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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
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of Cape May County
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

RCE Events

2025 Garden and Grow Workshop Series



Introduction to Home Composting



Tuesday, November 18, 2025
6pm to 7pm

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

Presenter:

Jen Sawyer Caraballo, ANR Program
Associate II, Cape May County RCE

Participants will learn...

- Benefits of composting at home
- Common misconceptions in composting
- Essential elements in the composting process
- What to compost and what not to compost

Attendees will take home a compost/soil thermometer

Cost: \$15

Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/9urkbj1j>

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

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2025 Garden and Grow Workshop Series

Create a Winter Themed Dish Garden with Succulents



Tuesday, December 9
6pm - 7:30pm

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Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Presenter: Jen Sawyer Caraballo, ANR Program Associate II,
Cape May County RCE



Participants will learn how to plant and care for a
small dish garden with succulents.

Everyone will get to make and take home a small
succulent dish garden.

Cost: \$20

Class is limited to 15 people

Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/5djfs2be>

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Gardening Tip By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

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 choy, spinach and other cool season vegetable crops.



Other Events

- 18-Nov [Food Business Basics. All Day Workshop. Fee \\$300](#)
- 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. Free Webinar](#)
- 16-Dec [AgWorks: Farm Taxes - Recordkeeping Practices. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar](#)
- 16-Dec [AgWorks: Staying Compliant with Anti-Discrimination Laws. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar](#)
- 18-Dec [Forest Farming: Maple Syrup. 6:30PM. Free Webinar](#)
- 14-Jan [AgWorks: Record Keeping and Cash Flow for a Strong Business. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar](#)

Contact us:
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Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 4:30PM

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.

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 areas.

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](#)

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- 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:
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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



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Food Innovation Center
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

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

<https://go.rutgers.edu/n2sc89zn>

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**NETWORKS TO REDUCE RISK:
BUILDING VIABLE NJ FARMS**

**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:



<https://go.rutgers.edu/sb9i57z0>

