

# THE LATEST FROM AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

August 19, 2026

## RCE EVENTS

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

"GARDEN & GROW" WORKSHOP SERIES

### Vermicomposting

Composting with Worms!

**Tuesday, September 22, 2026**  
6pm to 8pm

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

**Presenter:** Belinda Chester, Consumer Horticulture Program Assoc. I, RCE, Atlantic County

**Attendees will learn:**

- Indoor composting methods
- Vermicomposting (composting with worms)
- How to build a mini-worm bin with worms

*Participants will take home a compost/soil thermometer and a DIY worm bin!*

Cost \$25, class limit 15, registration required at:  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/x6rc7cxf>

**Questions:** Call 609-465-5115, ext. 3607 or Email: [capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:capemayag@njaes.rutgers.edu)

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New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

### Eat What You Grow: Fall

Thursday, October 8, 2026  
6 to 8pm

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

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

**Topics include...**

- Planting garlic
- Prepping your vegetable gardens for next Fall
- How to use your garlic harvest
- Food preservation: dehydrating

Cost is \$20. Register by October 5 at:  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/zosuwv78>

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

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### POLLINATOR GARDENS

**Wednesday, October 14, 2026**  
6PM to 8PM

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

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

**Attendees will learn:**

- Importance of Pollinators
- Planning the Garden
- Plant Selection
- Role of the Pollinator Garden Year Round

Cost \$10, Class limit 30, Registration required at:  
<https://go.rutgers.edu/uagud9em>

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## OTHER EVENTS

- 24- Aug Nutrition Benefits: Trends & Transitions. 3:15 PM. Free Webinar
- 25- Aug Whole Farm Revenue and Crop Insurance: What to Consider. 12:00 PM. Free Webinar
- 25- Aug From Kitchen to Cashier: Creating Value-Added Agricultural Products. 7:30 PM. Free Webinar
- 1- Sept Entomology 102. Multi-Day Series. 1:00 PM. \$50.
- 9- Sept Black Duck Brews with Biologists. 5:30 PM. Farmers & Bankers Brewing, Woodstown, NJ. Free
- 11- Sept Your Money Matters Series. Multi-Day Series. 12:00 PM. \$10
- 15- Sept Seafood Industry Perspectives: A Collaborative Listening Session II. 5:00 PM. Free Webinar
- 16- Sept Transitioning the Farm: How to Form an LLC. 12:00 PM. \$15 Webinar
- 16-Sept How to Improve Your Farm Website Without Starting Over. 1:00 PM Free Webinar
- 29-30- Sept FSMA Produce Safety Rule Training. 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM. Webinar. \$100.
- 5- Oct Financial Foundations Series. Multi-Day Series. 1:00 PM. \$15 Webinar.
- 16- Oct Boosting Financial Wellness Series. Multi-Day Series. 12:00 PM. \$10.

## PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

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

## 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

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





## Gardening Tip

By Jen Sawyer Caraballo

Remove and dispose of all rotted or dropped fruits and foliage from trees, vines, and bushes. This will help reduce the overwintering of diseases and insect pests that will attack your fruit plants next season.

Continue to deadhead annuals and perennials to encourage continuous bloom



## Volunteer Spotlight!

Lisa & Deb at the 4H Fair in July, just two of our wonderful RMG Volunteers who spoke to visitors about the herb garden and planted seeds with kids. They also handled the ANR/FCHS Treasure Hunt.



## 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.

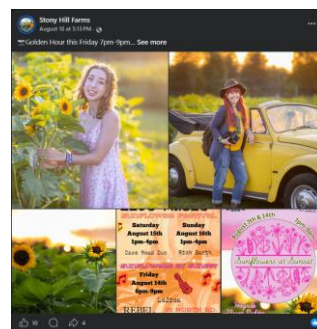
## RESOURCES

- [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](#)

## Marketing Tip

By Claudia Gil Arroyo

Social media posts can accomplish multiple purposes. They can educate your customers, show off your farm story or brand, let them know your working hours, etc. That doesn't mean that they have to be complicated or very long, that just means that we can hit multiple goals at once with a simple picture and caption.



If you have a formal or informal way you gather feedback from your customers and visitors, you can use your social media to answer your most asked questions. For example, if you are often asked if you are open on weekends or if you have any events during the summer. Don't forget to add a picture, it doesn't have to be a professionally taken photo, it can be candid and simple but related to the topic of your post, your farm equipment, your produce, your barn, a sunset at the farmland. They all communicate a little bit of what your farm is about.

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Clean means clean, with no residue seen

# 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.deflumer@ag.nj.gov  
 www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/and/recycling.shtml

**Relieve 1 CORE Credit**



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## October Farming Twilight Meeting

October 22, 2026  
6:00PM – 8:30 PM

Location:  
Seahorse Farm Winery  
1076 Seashore Road  
Cape May, NJ 08204

### Program

6:00 PM – Registration / Light Refreshments

6:10 PM – Welcome – *Claudia Gil Arroyo, County Agent III, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cape May County; Rutgers NJAES*

6:15 PM – "How Climate Change Affects NJ Farmers" - James Shope, PhD., *Assistant Extension Specialist in Climate Services Department of Environmental Sciences, SEBS, New Brunswick; Rutgers NJAES*

6:50 PM – "Mineral Nutrition and Microbial Ecology for Soil Health" - Joseph Heckman, PhD., *Extension Specialist - Soil Fertility, Department of Plant Biology, SEBS, New Brunswick; Rutgers NJAES*

7:25 PM – "Pesticide Safety: Reading the Label and Selecting the Proper Product" – David Hlubik, *Burlington County Agent III, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Burlington County; Rutgers NJAES*

8:00 PM – "Vegetable Disease Management Updates" - Patrick McMullen, *County Agent III, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Atlantic County; Commercial Vegetable Production; Rutgers NJAES*

**Light refreshments will be served.**

*The Pesticide recertification credits pending.*

**Please RSVP by October 20, 2025:**

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