



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

November 15, 2023

## EVENTS/COURSES/WEBINARS

- Oct 19, 26,  
Nov 2, 9 [Farm Sense \(cvent.com\)](#)  
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.
- Nov -Jan [GenerationNext Seminars | Farmer Education](#)  
GenerationNext is a series of seminars, hosted by Farm Credit East, designed to advance your management skills and business knowledge. Each seminar includes group discussions, idea sharing and networking opportunities.  
Check link for dates and locations.
- Nov 15 [About - Managing Common Invasive Shrubs \(cvent.com\)](#)  
Invasive species are one of the largest and growing threats to biodiversity, ecosystem health, and economies of Pennsylvania and surrounding states. During Managing Common Invasive Shrubs, participants will learn how to identify and manage shrub honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.), autumn olive (*Elaeagnus umbellata*), Japanese barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*), multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), and privet (*Ligustrum* spp.).
- Nov 17 [About - Managing Tree of Heaven and Other Invasive Trees \(cvent.com\)](#)  
Invasive species are one of the largest and growing threats to biodiversity, ecosystem health, and economies of Pennsylvania and surrounding states. At this workshop, participants will learn about how to identify and manage Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) as well as other invasive trees. This workshop is worth one SAF and ISA credit.
- Nov 29 [Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production](#)  
A public meeting for the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee that will take place on November 29, 2023. The meeting will be virtual and the public may attend with advance registration. See below for more details on how to register and provide public comments.
- Nov 29 [About - Farmers Market Manager Forum \(cvent.com\)](#)  
FREE webinar, 3-4pm. The Farmers Market Manager Forum is a meeting in which managers can discuss issues and share best practices with one another for improving their markets.

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Free Informational Talk for Farmers



## Update on Diseases of Vegetable Crops



Pesticide Credits  
Approval  
Pending

Thursday, December 7, 2023  
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Presenter:

Dr. Andy Wyenandt, Extension Specialist in Vegetable Pathology, Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center (RAREC), Bridgeton, NJ.

Participants will receive an Update on:

- Cucurbit powdery and downy mildew
- Phytophthora blight
- Tomato and pepper anthracnose
- Other important diseases in vegetable production

Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/clkw9xjw>

For information, call 609-465-5115, ext. 3601



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## DO YOU USE BIOLOGICAL SOIL AMENDMENTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN ON YOUR FARM?

TAKE THIS SURVEY  
(ANONYMOUS & LESS THAN 10 MIN)  
CLICK HERE:  
[HTTPS://RUTGERS.CA1.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV\\_8CQWVKWW8YT0P0](https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_8cqwvkww8yt0p0)

Help us learn about your operation and how you use biological soil amendments of animal origin on the farm

For questions or concerns, email [meredith.melendez@rutgers.edu](mailto:meredith.melendez@rutgers.edu)

## NEWS ARTICLES

[Augustus Haas Exploring the Landscape of Urban Forestry](#) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Among the faces on the Cook campus this fall is Augustus Haas, a transfer student looking to complete his undergraduate degree at Rutgers. He's a junior in the [Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources \(EENR\) major](#) at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (SEBS).

USDA Reminds Producers to File 2024 Crop Acreage Reports: The following fall acreage reporting dates are applicable for the 2024 crop year in NJ: November 15, 2023 – Fall planted wheat and barley and all other fall seeded small grains. Contact [FSA](#)

[Consumer Alert: Listeria Monocytogenes in Qilu Enterprises Brand "Enoki Mushrooms"](#) ALBANY — New York State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball alerted consumers to the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in Qilu Enterprises brand "enoki mushrooms," distributed by Utopia Produce, 83-18 72nd Drive, Glendale, New York 11385. This product was distributed in New York City, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maryland, and West Virginia.

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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

[Organic Farming Research Foundation Farmer-Led Trials Program – ATTRA](#) : Organic Farming Research Foundation Farmer-Led Trials Program November 2, 2023/in [Funding](#) Applications will be accepted through December 3, 2023.

Organic Farming Research Foundation's new [Farmer-Led Trials program](#) provides farmers with funding and technical assistance to investigate and learn about solutions to their most pressing production challenges. This program will provide support for on-farm learning trials aimed at testing new practices, inputs, varieties, or animal breeds that can improve profitability and environmental sustainability, leading to more resilient organic farms and ranches. Farmers or ranchers in the United States or its territories on certified organic or transitioning to organic land are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), veteran, and beginning farmers.

[FACT Fund-a-Farmer Grants – ATTRA](#) : **Applications are due January 15, 2024.** **Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT) awards competitive grants** of up to \$3,000 to working, independent farmers located in the 50 United States and five major U.S. territories who raise beef cattle, bison, broiler chickens, dairy cows, ducks, geese, goats, laying hens, pigs, sheep and/or turkeys. Grants are offered for farmers to improve or expand pasture for their animals, for farmers who are pursuing animal welfare certification, and for welfare-certified farmers to build capacity or maintain certification.

[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.

[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.

[High Tunnel Initiative | Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) High Tunnels are designed to help producers extend the growing season, increase productivity, keep plants at a steady temperature, and conserve water and energy. The EQIP high tunnel signup will be administered through the ACT NOW approach, which is a targeted, rapid, and streamlined application and contract approval process. While NRCS accepts applications year-round, NRCS-NJ has established an evaluation period cut-off date for ACT NOW funding of January 26, 2024. Applications through ACT NOW funding will be selected if the minimum threshold ranking score is met. Applications submitted prior to the cut-off will be assessed and ranked as soon as they are received.

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

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