



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

September 15, 2024

## EVENTS

- 18-Sep [Building Resilient Landscapes with Dan Jaffe Wilder](#)
- 19-Sep [2024 RAREC Field Day/Twilight meeting](#)
- 25-Sep [Essential Skills: The Benefits of Mentoring](#)
- 25-Sep [Mastering Retention: 4 Cheap Ways to Keep Your Customers](#)
- 25-Sep [From Hive to Honey](#) – at Cape May County RCE; 6:30-8pm
- 25-Sep [Food Business Basics](#) -at Rutgers Eco Complex from 8am – 5.30pm.
- 2-Oct [From the Ground Up: Hands-on Produce Safety Workshop](#)
- 15-Oct [Markup vs Profit: Are You Really Profitable?](#) Free webinar. 12 pm.
- 16-Oct [From the Ground Up: Online Food Safety Plan Writing Workshop](#)
- 2-Nov [2024 Youth Hunter Take a Kid Pheasant Hunting Application](#)
- 7-Nov [Update on Right-to-Repair](#)
- [Finding Your Future in Food Systems, Fall 2024](#)
- [Organic Crop Management Webinar Series](#)

## NEWS

- [The Rutgers Agrivoltaics Program launches a new website](#)
- [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program - September Coverage Deadline](#)
- [UNTREATED SEED PILOT PROGRAM \(USPP\) Fall 2024 – Fall 2025](#)
- [Farmer Guide to Fertilizing with Urine](#)

## PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT-The Philip E. Marucci Center

The Philip E. Marucci Center for Blueberry and Cranberry Research and Extension is a substation of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station ([NJAES](#)) of Rutgers University located in Chatsworth, NJ (Burlington County).

- Ensure the continued production and availability of high-quality blueberries and cranberries through basic and applied research;
- Minimize the use of pesticides in the culture of these two crops;
- Maintain research programs to study the health benefits of phytochemicals in cranberries and blueberries;
- Investigate causes and controls of diseases that affect blueberries and cranberries.

For more information: <https://pemaruccicenter.rutgers.edu/>

## GARDENING TIP – September

By Jennifer Sawyer Caraballo

A few things to do in the early fall garden: Collect flower seeds; divide and move perennials; plant hardy spring blooming bulbs.

Fall is a great time plant new trees and shrubs – just make sure you keep watering them until the ground is frozen!



## RESOURCES

- [Beat the Heat: Companies for Farmers to Source Heat Stress Prevention Supplies](#)
- [Farmer Resource Guides](#)
- [Creating an Inclusive Agritourism Experience](#)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [FSA Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops](#)
- [Fund-A-Farmer Grants](#)
- [Farmer Grant Program](#)
- [Sheep Production and Marketing Grant Program](#)
- [FY 2025 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program](#)
- [Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program](#)
- [The NJDA Wildlife Fencing Grant](#)

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## New to Farming?

**Hands-on Produce Safety Workshop:** Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am-2 pm EST. This hands-on produce safety class in Cream Ridge, NJ is for farm owners, farm employees, farm managers, and those thinking about starting a farm. The class is focused on the various actions that can be part of a strong produce safety plan whether you have one or are just getting started. These activities include building a DIY hand-washing station, assessing wildlife risks in the field and developing an action plan, interactive cleaning and sanitizing demonstrations, and more. Workshop cost of \$50 includes produce safety resources, a portable handwashing station, and lunch.

**Online Food Safety Plan Writing Workshop:** Wednesday, October 16 from 6-8pm EDT. Work through the components of a food safety plan with our help from your home office! By the end of this class, you will have a draft plan and a more robust food safety program for your farm. This is an interactive class so please be prepared to have your cameras on and microphones for discussions. Workshop cost of \$10 includes plan writing resources, guidance, and a fillable farm plan template.

Who is this program for?

- New and Beginning Growers
- Growers who want to improve produce safety practices on their farms
- Growers who want to work to develop a food safety culture on their farm
- Growers who want to develop more robust food safety practices and worker training programs
- Next-generation growers taking over a family farm
- Anyone thinking about starting a farm
- Anyone who may be getting an audit and does not have a food safety plan

For more details or to register for the classes go to <https://onfarmfoodsafety.rutgers.edu/trainings/> or email Jenn Matthews at [jmatthews@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:jmatthews@njaes.rutgers.edu)

## RUTGERS MASTER GARDENERS OF CAPE MAY COUNTY

Do you have an event you'd like the RMG volunteers to attend with their traveling Horticulture Helpline table? Would you like to have one of our RMG volunteers give a gardening talk to your group? Then contact us at: [capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu)



Interested in becoming a Cape May County Rutgers Master Gardener Volunteer?  
To sign up to get more information, go to <https://go.rutgers.edu/fmrulxeb> to fill out our survey.

### FACTSHEETS

- [E259: Deer and Elk Farming](#)
- [FS 1359: Soil Health: Purpose and Management](#)
- [FS 1917: Llamas and Alpacas](#)

### PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

- [Landscape, Ornamentals, Nursery, and Turf Pest Notes](#)
- [Vegetable Crop IPM update](#)
- [Tree Fruit IPM Report](#)

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**GOT GARDEN QUESTIONS?**  
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## Rutgers Specialty Crop Research and Extension Center Field Tour

September 17, 2024  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

283 Route 539 Cream Ridge, NJ 08514



**Low Input Native and Ornamental  
Plant Trials**  
William Errickson  
Agriculture Agent, RCE Monmouth Co.

**High Protein Soybeans and Hemp  
Field Trials**  
William Bamka  
Agriculture Agent, RCE Burlington Co.

Join Rutgers Cooperative Extension for this FREE twilight meeting showcasing current field trials and a new row mulcher at the Cream Ridge Extension Center. The tour will be from 6 to 7pm, with refreshments and time for additional discussion from 7 to 7:30pm.

NJ Pesticide License Recertification Credits: PP2(2), 1A(1), 3A(1), 10(2)

To register, contact Cathy Van Benschoten at 732-431-7260 or  
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