


THE LATEST FROM AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

April 8, 2026


RCE EVENTS



Eat What You Grow: Spring

Thursday, April 30, 2026
6 to 8pm

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



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

Topics will include...

- Herb garden tour
- Starting your garden
- Make your own homemade salad dressing
- Food preservation: freezing

Cost is \$20. Register by April 27 at:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/mei6imh9>

Questions, please call Brooke at 609-465-5115 Ext. 3609
County Employees who attend this class will earn 10 Wellness Incentive Points!



May 7, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Advanced Topics in Composting



<https://go.rutgers.edu/hibfob5>

Participants of Advanced Topics in Composting will learn about indoor and outdoor composting, vermicomposting and everyone who attends the presentation will make their own DIY worm bin with worms to take home. Cost: \$25 per person

May 19, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

IPM for Home Gardeners



<https://go.rutgers.edu/gcjkdu9>

Participants of IPM for Home Gardeners, part of the Garden & Grow workshop series, will learn the basics of Integrated Pest Management, create an IPM plan and learn common garden pests. Also, everyone who attends the presentation take home basic IPM scouting kit. Cost: \$20 per person

Registration required—use the QR codes or links above.
Events will take place at: Rutgers Cooperative Extension
355 Court House South Dennis Road, Cape May Court House NJ 08210

For More Information:
609-465-5115 ext. 3607 capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu



El Servicio de Extensión Agrícola de la Universidad de Rutgers se complace en presentar:

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!

PROGRAMA DE TALLERES VIRTUALES EDUCATIVOS DE AGRICULTURA URBANA EN ESPAÑOL

Para más información e inscripción visita:
<https://go.rutgers.edu/va9cc9th>
o comuníquese con Claudia Urdanivia por correo: crul@njaes.rutgers.edu

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GARDENING TIP

By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

Has it been a few years since you've had your soil tested?
Now is the time.

Healthier soil means better growth, fewer problems, and a more beautiful yard. Get your soil tested and grow with confidence!
You can get them at our RCE office in Cape May Court House.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Food Animal Concerns Trust Grants:** Grants funds to improve farm animal welfare, expand humane farming, and support capital and operational work. 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:** Farm Fund grants are open to farmers who are 35 and under, who are committed to agroecological cultivation methods. Grants available: One \$30,000 Transformation grant to facilitate a seismic change and four \$15,000 and seven \$8,000 Resilience grants to help reinforce young farmers at ground level. Applications close on May 31, 2026.
- **Value-Added Producer Grants:** Helps U.S. agricultural producers enter into value-added activities that Generate new products from raw agricultural commodities, Create and expand marketing opportunities and Increase producer income through enhanced product value and market reach. Applications are accepted for processing from Agricultural Producers from February 17, 2026, through 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET), April 22, 2026.

OTHER EVENTS

- 7-Apr [Vineyard Management Efficiency: Industry Panel](#). 12:00PM Free Webinar
- 14-Apr [EVEF Enology 2: Barrels: obtaining, maintaining, & more pertaining to their use](#). 2:00PM. Free Webinar
- 22-Apr [Boosting Financial Wellness Series](#). 9:00AM. \$10. 3 part Webinar



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Mon – Fri 8:30AM – 4:30PM



FACTSHEETS

- [FS232: Diamondback Moths in the Home Garden](#)
- [FS1124: Vegetable Disease Recommendations for Home Gardens](#)
- [FS1123: Vegetable Insect Control Recommendations for Home Gardens](#)
- [FS1123SP: Recomendaciones para el Control de Insectos de Hortalizas en Huertos Urbanos](#)
- [FS1140: Incorporating Native Plants in Your Residential Landscape](#)
- [FS1237: Japanese Stiltgrass Management in the Home Lawn and Landscape](#)
- [FS1391: Deer Damage Control in the Vineyard](#)
- [FS1392: Northern Red Oak in New Jersey](#)

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](#)

PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

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

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:
 Eat Your Way to a Healthy Environment**



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This spring, we explore how everyday food choices can support a more sustainable planet. Your appetite for learning about responsible foraging, sustainable agriculture and fisheries, safe fish consumption practices, and how food donations help reduce waste while strengthening communities will be satisfied. Together, you'll get your fill of practical, science-based insights to empower healthier eating habits that protect both people and the planet.

April 13 – Foraging: Unearthing Nature's Harvest
 Brooklyn Wassel, University of Georgia

May 4 – Food Donations & New Jersey Guidelines
 Jennifer Shukaltis, Rutgers University

April 20 – Sustainable Agriculture
 Warren Love, Foodshed Alliance

May 11 – The Value of Bivalves: Shellfish Aquaculture
 Dr. Mike Acquafredda, Rutgers University

April 27 – Sustainable Seafood Explained
 Max Mossler, University of Washington

May 18 – Fish Smart, Eat Smart: NJ Fish Consumption Advisory Program
 Dr. Dan Millemann, NJ Department of Environmental Protection

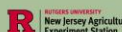
All webinars start at 6:30pm



To register for this webinar series, please visit:

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

This webinar series is a collaboration between two Extension programs: Earth Day, Every Day (E2D2) and the Marine Extension Program Seminar Series (MEPSS). If you want to learn more about E2D2 or MEPSS please visit <https://envirosteward.rutgers.edu/earth-day-every-day/> or <https://ocean.njass.rutgers.edu/marine-extension-program-seminar-series/>.



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The New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Clean means clean, with no residue seen

NJ Pesticide Container Recycling

Collection Sites-2026

Helena Chemical
 67 Middle Road
 Hammonton, NJ 08037
 April-10, May-15, June-12, July-17
 August-14, September-11, October-10

Helena Chemical
 440 N. Main Street
 Woodstown, NJ 08098
 April-17, May-22, June-19, July-24
 August-21, September-18, October-23

Rutgers Specialty Crop Research & Extension Center
 283 Route 539
 Cream Ridge, NJ 08541
 April-24, May-29, June-26, July-31
 August-28, September-25, October-30

Program Details
 Program is offered to licensed pesticide applicators. Sites are accepting #2 HDPE containers, sizes up to 55 gallons.

Containers MUST be triple rinsed and free of all residues, dried, and EPA labels removed. Non-refillable containers must have 6" hole or slit on the bottom.

Contact
 609-414-0464
 rachel.deflumeri@ag.nj.gov
 www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/recycling.shtm

Recieve 1 CORE Credit

Drop off from 9AM to 12PM

BEEF Save The Date

2026 NORTHEAST BEEF PRODUCER WORKSHOP

April 24-25, 2026
 Saratoga Springs, NY

Workshop Partners:
 Butcher Solutions, Farm Credit Northeast Ag Enhancement, Beef Quality Assurance

FEATURED SPEAKER:
 Sierra Anthony
 Lead Butcher with Butcher Solutions, LLC

SUBMIT YOUR RSVP HERE



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



<https://go.rutgers.edu/stf3j6x6>



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GOT GARDEN QUESTIONS?
Call the Cape May County Horticulture Helpline
(609) 465 5115 Ext. 3653

