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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
Cooperative Extension
of Cape May County
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

RCE Events

August 25, 2025

2025 Garden and Grow Workshop Series



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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Eat What You Grow Series 2025 * FALL * Choice of Day or Evening

Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 to 8pm * Cost \$10
Thursday, October 16, 1 to 2:30pm * Cost \$10

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



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

Participants will learn about...

- Planting garlic
- Cool season crops
- Overwintering crops
- Fall flavor profiles
- A healthy twist on seasonal comfort foods

Take home: Garlic to plant, recipe ideas for healthy holidays

Register for Oct 07 class at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/dchiq28i>



Register for Oct 16 class at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/kvqvg514>

County Employees who attend this class will earn 10 Wellness Incentive Points!

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[Click Here to Register for the Evening](#)
[Click Here to Register for the day](#)

2025 Garden and Grow Workshop Series



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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Other Events

- 26-Aug Making Instagram and Your Farm Business a Success. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar
- 4-Sep Forest Farming: Introduction to American Ginseng. 6:30 PM. Free Webinar
- 8-Sep Home Food Preservation: Freezing. 12:00PM. Fee: \$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. Fee: \$15
- 3-31 Oct Financial Foundations Series. 12:00PM. Fee: \$15

Plant & Pest Advisory

- Landscape, Ornamentals, Nursery, and Turf Pest Notes
- Vegetable Crop IPM update
- Tree Fruit IPM Report

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.

CDC

Contact us:
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Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 4:30PM

Resources

- [Creating an Inclusive Agritourism Experience](#)
- [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](#)
- [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.

Fact Sheets

- [FS336: Soil Testing for Lead Contamination](#)
- [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](#)
- [FS1374: Payment for Ecosystem Services and Climate Change](#)
- [FS1375: Sequestration of Carbon on Agricultural Lands](#)

Gardening Tip By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

Get your orders in for spring blooming bulbs; garlic for planting in October/November and strawberry plants for September planting to get a jumpstart on spring production.



Classes
begin
January 20
2026!

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DIFFERENCE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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Course Features:

- 17 Weekly Classes with Environmental Experts
- Tuesdays, 5:30–8 PM | 13 Online Sessions + 4 In-Person Sessions to Key Environmental Sites
- Complete a project in your community
- No previous experience needed
- Annual ½ day conference in fall

Topics Covered:

- Climate Change, Invasive Species, Recycling, Soil Health, Renewable Energy, Water Quality, Habitat Conservation, Pollinator Protection, Food Waste, Environmental Justice

Program Fee:

- \$300 Early Bird (until December 31)
- \$325 Regular Registration

Registration opens October 1

To learn more visit:
envirostewards.rutgers.edu



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FOR THE BIRDS!

Health Concerns of Poultry and How to Keep Them Safe

Poultry owners: Learn about health issues like avian influenza, and how you can take simple measures to protect your birds and your family. Following 45 minutes of presentations there will be 15 minutes for Q&A with NJ Dept of Agriculture Animal Health experts.

Tuesday, September 16th, 2025

6:00pm–7:00pm – Virtual

REGISTER NOW:







What can Cape Atlantic Offer?

The Cape Atlantic Conservation District has partnered with the NJ Department of Agriculture to be able to offer both technical and financial assistance to farmers. This assistance will help you maintain compliance with state law, improve environmental concerns and help with overall farm management.

Financial Assistance Available!

Funding is available to help farmers implement the best management practices used to improve your animal waste management. Best management practices will be tailored to each farm but may include practices such as exclusionary fencing, filter strips, pasture management, etc.

We will write or update your farm's animal waste management plan
AT NO COST TO YOU!

Who needs an Animal Waste Management Plan?

Animal Waste Management Plans are required by state law for any farms with more than 8 animal units (8,000lbs) of live animals. These plans lay out how manures will be handled to limit the environmental degradation they can cause.

CONTACT US!

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ADVANCED FOREST STEWARDSHIP -SHORT COURSE-

Engaging, hands-on opportunity to learn why active forest management is needed, and how to prioritize actions for a stewardship plan.

Open to RES, Green Infrastructure Champions, and RMG who are actively involved with stewarding/managing a forested/woodland area, and Stewardship Professionals

Course Fee \$100

A series of 5 classes:
Online: Sept 9 & 16, 6 - 8:30 pm
In-person: Sept 13 & 20, 9 am - 12:30 pm
Bonus Session Hybrid: Sept 18, 6-7:30

Register Now
go.rutgers.edu/afs25reg




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.

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

REGISTER here for the virtual link :)



Oradell Environmental and
Beautification Committee



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The Climate
Reality Project



JOIN US! 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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