

# THE LATEST FROM AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

May 27, 2026

## RCE EVENTS



### *Eat What You Grow: Summer*

Thursday, June 25, 2026  
6 to 8pm

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



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

#### Participants will...

- Tour the herb and teaching gardens
- Learn about season extension
- Learn how to make quick and easy meals from the garden
- Learn about food preservation: Canning
- Make your own grain bowl

Cost is \$20. Register by June 22 at:

<https://go.rutgers.edu/6pqjcum9>



Questions, please call Brooke at 609-465-5115 Ext. 3609

County Employees who attend this class will earn 10 Wellness Incentive Points!

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## OTHER EVENTS

- 29-May Constructing a Personal Budget Sheet as a Farm Owner. 12:00 PM. Free webinar.
- 9-Jun Five Tips for Managing Cash Flow at Your Farm Business. 12:00 PM Free webinar
- 10-Jun Tomato Blight or Something Else? 12:00 PM. \$10 Webinar
- 17-Jun Transitioning the Farm: Fair Versus Equal. 12:00PM. Free webinar.

## 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.
- Regional Food System Partnerships: RFSP offers two types of projects, 24-month Planning and Design and 36-month Implementation and Expansion Projects. Planning and Design projects range from \$100,000 to \$250,000, while Implementation and Expansion projects range from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. Deadline: June 5, 2026
- Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program: The primary goal of BFRDP, under assistance listing number 10.311, is to help beginning farmers and ranchers in the United States and its territories enter and/or improve their successes in farming, ranching, and management of nonindustrial private forest lands, through support for projects that provide education, outreach, and technical assistance to give beginning farmers and ranchers the knowledge, skills, and tools needed to make informed decisions for their operations and enhance their sustainability. Deadline: June 16, 2026

## GARDENING TIP

### By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

Start a compost bin! For more information check out the Rutgers Fact Sheet <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs811> on Home Composting



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





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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

Drop off from 9AM to 12PM

**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**  
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[www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/recycling.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/recycling.shtml)

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# Backyard Farming Basics

## Healthy Birds, Safe Herds

**Update: This event has been changed to a hybrid format! You may join us on May 29 from 6 to 8 PM in person at the Rutgers EcoComplex, or virtually via Zoom.**

Scan the QR code below for more information (including the link to the Zoom registration), or visit:  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/backyardfarmingbasics>



Questions? Contact Tess Stahl ([tess.stahl@rutgers.edu](mailto:tess.stahl@rutgers.edu)) or Hassan Warriach ([hassan.warriach@rutgers.edu](mailto:hassan.warriach@rutgers.edu)).

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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](#)
- [A Food Hub Operator's Toolkit](#)
- [Identifying under performing products in your farm market](#)
- [Strawberry Fungicide Recommendations Resource for 2026](#)
- [Mid-Atlantic Commercial Vegetable Production Recommendations, 2026/2027](#)

## 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](#)

## PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

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



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# NETWORKS TO REDUCE RISK: BUILDING VIABLE NJ FARMS

## Program Wrap Up & Field Trip to Montclair Community Farms

Saturday, June 13, 2026  
10:00am - 12:00 pm  
Fee: \$5

Join us as we celebrate the completion of our program with a fun field trip to Montclair Community Farms! This is a wonderful chance to connect, learn, explore, and enjoy time together as we wrap up the program.

Learn about urban agriculture, sustainability, and community food systems. Light snacks and refreshments provided. It will be a great opportunity for photos, connection, and closing out the program together!

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



<https://go.rutgers.edu/lxjqrrv7>



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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!

PROGRAMA DE TALLERES VIRTUALES  
EDUCATIVOS DE AGRICULTURA  
URBANA EN ESPAÑOL

Para más información e  
inscripción visita:

<https://go.rutgers.edu/va9cc9lh>

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