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2025 Garden and Grow Workshop Series

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Gardening Tip By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

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Finish planting bulbs. Remember, they need to be planted to a depth of 3x the diameter of the bulb. It always takes longer than we think, and some garden centers may offer sales towards the end of the month. For a more mature and impactful display, consider planting several bulbs per hole.

Consider setting up a low tunnel to easily extend the growing and harvesting season through December. It is ideal for bok choi, spinach and other cool season vegetable crops.





November 6, 2025

Other Events

18-Nov	<u>Food Business Basics. All Day</u> <u>Workshop. Fee \$300</u>
18-Nov	How to Market Your Business Without Social Media. 1:00 PM. Free Webinar
19-Nov	Transitioning the Farm: Adding an Enterprise to the Farm. 12:00 PM. Fee \$15
19-Nov	AgWorks: Navigating Health Insurance for Farm Workers. 2:00 PM. Free Webinar
20-Nov	Antlers and Academics: Managing Undesirable Plant Species. 6 PM. Fee: \$15
20-Nov	AgWorks: Identify Your Leadership Styles. 2:00 PM. Free Webinar
2-Dec	AgWorks: Farm Taxes - Year-End Tax Planning. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar
4-Dec	AgWorks: Mastering Team Dynamics. 2 PM. Free Webinar
9-Dec	AgWorks: Farm Taxes—Basic Filing Requirements. 12:00PM. Free Webinar
11-Dec	AgWorks: Managing Conflict. 2 PM.
	<u>Free Webinar</u>
16-Dec	AgWorks: Farm Taxes - Recordkeeping Practices. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar
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355 Court House – South Dennis Rd. Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 4:30PM



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.

Food Animal Concerns Trust Grants: FACT awards scholarships of up to \$400 for livestock and poultry farmers to attend educational events – including virtual events – to learn knowledge, skills and best practices related to humane animal management, business and farm finance, and/or value-added production processes. Scholarships are for registration costs only.

USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grants:RCDG funding is used improve the economic condition of rural areas by helping nonprofit organizations to provide technical assistance to start, expand, or improve cooperatives and mutually owned businesses in rural

Agriculture & Food Research Initiative: The goal of this program is to invest in agricultural production research, education, and extension projects for more sustainable, productive, and economically-viable plant and animal production systems.

The FruitGuys Community Fund Applications will start being accepted in December and into January 2026. These grants are up to \$5,000 for farm owners who have long-term land access and have operated for a minimum of two years.

Fact Sheets

- FS1140: Incorporating Native Plants in Your Residential Landscape
- FS1205: Tree-Dwelling Lichens
- FS1376: Use Produce Safety Best Practices While **Gleaning**
- FS1328: Soil for Raised Beds
- FS1246: Spotted Wing Drosophila: A Key Pest of **Small Fruits in New Jersey**



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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

Classes begin January 20 2026!

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Program Fee:

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

Registration opens October 1

To learn more visit: envirostewards.rutgers.edu





Plant & Pest Advisory

- Landscape, Ornamentals, Nursery, and Turf Pest Notes
- Vegetable Crop IPM update
- Tree Fruit IPM Report
- · Workshops on Taxes, Estate, and Succession Planning



Gardening Questions?

Call the Cape May County Horticultural Helpline 609-465-5115, ext.3653









Field Trip: Food Innovation Center

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | 10:00am - 1:00pm Fee: \$15

The Rutgers Food Innovation Center (FIC) is a unique food business incubator that supports established early-stage entrepreneurs and existing food companies, from concept to commercialization. A team of food industry veterans offer expertise in business development, marketing, market research, R&D, food safety, manufacturing and sales. Attendees will tour the FIC with Julie Elmer (Associate Director of Food Technology), engage in moderated discussion about opportunities to create value-added products on a range of scales, and enjoy informal networking over lunch.

To register scan the QR code below or visit the link:

Registration deadline: November 12



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Annie's Project 101 Webinar Series OPEN TO ALL

Annie's Project 101 is an 18-hour risk management training course that covers all 5 areas of risk management - financial, human resource, legal, market, and production. The course will consist of six, 2-hour long webinars that focus on the 5 areas of risk as they relate to agriculture in the Garden State.

Wednesdays: January 7 - February, 18, 2026 | 6:00 - 8:00pm Fee: \$45

To register scan the QR code below or visit the link:



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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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Taxes, Estate, & Succession Planning Workshop

Please join us for one of two expert-led workshops focused on Taxes, Estate, and Succession Planning in relation to farmland preservation.

The SADC cannot provide tax advice or recommend individual professionals, but we can provide opportunities for landowners to learn about these topics and connect with professionals who can provide guidance based on individual

Topics will include: financial benefits preservation may provide to landowners, tax implications on the preservation payment, how to integrate preservation into estate and succession planning, and

Farmers, farm owners, and their professional advisors will benefit most from these workshops.

Come with your questions and concerns. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

The information presented at each session will be the same - choose the one that works best for you.

If you have questions or need additional information, you can contact Stephanie Kreiser (stephanie kreiser@ag.nj.gov) and Cindy Roberts (cindy roberts@ag.nj.gov) or call 609-984-2504.

We hope to see you there!



- Co-hosted by D&R Greenway One Preservation Place Princeton, NJ 08540
- <u>Speakers:</u> Wade Martin Martin Wealth

Linda Mead D&R Greenway

- December 17, 2025 6:30 - 8:00pm
- Salem County Ag Building 51 Cheney Road Woodstown, NJ 08098
- Keith Dickinson



FARM CREDIT EAST

Let's Grow Your Mind! you're curious about the quirky and

unexpected aspects of horticulture, the Grow Your Mind talk series is perfect for you! This collection of engaging presentations explores delightful gardening "sidelines" that enrich your knowledge as a home gardener.

Led by enthusiastic Extension staff, these talks cover everything from plant folklore to soil secrets, sparking curiosity and smiles. Whether you're a seasoned grower or just starting, join us to expand your garden wisdom in delightful new ways!

Wednesdays - 7 to 8pm Virtual \$20 - Registration Required

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FALL 2025 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Winter Survival: How Plants Outsmart the Cold (11/5) Discover how plants escape, evade or endure wint how to care for them.

Horticulture at the Intersection of Art & Science (11/12) Before microscopes and molecular models, there w sketchbooks and watercolors. Discover how artists became scientists, transforming botany and reshaping the course of science with the stroke of a brush.

Holiday Icons: Plants That Celebrate With Us (11/19) Discover how five iconic plants became inseparable from our favorite holidays.

Winter Interest: Designing a Landscape That Shines

Vear-Round (11/26)
In this inspiring lecture, discover how to transform your winter garden from bleak to beautiful.

DECEMBER

To-Do in the Landscape (12/3)This lively talk covers smart December tasks for Zones 6 and 7, how to pamper your tools, and what to watch out for when the cold sets in.

Houseplants Made Easy: Grow with Confidence! (12/10) Ready to turn your indoor plant struggles into leafy triumphs? Join us for a lively and practical lecture to bring nature indoors.

Against All Odds: How Desert Plants Defy Nature and

How to Grow Them at Home (12/17)
Learn the secrets of succulents in this talk about how they evolved and how to care for them.





Sinday, November 9th :00am - 3:00pm Chesterfield NJ

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- Soil and Plant Labs
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- Sprayer Calibration
- Food Safety
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