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



February 20, 2026

RCE Events



"GARDEN & GROW" WORKSHOP SERIES

Seed Starting Native Plants



Tuesday, March 24, 2026
6pm to 8pm

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

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

The program will focus on:

- starting Native plants from seed
- seed selection
- seedling care

Plant focus: Yarrow, Agastache,
Monarda, Echinacea



Participants will plant seeds to take home!

Cost \$15, registration required at:
[Click Here to Register](#)



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"GARDEN & GROW" WORKSHOP SERIES

Seed Starting Vegetables & Herbs



Tuesday, March 31, 2026
6pm to 8pm

Rutgers Cooperative Extension
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Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

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

The program will focus on:

- basics of seed starting
- seed selection
- seedling care

Herbs: Borage, Lavender, Lemon Balm, and Sage
Vegetables: Tomato, Peppers, Swiss Chard



Participants will plant seeds to take home!

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"GARDEN & GROW" WORKSHOP SERIES

Rain Barrels & Water Conservation



Thursday, April 9, 2026
6:00 - 8:30pm

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 [Click Here to Register](#)



Cost: \$5 for information session only
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Other Events

- 4 Mar [Transitioning the Farm: Using Leasing as a Transitional Tool.](#) 12:00 PM. \$15
- 6 Mar [Making Cover Crops Pay: Controlling Next Year's Corn Pests.](#) 9:00 AM. \$10
- 10 Mar [Effective Outreach & Marketing for More FNA Customers.](#) 4:30 PM. Free Webinar

Fact Sheets

- [FS1356: 2026 Vegetable Integrated Pest Management Delivery Program](#)
- [FS1383: Bean Weevil \(*Acanthoscelides obtectus*\)](#)
- [FS1384: Mycorrhizal Fungi, Their Benefits to Plant Health, and Roles in Resiliency](#)
- [FS1385: Carrot Rust Fly in the Home Garden](#)
- [FS1386: Jorō Spider: Description, Behavior, and Contrast with Similar Species](#)
- [FS1387: Pickleworm in the Home Garden](#)
- [FS1388: Soil Testing for Certified Organic Recommendations](#)
- [FS1389: Hornworms in the Home Garden](#)

Plant & Pest Advisory

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



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Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 4:30PM



Funding Opportunities

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.

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

Gardening Tip By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

Tool inventory – during the winter months, when you cannot dig the soil, take some time to evaluate your gardening tools. Do your shears need to be sharpened? Is that shovel a bit too rusty? Is it time to replace anything? Get yourself organized now for spring.



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](#)

NEW JERSEY NRCS PARTNER BIOLOGISTS'

WILDLIFE WEDNESDAYS WEBINAR SERIES



Each session begins at 7PM. Presentations will last ~30-45 minutes with Q&A sessions to follow.

Register for [free here](#)> <https://bit.ly/Webinar2026>



January 28	Introduction to New Jersey NRCS Conservation Programs, Working Lands for Wildlife, & Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	
February 04	American Black Duck Ecology & Conservation Ben Langey, PWS (Working Lands Biologist) Ducks Unlimited	
February 11	Northern Bobwhite Quail Ecology & Conservation Kati DePaola (Stewardship Specialist) New Jersey Audubon	
February 18	Bog Turtle Ecology & Conservation Marc Virgilio (NJ State Coordinator, Partners for Fish and Wildlife) US Fish and Wildlife Service - New Jersey Field Office	
February 25	Golden-winged Warbler Ecology & Conservation Sharon Petzinger (Senior Zoologist) New Jersey Fish and Wildlife-Endangered and Nongame Species	
March 04	Pollinator Ecology & Conservation Olivia Matise (Mid-Atlantic Pollinator Specialist) The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation	

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WORKSHOP

April 24-25, 2026
Saratoga Springs, NY

Workshop Partners:





FEATURED SPEAKER:



Sierra Anthony
Lead Butcher with Butcher Solutions, LLC



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El Huerto Urbano



Acompáñanos en 8 talleres virtuales en 2026:

Marzo 5 y 19

Abril 2, 16, y 30

Mayo 14 y 28

Junio 11

Los jueves de 7:00pm a 8:00pm

¡Aprende sobre cómo iniciar un huerto,
suelos saludables, hierbas medicinales
y más!

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NETWORKS TO REDUCE RISK: BUILDING VIABLE NJ FARMS

Field Trip: Clover Valley Farm



Saturday, April 11, 2026

10:00am - 2:00pm

Fee: \$15

Clover Valley Farm is a cow-calf farm where beef cattle are pasture-raised and sold directly to the consumer either in bulk or, more recently, by the cut at their seasonal 'The Point Market'. This diversified farm also raises layer and broiler chickens, turkeys, raises all the feed for their animals, offers custom animal feed, and more. Attendees will tour both the livestock operation and on-farm market with farm owners Danielle and Fred Wainwright III, hear from other NJ farmers about their experience growing a livestock operation, and discuss on-farm installations cost-shared with USDA.

*Light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

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

Registration deadline:
April 4



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