



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

May 10, 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

"GARDEN & GROW" WORKSHOP SERIES
Better Backyard Composting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

Presenter: Lin Conover
Wood Song Mushrooms

Participants will learn:

- The process of composting
- The science behind composting
- Why compost is good for your plants and the planet
- How to compost at home

Cost: \$5, Light Refreshments

Register at:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/nv3gw2ob>

You cannot miss our next workshop!!
Better Backyard Composting
Click the flyer to register.



**Eat What You Grow:
Tomatoes, Basil & Summer Squash**

Virtual Workshop
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
6:30 to 8 p.m.

Class is FREE & open to the public, but registration is required!

Presenters from Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County:
Chris Zellers, FCHS Educator/Assistant Professor
Jen Sawyer Caraballo, ANR County Program Assoc. for Commercial Agriculture

Topics will include...

- Selecting varieties
- How to grow & harvest
- Nutritional benefits of tomatoes, basil, & summer squash

Register in advance at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/5qq9cckc>

County Employees who attend this class will earn 5 Wellness Incentive Points!

Join us on this virtual workshop part of
the **Eat What You Grow Series**
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EVENTS

- May 10 [Rural Mental Health Caregiver Challenges](#). 7pm. Free webinar. Many people in rural communities struggle with mental illness, and their loved ones who provide care face challenges that are often overlooked
- May 11 [FAPRI Baseline: Crops, Livestock, Expenses and Farm Income](#). 12pm – 1pm. Free webinar organized by Farm Credit East. Join Bob Maltsbarger, PhD., Senior Research Economist with University of Missouri as he discussed these issues facing farmers and producers in this years upcoming cropping year.
- May 17 [Seeding Ecosystems of the Future](#). 7pm. Free webinar offered by the Native Plant Society of NJ. This talk will cover how climate change affects species across time and space, and how we can use climate-smart gardening to minimize the spread of invasive species while promoting native biodiversity.
- May 22 [Retail Farm Market School: Sustainability – Delivering Hype or Hope?](#) 12pm. Free webinar. Explore what consumers want when they say they value sustainability and how grocers and other food businesses respond to the demand. From bag bans to traceability, recyclable to biodegradable, we will dive into some of the common sustainability claims and provide tips for communicating your sustainability efforts to customers.
- May 25 [Tomato Grafting for Home Gardeners](#). 6.30pm. Webinar. Purchasing grafted tomatoes is becoming a common product in our nurseries and even box stores. But why grafted tomatoes? What is it, and what's its purpose? Better yet, how do you do it? Attending Tomato Grafting for Home Gardeners will answer those questions. We will also show you how to graft at home.
- June 6 [Hiring and Retention: Manager to Leader and Effective Communication in the Workplace](#). 10am. Free webinar. event that focuses on improving your leadership and communication style. Different leadership styles and their use and the skills that facilitate relationships will be discussed. Participants will also learn to understand better the concept of effective communication and strategies that foster interpersonal relationships and promote self-confidence.
- June 8 [Renewable Energy Academy: Solar Photovoltaic Systems](#). 9am. Webinar. Fee: \$10. Participants will learn how solar photovoltaic (PV) systems work, identify the significant components of a PV system, outline the process of installing a PV system at a home or business, and estimate the cost and payback associated with solar PV.

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COASTAL STEWARDSHIP COURSE

Rutgers Cooperative Extension is hosting our annual Coastal Stewardship course which is a part of the Barnegat Bay Shellfish Restoration Program (BBSRP) and our collaborations with ReClam the Bay.

Please visit the following link to **register by May 26, 2023**: <https://go.rutgers.edu/b7n4s69y>
Program Fee: \$50.00/person

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RESOURCES

[Tree Fruit IPM Report for May 10, 2023](#)

[Landscape Pest Notes for Early May 2023](#)

[Decision Tool Available for Entering the Meat Industry.](#) A South Dakota State University project funded by a grant from North Central Region SARE has produced a new decision tool for those interested in entering the meat industry. Building a Meat-Processing Facility: Considerations to help you get started aids producers in the upper Midwest in navigating the requirements of establishing and operating small processing facilities. The six-page publication is available free online.

[Four Tips for Navigating Cold, Wet Spring Planting Conditions.](#) Large portion of country under "High/Medium Stress" outlook.

[Farm Bureau Foundation Fellows Launch Free Digital Skills and Ag Literacy Lessons.](#)

[Farm Market Pricing Survey](#) results from Fruit Growers News.



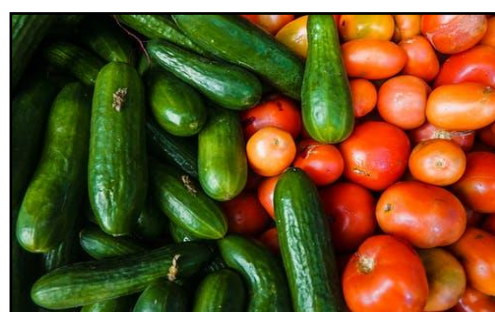
Cape May County Agriculture and Natural Resources representatives will have a table and be on hand to answer questions at the Garden Club of Cape May's Plant Sale on Saturday May 13 from 9am – 2pm at Rotary Park, Cape May.

Hope to see you there!

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