



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

March 29, 2023

The Latest from ANR

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"GARDEN & GROW" WORKSHOP SERIES

Basics of Rain Gardens

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 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

Participants will learn...

- Basics of Rain Gardens
- Benefits of Rain Gardens
- Creating & Installing a Rain Garden

Cost \$5, Light Refreshments
Registration required, go to:

<https://go.rutgers.edu/bt9oqtja>

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Basics of BEEKEEPING

Thursday, April 27, 2023
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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Presenter: Nick Pinizzotto
Jersey Cape Beekeepers Association

Participants will learn:

- Honeybees' role in agriculture & horticulture
- How honey is made
- Ways to support the honeybees

Cost: \$5-Light Refreshments
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EVENTS

- March 30 [Regenerative Grazing in the Mid-Atlantic](#). Brent Wills researcher, President of VA Assoc. for Biological Farming (VABF), and owner of Bramble Hollow Farm, where he practices livestock rotation and soil health techniques.
- March 30 Pre-Season Farm Labor Meetings at Atlantic County Extension at 7pm. For additional information contact: **Ben Casella * NJ Farm Bureau * 609-393-7163**
- April 1 [Home Gardening Series: Creating Healthy Garden Soil](#) will teach you how to improve your soil health which will improve the health of the plants in your landscape.
- April 3 [Low Infrastructure Agritourism: Picnicking and Walking Trails](#). Learn about considerations when adding walking trails and picnicking opportunities to your farm. Penn State webinar at 12pm.
- April 6 [South Jersey Tree Fruit Twilight Meeting](#). Gloucester County Govt. Services Building: 1200 N. Delsea Drive, Bldg. # A, Clayton, NJ 08312. 7pm. Please call Joan Medany at jmedany@co.gloucester.nj.us or 856-224-8030 if you plan to attend. If additional assistance is needed, please contact Hemant Gohil (Program Organizer) at 856-224-8029 before the meeting.
- April 11 [Agritourism: How to Fully Utilize Your Land & Resources](#). Have you explored ways to bring more customer engagement & revenue to your CSA? Come listen to a few farmers share stories of creative land & resource use with agritourism. Making your farm a destination for the community can deepen relationships & build greater interest in what you have to offer. Online at 1pm.
- April 13 [Living on a Few Acres: Food Preservation](#). learn about canning, freezing, and drying, which are all great ways to enjoy seasonal foods all year. While these home food preservation methods have existed for centuries, we've learned a lot about the science behind these practices in recent years.
- April 13 [On-Farm Biogas System Opportunities: Increase Farm Sustainability with Biogas Production](#). This webinar will explore an anaerobic digester system's role in enhancing a farm's sustainability. Online via zoom at 12pm
- April 26 [COASTAL Project](#). Are you a shellfish aquaculture producer on NJ's Atlantic coast interested in helping to restore oyster reefs? You can join this session to learn more about this conservation opportunity. 6pm in Waretown, Lighthouse Center for Natural Resources Education, corner of 7th St. and Navajo Dr. To register please contact Kristin Adams, COASTAL Project Coordinator at kadams@soildistrict.org or (609) 991 1455.
- April 29 [COASTAL Project](#). 10am in Holgate. Long Beach Township Marine Education Field Station. 127 West Osborn Ave. To register please contact Kristin Adams, COASTAL Project Coordinator at kadams@soildistrict.org or (609) 991 1455.
- May 3 [COASTAL Project](#). 6pm in Mays Landing. Cape Atlantic Conservation District. 6260 Old Harding Hwy. #2. To register please contact Kristin Adams, COASTAL Project Coordinator at kadams@soildistrict.org or (609) 991 1455.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Farm Credit Ag Enhancement Grants](#) award grants from \$500 to \$10,000 to help organizations promote awareness and strengthen agriculture, commercial fishing, and forest products in the six NE states, NY, and NJ. **Cutoff date is April 1, 2023.**

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works with conservation partners through [Conservation Innovation Grants \(CIG\)](#) to address our nation's water quality, air quality, soil health and wildlife habitat challenges with creative problem solving and innovation, all while improving agricultural operations. [A webinar for CIG applicants is scheduled for March 15, 2023, at 2:00pm EST.](#) Individuals, local and state governments, and non-governmental organizations are eligible to **apply through May 7, 2023**

[USDA Seeking Applications to Expand Conservation Assistance to Underserved Producers](#) expand conservation assistance to underserved producers and communities. Also provide opportunities for students to pursue careers in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences.

[Compost and Food Waste Reduction Pilot Projects](#). USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production is accepting applications for \$9.5 million to support Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot projects. The cooperative agreements support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. **Applications are due by June 15, 2023**

[Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants](#). This USDA program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy-efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. **Applications are due March 31, 2023.**

[Inflation Reduction Act Funding for Climate-Smart Practices](#). These funds will provide direct climate mitigation benefits for producers to advance conservation through practices like cover cropping, conservation tillage, wetland restoration, prescribed grazing, nutrient management, tree planting and more. **Applications received by May 1 will be eligible for FY23 funding.**

RESOURCES

Grant Writing for Farmers – Recording available. This webinar is part of the Investing in Your Farm: Accessing Grants and Loans for Growing Your Business workshop series, hosted by the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project. You can [watch the recording here](#).

[EPA Announces Accelerated Action on Four Organophosphate Pesticides](#). There are four organophosphate pesticides (diazinon, ethoprop, tribufos and phosmet) undergoing registration review that EPA has determined will require risk mitigation measures in advance of the completion of the formal risk mitigation process.

[Some Early Spring Insect Pests of Christmas Trees](#). Listing of a handful of some of our early-season Christmas tree insect pests that may need to be scouted & possibly controlled due to the increase of Growing Degree Days (GDD).

FACT SHEETS

[E374: Emerging Diseases of Hemp in New Jersey](#)

[FS1349: Marine Plants & Insights Into Global Seagrass Issues with a New Jersey Focus](#)

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