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

RCE Events



AmeriCorps



"GARDEN & GROW" WORKSHOP SERIES

Rain Barrels & Water Conservation



Friday, January 23, 2026
6:00 - 8:30 pm

Lockwood 4-H Youth Center
355 Court House - South Dennis Road
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Presenter: Lauren Heraux
AmeriCorps NJ Watershed
Ambassador, WMA 16

Participants will learn:

- How to build a rain barrel including the construction, installation, and maintenance of rain barrels
- How rain barrels protect our watersheds by reducing runoff, conserving water, and controlling pollution



\$25 for participants building a barrel to take home, limited to 10 people

Register at:

<https://go.rutgers.edu/da52brku>



Cost: \$5 for information session only

Register at: <https://go.rutgers.edu/8pikyinv>

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December 18, 2025

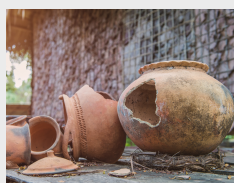
*Happy Holidays
From
Agriculture & Natural Resources*

Other Events

- 9 Jan Green Infrastructure Champions Training. Free webinars.
- 10 Jan Stop the Bleeding Training. 10am. RCE of Sussex County. Free. Register: (973) 948 3040
- 14 Jan AgWorks: Record Keeping and Cash Flow for a Strong Business. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar
- 20 Jan AgWorks: Farm Taxes - Special Rules for Farm Income. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar
- 2 Feb Stop the Bleeding Training. 9am. Gloucester County Office of Government Services.
- 5 Feb Financial Foundations Series. Thursdays 12:00 PM until March 5. \$15 Webinar
- 5 Feb Organizing your Food and Nutrition Assistance-Aligned Market. 4pm. Free webinar,
- 18 Feb Transitioning the Farm: Who Files the Schedule F? 12:00 PM. \$15 Webinar
- 20 Feb Making Cover Crops Pay: Understanding and Integration. 9am. Free webinar.
- 10 Mar Effective Outreach & Marketing for More FNA Customers. 4.30pm. Free webinar.

Gardening Tip By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

Make sure to bring in any of your clay, cast stone or ceramic pots that haven't been brought in already. Make sure to rid them of the soil which will freeze, expand, and, most likely, crack the pot. Containers remaining outdoors should also be covered to prevent the accumulation of snow and ice.



Plant & Pest Advisory

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

Contact us:
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(609) 465 5115 Ext. 3602

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Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 4:30PM

Funding Opportunities

New Jersey Agritourism Grant Program (NJATP): The purpose of the New Jersey Agritourism Grant Program is to provide funding to support New Jersey agritourism businesses in their efforts to attract, entertain, and educate visitors. Deadline: January 30, 2026

Food Animal Concerns Trust Grants: FACT awards scholarships of up to \$400 for livestock and poultry farmers to attend educational events .

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.

FARM FUND: Our Farm Fund grants are open to farmers who are 35 and under, who are committed to agroecological cultivation methods. Applications close on May 31, 2026

Fact Sheets

- FS593: Woodlot Management: Working Safely in the Woods
- FS1205: Tree-Dwelling Lichens
- FS1328: Soil for Raised Beds
- FS1377: Start Safe, Stay Safe: Produce Safety Made Simple for New Growers
- FS1380: Introduction to Community Food Systems
- FS1381: Ag Labor in New Jersey

Classes
begin
January 20
2026!

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Join our expert-led course and make a lasting impact.

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





Register at: <http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu>


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](#)
- [A Food Hub Operator's Toolkit](#)
- [Identifying under performing products in your farm market](#)
- [Strawberry Fungicide Recommendations Resource for 2026](#)



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




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ANNIE'S PROJECT
EMPOWERING WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE


Annie's Project 101 Course

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



This course provides 18 hours of farm business management training delivered through six 2-hour webinars and six hours of asynchronous learning. *Open to all.*

Date	Topic	Agenda
1/7/26	Legal Risk	(6:00-6:30 pm) Welcome, Introductions, Course Orientation - Kate Brown, Claudia Gil Arroyo, and Claudia Urdanivia – County Agents III, Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) (6:30-8:00 pm) Lease Agreements - Brendon Pearsall, Sr. Coordinator, NextGen Farmer Program, NJ Dept of Agriculture
1/14/26	Financial Risk	(6:00-7:00 pm) Pricing Strategies for Agritourism Ventures of All Shapes and Sizes - Sarah Cornelisse, Senior Extension Program Specialist, Penn State University (7:00-8:00 pm) Simple Profitability Analysis - Sophie Lee, Extension Specialist in Farm Viability, Rutgers University
1/21/26	Week Off	Northeast Ag Expo, Harrah's Resort & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ
1/28/26	Market Risk	(6:00-7:00 pm) Marketing Plans - Claudia Gil Arroyo, County Agent III, RCE of Cape May County (7:00-8:00 pm) Finding Your Market Niche - Dave and Lisa Specca, Specca Farms Pick Your Own - Tomia Macqueen, Wildflower Farm
2/4/26	Human Resource Risk	(6:00-7:00 pm) Farm Crew Recruitment, Management, and Retention - Jess Niederer, Chickadee Creek Farm (7:00-8:00 pm) An Introduction to the Eight Dimensions of Wellness - Chris Zellers, County Agent III, RCE of Cape May County
2/11/26	Production Risk	(6:00-7:00 pm) On-Farm Food Safety - Meredith Melendez, County Agent II, RCE of Mercer County (7:00-8:00 pm) Equipment Selection for Small-Scale Agriculture - David Hlubik, County Agent III, RCE of Burlington County
2/18/26	Legal and Financial Risk	(6:00-7:00 pm) A Little Insurance Goes a Long Way - Brandon LeBar, Farm Credit East Crop Growers - Second Speaker TBD (7:00-8:00 pm) Business Planning - Jim Oehmke, Professor and Chair, Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics; Faculty Director, Office of Economic Development, SEBS Rutgers University
		(8:00-8:15 pm) Program Wrap-up and Adjourn

Registration is required. To register, visit <https://go.rutgers.edu/sb9i57z0> or scan the QR code below. The course fee is \$45.



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DID YOU REGISTER YET?

What are you waiting for?

Become a leader, become a Green Infrastructure Champion in 2026!


Classes start Friday, January 9, 2026



The next Green Infrastructure Champions Training Program will be offered every other Friday from 10AM to 12NOON starting January 9, 2026!

All sessions for the 2026 training program will be offered via an online format for FREE.

Registration is required and OPEN at <https://water.rutgers.edu>


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STOP THE BLEED TRAINING


FOR FARMERS AND THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

REGISTRATION REQUIRED – NO COST

REGISTER BY CALLING 973-948-3040

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026 **TIME: 10:00AM**

LOCATION: RUTGERS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF SUSSEX COUNTY
130 MORRIS TNP, NEWTON, NJ



Rutgers Cooperative Extension' Farm Health and Safety Team has partnered with Rutgers Medical School to provide "Stop the Bleed" training for the farming community.


Don't miss this opportunity to learn the life-saving skills of pressure application, wound packing, and use of tourniquets. The first 25 registrants will also receive a complementary bleeding control kit.

Space is limited, register today.

For questions contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Sussex County by calling 973-948-3040

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REGISTER USING THIS LINK OR QR CODE:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/stopthebleed>



DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 **TIME: 9:00AM**

LOCATION: GLOUCESTER COUNTY OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES
1200 N. DELSEA DR., CLAYTON, NJ



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