



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

February 24, 2025

RCE EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CAPE MAY COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE'S 2nd ANNUAL INDUSTRY NIGHT!

Date: March 3, 2025

Where:

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

Vendors:

NJ Audubon
Synagro
Sea Gear
Tice Farms
And more...

Why Come Along:

Get Involved!

Come and meet other farmers, vintners & aquaculturists from Cape May & surrounding counties as well as industry vendors.

Agenda:

Pesticide talk: RCE Building, 5:30-6:30pm

TITLE: "An Overview of Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Safety for NJ Agriculture"

SPEAKER: Janine Spies, State IPM Program Coordinator for NJ

**Pesticide credits: CORE (2); PP2 (2)

Vendors & Food: Lockwood 4-H Building, 6-8 pm

Catering by Matt's Taste the Love!



For more information or to RSVP by
February 26, 2025



609-465-5115 ext. 3607 or to capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu

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OTHER EVENTS

- 25 Feb [2025 Green Industry Outlook by Farm Credit East](#). 12.00pm. Free webinar.
- 01 Mar [Native Plant Society of NJ Annual Meeting and Conference](#). 8.00am. Fee: \$55 in person, \$20 virtual.
- 03 Mar [Barn Fire Safety & Prevention Training](#). 7.00pm at Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy. Free event. Registration required
- 10-11 Mar [Groundwork: A Vineyard Floor Management Summit](#). 8.30am. Fee: \$100-150
- 13 Mar [Microgreens: Addressing Food Safety Concerns](#). 12,00pm. Free webinar.
- 13 Mar [Living on a Few Acres: Soil Fertility and Garden Layout](#). 6.00pm. Fee: \$5
- 19 Mar [Empowering Retail Farm Market Success](#). 12.00pm. Free Webinar
- 19 Mar [Essential Skills: Solving Problems and Making Decisions](#). 3.00pm. Free Webinar
- 27 Mar [NJ Audubon Breakfast With Biologists](#). Learn about NRCS Wildlife program offerings
- 01 Apr [Wildlife Food Plot Basics: Getting Started](#). 6.30pm. Webinar. Fee: \$10.

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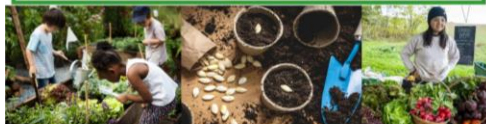
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Eat What You Grow Series 2025
Upcoming Seasonal Sessions - Choice of Day or Evening
Spring - April 9, 6:30 to 8pm or April 17, 1 to 2:30pm
Summer - June 11, 6:30 to 8pm or June 12, 1 to 2:30pm
Fall - October 15, 6:30 to 8pm or October 16, 1 to 2:30pm



Eat What You Grow: Spring Session

April 9, 2025 * 6:30 to 8pm * \$10
April 17, 2025 * 1 to 2:30pm * \$10

Presenters: Anneliese Kuemmerle, MS, RDN, FCHS Program Associate II
Jen Sawyer Caraballo, ANR Program Associate II

Participants will learn about...

Seed starting, greens & root vegetables, how to shop at farm markets/stands, benefits of eating seasonally, preserving spring harvests, and encouraging kids to eat what they grow!
Plus, get hands-on experience sowing tomato seeds to take home with recipe idea cards.

Classes take place at Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County
355 Court House - South Dennis Road, CMCH, NJ 08210

Register for April 9 class at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/2ndjz63h>



Register for April 17 class at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/8v6qqz4w>

County Employees who attend this class will earn 10 Wellness Incentive Points!
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Start Your Gardens 2025
Vegetable Gardening Series
"Planting and Plant Care"
Session 3 of the 4 Part Series



April 16, 2025
6:30 - 8:00pm

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

Participants will learn:

- Succession Planting
- Companion Planting
- Plant Care (Watering, Fertilizing, Staking, Pests & Diseases)

Class open to all skill levels.

Cost: \$10

Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/aafaj7q5>



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NEWS

- [The Rutgers Agrivoltaics Program launches a new website](#)
- [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](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [Healthy Food Financing Initiative- Food Access and Retail Expansion Fund](#): \$9M available for implementation grants, \$1.5M for technical assistance and \$16M for loans. Proposals should contribute to food access through the availability of an assortment of Staple and Perishable Foods for retail sale, either directly or as part of the retail supply chain. Funding Inquiry Form deadline: March 3 for grants, loans and technical assistance are accepted on a rolling basis.
- [Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Dairy Co-Packing Grant](#): Application is open until April 10 at 2pm. This grant supports existing licensed dairy processors and dairy brands in the Northeast engaged in or planning to use co-packing arrangements. Grants will range from \$15,000 to \$150,000 with a 25% cash and/or in-kind match contribution.

GARDENING TIP

By Jen Sawyer Caraballo



Time to prune!

