



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

October 25, 2023

EVENTS/COURSES/WEBINARS

- Oct 19, 26, Nov 2, 9 [Farm Sense \(cvent.com\)](https://cvent.com)
Four-session workshop that teaches farmers how to understand financial statements such as the cash flow statement, the balance sheet, and the income statement. 6-9pm.
- Oct 26 [Renewable Energy Academy: Applied Energy Efficiency for Homes and Businesses \(cvent.com\)](https://cvent.com)
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM ET via zoom. Participants will be able to identify common strategies for energy efficiency upgrades to a home or business, understand how to interpret the results of an energy audit report, and outline the next steps for implementing energy efficiency measures. Registration required.
- Oct 26 [Living on a Few Acres: Backyard Beef, Sheep, and Goats](#) This introduction to beef, sheep, or goat production is designed for people who are interested in the fundamentals of starting a beef, sheep, or goat enterprise. Topics will include breed selection, feeding, reproduction, health, marketing, pasture, and grazing management. The information covered will be very basic and will provide an overview of beef, sheep, or goat production principles.
- Oct 26 The next segment of the People's Garden free webinar series is titled "Back to School" and will be held on October 26 at 3:30 p.m. Eastern. Learn about USDA Food and Nutrition Service resources available to support child nutrition and the important role community and school gardens play to make healthy food accessible for all children. Register [here](#).
- Oct 28 [Intro to Grant Writing Workshop](#) 1-2:30 p.m.
Are you a small farmer looking for funding to grow your business? Learn about the basics of grant writing for small farmers, including:
- Oct 30 The [Cornell Small Farms Program](#)'s new season of online courses is underway, and now's the time to register for our upcoming block two courses. With webinars starting the week of October 30, our second block of courses focuses on production strategies from berries and veggies to poultry and pigs.
- Oct 30 [Bioenergy/Biofuels as a Renewable Energy Source in New Jersey](#)
Dr. Serpil Guran, Director of the Rutgers EcoComplex, will discuss renewable energy resources such as solar, wind and offshore wind play an important role in mitigating climate change. Biomass also has long been considered as a renewable energy source. However, attention needs to be paid on which biomass resources may provide New Jersey needed carbon reduction and climate change mitigation benefits. Dr. Gura will cover available biomass types and suitable technologies to convert them into renewable energy and achieve circular carbon economy in New Jersey.

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Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 4:30PM



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"GARDEN & GROW" WORKSHOP SERIES

Culinary & Medicinal Uses Of Garden Herbs

Thursday, October 26, 2023
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



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

Presenter:
Norma Lindbloom-Cruz, Certified Herbalist

Participants will learn...

- To identify garden herbs using their common & Latin names
- Traditional culinary uses of the presented herbs
- The medicinal uses of the herbs displayed
- Cost \$5, snacks and drinks provided.

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



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There's still time to
register!!



Free Informational Talk for Farmers



Characteristics of Consumers Who Buy Value-Added Products at Agricultural Markets

Thursday, November 9, 2023
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension
355 Court House - South Dennis Road
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Presenter:
Ramu Govindasamy, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair, Dept. of Agricultural,
Food and Resource Economics & Extension
Specialist, Rutgers Cooperative Extension



Participants will learn...

- Who buys value-added products at the Agricultural Direct Markets, Agritourism Operations, and Local Food Markets?
- Who ranks the availability of value-added products as important while participating in an agritourism event?
- Consumer expenditure ranges on value-added products by demographics.

Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/naaes24>
For information, call 609-465-5115, ext. 3601



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RESOURCES

[Farm Market & Agritourism: Build a value ladder and they will climb](#) – Vegetable Growers News

An [Economic Analysis of Market Impacts of the National Watermelon Promotion Board: 2017-2021](#) by the National Watermelon Promotion Board shares findings of a new study that shows how the organization's marketing activities help shape the demand for watermelons.

[Mix organic, conventional methods to boost soil health](#) – Vegetable Growers News

[Farmland access](#) – ATTRA Publication

[Resilient Farmers, Ranchers and Communities: Social Sustainability in Agriculture](#) – SARE Outreach

[Risk Management Education for Farmers with On-Farm Visitors](#) – Iowa State Extension

[Farmer's guide to direct sales software platforms](#) – National Young Farmers Coalition



PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

[Landscape, Ornamentals, Nursery, and Turf Pest Notes](#)

[Vegetable Crop IPM update](#)

[Tree Fruit IPM Report](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[Forest Landowner Support](#) provides financial assistance for underserved and small-acreage forest landowners to participate in emerging private markets for climate mitigation and forest resilience. *Application deadline:* Oct. 21, 2023.

[SNAP Online Grant](#) MarketLink is offering a grant to help direct-marketing farmers accept SNAP benefits online. The grant will cover all SNAP online transactions through GrownBy and WorldPay during the first year, as well as technical assistance with the USDA SNAP retailer authorization, training support, and ongoing maintenance.

[Community Food Projects Competitive Grants](#) reduce food insecurity while improving access to services. *Application deadline:* Oct. 30, 2023.

[Agriculture and Food Research Initiative](#) supports research, education, and extension activities across multiple Farm Bill priority areas. Multiple application deadlines.

[Deer Fencing Grants for Unpreserved Farms](#). Unpreserved farm owners or operators in New Jersey may receive up to 50 percent matching funds (\$20,000 maximum, no more than \$200 per acre) from NJDA.

[Organic Certification Cost Share Program \(OCCSP\)](#). Certified operations may receive up to 75 percent of their certification costs paid during the program year, not to exceed \$750 per certification scope.

[Soil Health Academy Scholarship](#). Scholarships are available to attend one of their 3-day event. [Apply here](#).

[Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network \(FRSAN\)](#). The long-term goal of the FRSAN projects is to establish a Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network that provides stress assistance programs to individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, and other agriculture-related occupations on a regional basis.

[Safeguard NJ Wetlands](#) The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) helps landowners, land trusts, and other entities protect, restore, and enhance wetlands or protect working farms and ranches through conservation easements.

[Environmental Quality Incentives Program NRCS](#) Applications are due October 20, 2023!

[Grants Up To \\$30,000 Available for Northeast Farmers - SARE Northeast](#) Applications due by November 14, 2023

NEWS ARTICLES

[N.J. Orgs. Partner to Provide Jersey Fresh For All](#) LFPA will increase access to locally purchased food, create relationships with socially disadvantaged farmers

[Connecting Habitat Across New Jersey \(CHANJ\)](#) Connecting Habitat Across New Jersey (CHANJ) is an effort to make our landscape and roadways more permeable for terrestrial wildlife by identifying key areas and actions needed to achieve habitat connectivity across the state.

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