



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

March 12, 2025

RCE EVENTS

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/8w6qgq4w>

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>



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



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OTHER EVENTS

- 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
- 25 Mar [Bee-ginner's Beekeeping: The Basics of Apiculture-Class Starts April 1st-Registration Fee: \\$315 per person](#)
- 26 Mar [Essential Skills: Managing for Trust](#)- 11:00 am Free Webinar
- 26 Mar [Essential Skills: Formulating Questions to Get Results](#)- 3:00 PM Free Webinar
- 27 Mar [NJ Audubon Breakfast With Biologists](#). Learn about NRCS Wildlife program offerings
- 31 Mar & 14 Apr [Beginning Your Farm Transition Process](#). 9:00am – 12:00pm. Fee: \$99
- 01 Apr [Wildlife Food Plot Basics: Getting Started](#). 6:30pm. Webinar. Fee: \$10.
- 08 Apr [Five Tips for Managing Cash Flow at Your Farm Business](#)-12:00 pm Free Webinar

GARDENING TIP

By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

It's early march and things are starting to warm up a bit and the daffodils are pushing through the soil. Now is a great time to finish up any pruning of shrubs and trees. Check over your garden's infrastructure – is there anything that needs to be replaced, fixed? And if you haven't done so already, make sure to get a soil sample done before adding amendments



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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

MARKETING TIP
By Claudia Gil Arroyo



Social media is not the only way to market your farm. Email marketing is still a powerful tool to communicate with your customers, increase sales and develop loyalty. Make an effort to build your farm's email list, you can create a QR code or have a pen and paper handy for them to sign up. Avoid spamming them! And create promotions exclusive to members of your list.



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](#)
- [2nd Edition Shared Kitchen Toolkit!](#)

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](#)

PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

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

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.](#)

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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Cooperative Extension
 New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

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://ro.rutgers.edu/rv5t02gn>
 or contact Claudia Urdanvia at cru1@njaes.rutgers.edu

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Invasive Vines Removal Project

WITH CAPE MAY POINT STATE PARK

Volunteers Needed!

Thursday, March 20 | 9 AM to 12 PM
 Seagrove Ave (38.938969, -74.956388)

Scan the QR code to register as a volunteer!

If you have your own gloves/shears, please bring them along! We will be serving outside, so remember to dress appropriately.

For any questions, please email Courtney Lacombe (wmal6.njwap@gmail.com).

GOT GARDEN QUESTIONS?

Call the Cape May County Horticulture Helpline

(609) 465 5115 Ext. 3653

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.
- **Agricultural Innovation Grant Program.** Application deadline: March 26. Minimum \$2,500 and maximum \$25,000.
- **Value-Added Producer Grants.** Helps agricultural producers enter value-added activities to generate new products, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income. Deadline: April 17, 2025.
- **Business Builder Sub-Awards.** It will equip small- and mid-sized farm and food businesses with funding to develop and amplify regional supply chains. Deadline: April 7, 2025.

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 315-413-5279 Manager@bcl.org	ALYSSA BRIGHT 609-400-3817 alysa.bright@usda.nj.gov	HUNTER ROSS 609-534-9475 Hunter.Ross@njaes.rutgers.edu
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DUCKS UNLIMITED | NEW JERSEY ALBUQUERQUE | DELAWARE FORECAST | QUALITY FORECAST

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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