



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

November 15, 2024

## RCE EVENTS

**R** RUTGERS UNIVERSITY  
Cooperative Extension  
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

### MASTER GARDENER TRAINING PROGRAM

Online Orientations starting in October for Cape May County! We will provide you with all the information you need to decide if becoming a Rutgers Master Gardener is right for you. We will review the program's role, structure, training, and commitment.

Scan below to register. Multiple dates and times available.

For more information, contact Jen Sawyer Caraballo,  
Cape May County Rutgers Master Gardener  
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To register for Orientation: <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/master-gardeners/>

## OTHER EVENTS

- 18-Nov [Birds Grow on Trees-9:00-10:00 am-Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 21-Nov [About - Microgreens: Seed Selection, Origin, and Quality-12:00pm-1:00pm-Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 26-Nov [Conservation Cornerstone: Ag Best Management Practices Value- 8:30am-9:30am-Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 4-Dec [4 Ways to Financially Prepare for 2025-12:00pm-12:30pm- Free Virtual Live Webinar- 12:00-12:30 PM-Free Webinar](#)
- 10-Jan [Can You Afford Employees at Your Farm Business?-12:00-12:30 PM-Free Webinar](#)
- 17-Jan [About - Food for Profit: Pricing Your Proteins-12:00pm-12:30pm-Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 4-Feb [Food for Profit: Learn the Basics of Google Ads-12:00 -12:30 PM-Free Webinar](#)
- 19-Feb [Expanding Your Retail Farm Market-12:00-12:30 PM -Free Webinar](#)

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## RESOURCES

- [Beat the Heat: Companies for Farmers to Source Heat Stress Prevention Supplies](#)
- [Farmer Resource Guides](#)
- [National Farm Safety and Health Week](#)
- [Adding cover crops into integrated weed management programs](#)
- [USDA Launches Assistance Network to Support Financially Distressed Farmers and Ranchers](#)
- [Guidelines For Developing Pollinator- Friendly Utility-scale Solar Projects](#)
- [Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention](#)
- [Update on Right to Repair](#)
- [Promoting small-scale maple syrup production on Facebook. A field experiment testing emphasis message frames](#)
- [Farm labor report: Labor challenges persist](#)
- [Creating an Inclusive Agritourism Experience](#)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [FSA Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops](#)
- [HFFI- Healthy Food Financing Initiative- FARE FUND](#)
- [NJ Innovative Healthy Food Retail Initiative](#)
- [Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program-Due Nov 21](#)

## PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

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

**Classes  
 begin  
 January 21  
 2025!**

MAKE A  
**DIFFERENCE**  
 IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Become a  
**RUTGERS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD**



**A Rutgers Environmental Steward** is a trained volunteer addressing local environmental issues.

### Key program details include:

- Weekly classes with experts (Tuesdays, 5:30-8 PM; 11 online, 5 in-person)
- Field trips to significant environmental sites
- Topics: climate change, invasive species, recycling, soil health, renewable energy, water quality, habitat conservation, pollinator protection, food waste
- Requirement: Complete a 60-hour community project for certification
- Program fee: \$300 early bird (until Dec. 31), \$325 after.

### Anyone can become an Environmental Steward!

No previous experience needed. You simply need a passion for the environment, a desire to learn, and a willingness to volunteer to create positive change in your community.



To register or learn more visit:  
[envirostewards.rutgers.edu](http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu)



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## GARDENING TIP

By Jennifer Sawyer Caraballo

It's easy to overwinter certain vegetables in the garden. Certain cool season crops, such as kale, overwinter well with just a bit of extra shelter. You can make a small hoop house to cover a raised bed or create a cold frame with old windows and a few straw bales. There are also inexpensive row cover systems. Just make sure that whatever material you use, you can lift it up to harvest, water and ventilate when it gets really hot – you'll be surprised how warm it can get under cover on a cold winter day.



# BOBWHITE QUAIL SERIES

*A WFW webinar series focused on Northern Bobwhite biology, management, and current research.*

OCTOBER 10 | BOBWHITE HABITAT

NOVEMBER 14 | BOBWHITE IN AG SPACES

DECEMBER 12 | BOBWHITE IN PASTURE SYSTEMS

JANUARY 9 | BOBWHITE IN PINE FORESTED SYSTEMS

FEBRUARY 13 | BOBWHITE IN HARDWOOD FORESTED SYSTEMS

MARCH 13 | QUAIL MONITORING METHODS

APRIL 10 | BOBWHITE BREEDING SEASON ROOST SITE IN AN AG LANDSCAPE



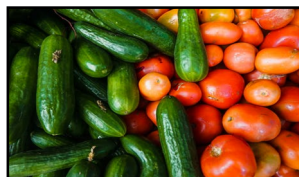
SCAN TO REGISTER!  
 Vince and Holly Crawford

## FACTSHEETS

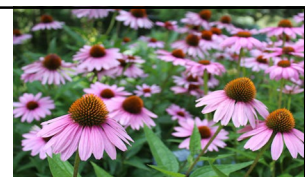
- [E259: Deer and Elk Farming](#)
- [FS1359: Soil Health: Purpose and Management](#)
- [FS1917: Llamas and Alpacas Westendorf, M. and Stahl, T.](#)
- [E296: Agricultural Management Practices for Commercial Equine Operations](#)
- [FS1081: To Blanket or Not to Blanket?](#)
- [FS1142: Winter Care for Horses](#)
- [FS1143: Winter Feeding for Horses](#)
- [FS886: Ostrich, Emu, and Rhea Production](#)

## 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](#)
- [Resistance-breaking Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus present in tomato in New Jersey](#)



**GOT GARDEN QUESTIONS?**  
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