February and March are a great time to prune your shrubs. Renewal pruning of shrubs will encourage new growth from the base of the shrub, by removing the oldest growth and any dead material, opening the center of the shrub to let in more light and air.

For more information on specific shrubs, contact our Horticultural helpline at: 609-465-5115 ext. 3653 or capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu

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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
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Rutgers Cooperative Extension
 is excited to present

The Urban Garden

Join us for 8 virtual workshops:
 February 19
 March 5 & 19
 April 2, 16 & 30
 May 14 & 28
 Wednesdays from 7:00pm - 8:15pm

Learn about starting a vegetable garden,
 soil health, medicinal herbs and more!

AN EDUCATIONAL WEB SERIES IN
 SPANISH ON URBAN AGRICULTURE

For more information and to register, visit:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/gv5t02gn>
 or contact Claudia Urdanvia at
cru1@njaes.rutgers.edu

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- ### FACTSHEETS
- [E259: Deer and Elk Farming](#)
 - [E296: Agricultural Management Practices for Commercial Equine Operations](#)
 - [FS886: Ostrich, Emu, and Rhea Production](#)
 - [FS1081: To Blanket or Not to Blanket?](#)
 - [FS1142: Winter Care for Horses](#)
 - [FS1143: Winter Feeding for Horses](#)
 - [FS1320: Eastern Copperheads in New Jersey \(Rutgers NJAES\)](#)
 - [FS1359: Soil Health: Purpose and Management](#)
 - [FS1362: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program: How to Apply for Benefits & Tips for Healthy Eating \(Rutgers NJAES\)](#)
 - [FS1917: Llamas and Alpacas.](#)

- ### RESOURCES
- [Farmer Resource Guides](#)
 - [Adding cover crops into integrated weed management programs](#)
 - [Guidelines For Developing Pollinator-Friendly Utility-scale Solar Projects](#)
 - [Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention](#)
 - [Update on Right to Repair](#)
 - [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 – Sustainable Agriculture](#)
 - [Online Tool Will Help Small Farmers Assess Economics of Leafy Greens – ATTRA – Sustainable Agriculture](#)
 - [Pricing Agritourism Events and Experiences](#)
 - [Effective Pricing Methods for Produce at Farmers Markets](#)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NRCS WORKING LANDS FOR WILDLIFE PRESENTS

BREAKFAST WITH BIOLOGISTS

MARCH 27TH 2025
 7:00 a.m.
Woodstown Diner
 16 E. Avenue
 Woodstown, New Jersey

Free Buffet Breakfast included with attendance!
 RSVP by March 21st by contacting any partner biologist below.

PARTNER BIOLOGISTS:

BEN LANGEY 315-412-5272 blangey@ducks.org	ALYSSA BRIGHT 609-400-3857 alyssa.bright@njaudubon.org	HUNTER ROSS 609-534-9475 Hunter.Ross2@usda.gov
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DUCKS UNLIMITED | **NEW JERSEY AUDUBON** | **BHEASANTS forever** | **QUAIL forever**

SPEAKERS WILL DISCUSS NRCS PROGRAMS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR UPLAND AND WETLAND HABITAT RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CREATION PROJECTS.
 Learn about NJ's target species and what projects can support their habitats
 American Black Duck, Northern Bobwhite (quail), and Bog Turtle.

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Grape Expectations

A Viticultural & Enological Symposium

Sponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Learn and Spend Time with Fellow NJ Wine Professionals!

March 19, 2025 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm |

Rutgers at Atlantic Cape Community College

5100 East Black Horse Pike, Building Q, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Now celebrating its 40th year, this symposium is a daylong series of lectures by professionals in viticulture (grape growing), enology (wine making), and marketing.

Lectures are designed to present new and relevant information to **professionals and amateurs** involved with any aspect of grape growing or the wine industry. With an emphasis on quality grape and wine production, this program brings you the experience and perspective of expert wine consultants, university faculty, and commercial producers. In addition to multiple tastings conducted during the symposium, presentations will cover disease control, a new IPM program, climate change, a new interactive, hands-on workshop to investigate wine flaws, and so much more.

Winery Personnel Online Registration Fee: \$105 for first staff member; \$85 each add'l staff member from the same winery

Online Registration for All Others: \$105 per person

At the Door Fee: \$130 (check or cash only)

Online Registration Closes: March 17, 2025

Let your learning flow at this engaging event. [Register today!](#)

Click here for additional information:

<https://cpe.rutgers.edu/food-science-safety/grape-expectations>

For questions and information, please contact Jill at:

jill.sullivan@rutgers.edu

RUTGERS MASTER GARDENERS OF CAPE MAY COUNTY

Our RMG volunteers Deb and Mark were at the Ocean City Nature and the Environment Family Fun-Day on February 15th at Ocean City High School.



PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

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

GOT GARDEN QUESTIONS?
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