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RCE Events

August 11, 2025

2025 Garden and Grow Workshop Series

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**Thrive, Not Survive:
Keeping Pests Out of Your Garden**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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

Presenter:
Justine Gray, Agriculture and Natural
Resources Program Associate I, Mercer
County RCE

Participants will learn...

- How to avoid welcoming your four-legged neighbors into your garden
- What methods for repelling are scientifically proven
- How to plan ahead for success

Cost: \$10
Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/lrbxop0J>

Questions: Call 609-465-5115, ext. 3607 or Email capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu

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**Growing Tree Fruits & Table Grapes
in the Home Garden**

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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

Presenter:
Hemant Gohil, Agriculture & Natural
Resources County Agent II
RCE Gloucester

Participants will learn...

- Cultural practices for growing peaches, apples, and table grapes in New Jersey
- Common problems faced by the home orchardists in growing tree fruits
- Peach and table grape Varieties suited to NJ climate

Cost: \$10
Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/vd42ie9r>

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Gardening Tip By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

Did you know, that even though it is August, you can still plant Swiss chard, carrots and peas for a fall harvest in September through frost? Just make sure to protect them a bit from the heat by underplanting with some other veggies such as tomato or cucumber.



Other Events

- 20-Aug Harvesting Innovation: Technology in Modern Agriculture. 1:00PM. Free Webinar
- 21-Aug Importance of Early Socialization in Puppy Raising. 12:00PM. Free Webinar
- 26-Aug Making Instagram and Your Farm Business a Success. 12:00 PM-12:30 PM. Free Webinar
- 4-Sep Forest Farming: Introduction to American Ginseng. 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Free Webinar
- 8-Sep Home Food Preservation: Freezing. 12:00PM. \$5
- 11-Sep Living on a Few Acres: Backyard Swine and Poultry. 6:00PM. Free Webinar
- 17-Sep Transitioning the Farm: Budgeting for Staff or Family. 12:00 PM. \$15

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Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 4:30PM

Resources

- [Creating an Inclusive Agritourism Experience](#)
- [Farmer Guide to Fertilizing with Urine](#)
- [Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention](#)
- [National Cover Crop Survey Reports](#)
- [Guidelines For Developing Pollinator- Friendly Utility-scale Solar Projects](#)
- [Effective Pricing Methods for Produce at Farmers Markets](#)
- [Adding cover crops into integrated weed management programs](#)
- [Update on Right to Repair](#)
- [Farmer Resource Guides](#)
- [Pricing Agritourism Events and Experiences](#)

Funding Opportunities

Amber Grants for Women: WomensNet funds several women business grants throughout the year — \$435,000 available. A single application can be submitted and be considered for all grants.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program: NRCS' flagship conservation program that helps farmers, ranchers and forest landowners integrate conservation into working lands.

The Livestock Conservancy Micro Grants: To provide support work with livestock and poultry for up to \$2,000. Deadline: August 15, 2025

Plant & Pest Advisory

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

Fact Sheets

- [FS1183: Common Mites of Your Rabbit and Small Animal Part I: Fur Mites](#)
- [FS1184: Common Mites of Your Rabbit and Small Animal Part II: Cavy Lice](#)
- [FS1185: Common Mites of Your Rabbit and Small Animal Part III: Ear Mites and Canker](#)



The Native Yard Project

Reimagining Home Gardens for Biodiversity and Sustainability



Presentations by
Jean Epiphan
Assistant Professor /
Agriculture & Natural
Resources Agent



July 24, Aug 21, Sept 25
@ 5:30pm

Oradell Senior Center
1 Veterans Pl
or online via Zoom

Build your confidence to transition to an eco-friendly yard.

July 24th: Conserving Native Plants in Your Home Gardens

An introduction to the importance of planting and conserving native plants in our home gardens, along with recommendations for biodiversity. Learn about keystone native plants and how to maintain a healthy yard for all native life to thrive.

Aug 21st: Fundamentals of Native Tree & Shrub Care for Resilient Landscapes

Learn how to care for trees and plants to reduce stress and improve natural health, including proper planting, mulching, pruning, and more! Explore green mulch, small stock planting, leaf litter, and how to support beneficial soil fungi.

Sept 25th: Ornamental Reforestation: A Simple Horticultural Design Concept to Promote Ecosystem Services with Native Plants

A fresh take on suburban reforestation using native plants in a stylish, manageable manner to combat climate change and the biodiversity crisis. Step-by-step guidance for creating layered plantings that support ecosystem services such as habitat for wildlife, water retention, and climate resilience—without sacrificing curb appeal.

Oct TBD: Native Planting in Oradell

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virtual link :)



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**The Climate
Reality Project**

**H5 bird flu is spreading in wild birds and infecting
some backyard flocks in the United States.**



**Backyard flock owners:
CDC wants to hear from you!**

Your responses will help us understand how we can strengthen
prevention strategies for backyard flock owners.



**La influenza aviar H5 se está propagando entre
las aves silvestres e infectando aves de corral
domésticas en los Estados Unidos.**



**Dueños de aves domésticas:
¡Los CDC quieren saber de ustedes!**

Escanee el código QR para empezar la encuesta.

Sus respuestas nos ayudarán a entender cómo podemos fortalecer las
estrategias de prevención para los dueños de aves de corral domésticas.





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NETWORKS TO REDUCE RISK: BUILDING VIABLE NJ FARMS

A program connecting urban and rural farmers with risk management resources

Annie's Project 101 Webinar Series (OPEN TO ALL):

Wednesday evenings: January 7 - February, 18, 2026

Field Trips:

- November 1, 2025: Farm to City Center (Newark) and LifeCap Farms (Jersey City)
- November 18, 2025: Food Innovation Center (Bridgeton)
- April 11, 2026: Clover Valley Farm (Vincentown)
- April 28, 2026: Rutgers Snyder Research and Extension Farm (Pittstown)

***TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FIELD TRIPS**

***SPACES ARE LIMITED FOR SOME FIELD TRIP LOCATIONS**

**Use this QR code to leave your
information and we'll let you know when
registration is available**



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