



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

December 16, 2024



RCE EVENTS

Start your Gardens 2025 Vegetable Gardening Series

This four-session series will have everything you need to know about starting a vegetable garden, from planning and planting to harvesting

Classes are open to all skill levels.
Register for all four classes and only pay \$48
[Click Here to Register for all 4 classes!](#)

Class 1:
Garden Planning & Soil Basics
January 15, 2025 * 6:30 – 8:30pm
Cost: \$25 – includes a soil test kit
[Click Here to Register](#)

Class 3:
Seed Starting & Seedling Care
February 12, 2025 * 6:30 – 8:30pm
Cost: \$15 – includes seed starts
[Click Here to Register](#)

Class 2:
Planting & Plant Care
April 16, 2025 * 6:30 – 8:00pm
Cost: \$10
[Click Here to Register](#)

Class 4: Harvesting, Preserving & Extending the Season
June 18, 2025 * 6:30 – 8:00pm
Cost: \$10
[Click Here to Register](#)

For information,
call 609-465-5115, ext 3607 or email cappemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu

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Eat What you Grow 2025

Four Seasonal Sessions – Choice of Day or Evening

Winter

January 22, 6:30 – 8:00pm
or January 23, 1:00 – 2:30pm

Spring

April 9, 6:30 – 8:00pm
or April 17, 1:00 – 2:30pm

Summer

June 11, 6:30 – 8:00pm
or June 12, 1:00 – 2:30pm

Fall

October 15, 6:30 – 8:00pm
or October 16, 1:00 – 2:30pm

**Sign up for individual classes or register for all 4 classes
(day or evening) and receive a discount**

[Click here to register for all 4 classes!](#)

Eat What you Grow: Winter Session
January 22, 2025 * 6:30 – 8:00pm * \$10
January 23, 2025 * 1:00 – 2:30pm * \$10

Presenters:

Annelise Kuemmerle, MS, RDN, FCHS Program Associate II
Jennifer Sawyer Caraballo, ANR Program Associate II

**Topics will include... garden planning, herbs, perennial fruits
and vegetables, eating seasonally, health benefits, garden
friendly pantry and cultivating flavor profiles**

Participants will take home herb seedlings and more!

[Click Here to Register for
Jan 22nd * 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM](#)

[Click Here to Register for
Jan 23rd * 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM](#)



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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. 3), \$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:
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Register for the
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Stewards Classes!](#)



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OTHER EVENTS

- 19-Dec [Organic Study Circle: Organic Certification and Transition-12:00-2:00PM - Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 10-Jan [Can You Afford Employees at Your Farm Business?-12:00-12:30 PM - Free Webinar](#)
- 13-Jan [Bee-ginner's Beekeeping – Rutgers NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education](#)
- 16-Jan [Building Your Best Business Plan-12:00- 12:45PM- Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 17-Jan [About - Food for Profit: Pricing Your Proteins-12:00pm-12:30pm-Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 22-Jan [Invasive Plants Drive Insect Invasion-8:00-9:15AM-Free Virtual Live Webinar](#)
- 04-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](#)



GOT GARDEN QUESTIONS?
Call the Cape May County
Horticulture Helpline
(609) 465 5115 Ext. 3653



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](#)
- [Goats Help Prevent Grassland Loss to Invasive Trees – ATTRA – Sustainable Agriculture](#)
- [Long-term Study Shows Plants Adapt Genetically to Organic Farming – ATTRA](#)
- [Online Tool Will Help Small Farmers Assess Economics of Leafy Greens – ATTRA](#)

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](#)

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FACTSHEETS

- [E259: Deer and Elk Farming](#)
- [FS1359: Soil Health: Purpose and Management](#)
- [FS1917: Llamas and Alpacas.](#)
- [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](#)
- [FS1362: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program: How to Apply for Benefits & Tips for Healthy Eating \(Rutgers NJAES\)](#)
- [FS1320: Eastern Copperheads in New Jersey \(Rutgers NJAES\)](#)

PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [FSA Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops](#)
- [HFFI- Healthy Food Financing Initiative- FARE FUND](#)
- [NJ Innovative Healthy Food Retail Initiative](#)

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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