. You will leave with an understanding of climate beneficial agriculture, actions to take on your own land to make your farm and your local community resilient in the long term.
- March 9 [Beekeeping Around the World: The Canadian Prairies](#), you will learn how bees are kept inside buildings during the long cold winters and how large amounts of honey are extracted in the spring.
- March 21 [The Four Phases of Feeding the Dairy Goat Kid](#) presentation will teach attendees prepartum nutrition of the doe, colostrum/nursing phase, weaning phase, and post-weaning phase. Learn the importance of each phase and how each can impact the health, growth, and quality of the kids you raise.

### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants in New Jersey.**  
Applications due on March 31, 2023. They are offering a webinar on how to submit an application on February 16, 2023 at 10am. [Register here.](#)

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### EVENTS

- March 21 [Leadership: Workplace Culture and Negotiating Across Diversity](#) is about culture, negotiation, and diversity among individuals, groups, and communities. This event explores how leadership styles impacts culture and the importance of establishing and fostering a healthy culture that promotes the mission and vision of the group
- March 30 During [Forest Farming Series: Ramps/Wild Leeks](#), you will learn about the uses, identification, and importance of the edible plant ramps/wild leeks *Allium tricoccum*.
- Throughout 2023 [“What’s Bugging You?”](#) The New York State IPM Program has a free monthly webinar series offered the first Friday of every month from noon to 12:30 p.m. Eastern. These webinars explore timely topics in integrated pest management and offer practical solutions to pest problems from expert speakers. Missed sessions can be accessed after the original seminar.

### RESOURCES

[Japanese Stiltgrass Control in Turf](#) is a C4 summer annual grassy weed commonly invasive to forests. It can be problematic in lawns.

[WPS “Protect Yourself from Pesticides” Poster Now Available](#)

[7:30-12.9 Posted Pesticide Safety Information Required for Central Posting Area \(downloadable infographic\)](#)

EPA first implemented the Federal Worker Protection Standard – CFR Title 40, Part 170 (WPS) regulations in 1994 to provide specific safety requirements for both general agricultural workers and pesticide handlers. In 2020 updates made to poster

[NJ Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture](#)

Each aquaculture operation in New Jersey is unique and will require different considerations, but the information provided in this website is meant to serve as a resource for general information needed to grow shellfish in the state.

[Scientists Develop Soil Health Board Game](#)

An International group of scientists developed a soil health board game that’s [available free online](#). The game “Dirty Matters” is for up to six players, ages eight and up, each of whom choose a character living in the soil and possessing abilities and restrictions. *Dirty Matters*, illustrates soil’s role in achieving food security, clean water, and carbon storage, three of United Nations [sustainable development goals](#).

The Soil Sisters network of southern Wisconsin compiled learning and insight from 12 of its founding members in [How to Launch a Women Farmer Network in Your Community](#), a guide that offers ideas and inspiration for women farmers to organize local networks. The 32-page online guide was created with support from NCR-SARE.

[Heritage Grain Guidebook Reports Results of Trials](#)

Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance worked with a grassroots network of grain growers, trialing over 250 varieties of ancient and heritage grains. The [Heritage Grain Guidebook](#), available free online, provides results of both participatory grassroots trials and formal research trials, and includes grower and grain profiles.

[Resource on Group Access to Farmland Available Online](#)

Land for Good and the National Young Farmers Coalition have a new decision tool available online. [Accessing Farmland Together](#) describes some different ways to access farmland as a group and discusses their pros and cons.

[Farm Hiring Video Series Released](#)

University of Missouri Extension posted a series of short [videos and related resources](#) that guide farmers through labor management skills such as interviewing applicants, onboarding new hires, developing attractive compensation plans, and conducting performance reviews. *Related ATTRA Publication: [Positive Practices in Farm Labor Management](#)*

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<p><b>Six free therapy sessions!</b></p> <p>In person or Teletherapy</p>	<p><b>We will help you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up your appointment</li> <li>• Connect with the provider</li> <li>• Access your session</li> </ul>	<p>Complete the intake form at <a href="http://go.umd.edu/farmtherapy">go.umd.edu/farmtherapy</a> and we will reach out to you.</p>
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### Free Therapy Services for Farm Families

We produced a new video walkthrough of the therapy intake process. It uses a step-by-step approach to the entire process and makes it easier to understand.

		<p><b>Free Therapy Services for Farm Families</b></p>
<p><small>NOTE: The term “farmer” is used in the broadest sense and may be interpreted to include agricultural farmers, ranchers, workers, business owners, and non-industrial private forest owners and managers.</small></p> <p><small>This institution is an equal opportunity provider. This work is supported by the Institute of Youth, Family and Community (grant no. 2021-70035-35375/project no. 1027088) from the U.S Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.</small></p>		

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