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### **GAPs On-line Produce Safety Course**

Betsy Bihn, Cornell University 315-787-2625

The next GAPs Online Produce Safety Course will be offered beginning **October 17, 2012** and ending **November 6, 2012**. To register for the course, please visit: www.ecornell.com/gaps. A minimum of 10 people must be registered for us to offer the course and class size is limited to 25 people. Special arrangements can be made for large groups to ensure everyone is in the same class together. The course price is now \$190 due to the expiration of our grant funding.

*Implementing Good Agricultural Practices* is a 3-week web-based course offered through the National GAPs Program.

Once the course opens, it is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day for 3 weeks so you will be able to complete the course when time permits in your schedule. There are no required hours of participation. There is an instructor. The instructor may schedule office hours but you are not required to attend those hours. You will be able to email your instructor at all times during the course and they will respond in a timely manner. All course requirements must be completed within the 3 week window. Do communicate any problems you are having to your instructor or to the eCornell help desk so that we can provide assistance and guidance.

Requirements (over the next 3 weeks): Complete a pre and post test; Read all course materials; turn in 4 assignments for evaluation; complete 2 self-tests and contribute to the discussion boards.

Most students spend 15 to 20 hours on this course, but depending on your knowledge, more or less time may be required. If this is more than you can manage at the moment, we hope that you will not take the course at this time, but sign up at a later date when you have the time to complete the program.

## Thrips Webcast Featured in Focus on Tomato

As the primary vector for Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (TSWV), thrips are an important pest to keep at bay.

This latest Focus on Tomato presentation, produced by The Plant Management Network will help consultants, growers, and other practitioners in the southern and western U.S. manage thrips and suppress virus incidence.

This talk, authored by Dr. George Kennedy, Professor of Agriculture and Entomology Department Head at North Carolina State University, covers.

- The biology of thrips and factors affecting their abundance
- Some background information on TSWV
- The roles of the tobacco thrips and western flower thrips in spread of TSWV
- The use of insecticides, reflective plastic mulch, Actigard, and TSWV resistant cultivars in the management of thrips

This presentation is open access through December 31, 2012 and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/edcenter/seminars/tomato/ThripsTomato/">http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/edcenter/seminars/tomato/ThripsTomato/</a>

Users can view other recent webcasts in the Focus on Tomato resource at <a href="http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/fot">http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/fot</a>.

Focus on Tomato is a publication of the Plant Management Network (PMN), a nonprofit online publisher whose mission is to enhance the health, management, and production of agricultural and horticultural crops. It achieves this mission through applied, science-based resources. PMN is jointly managed by the American Society of Agronomy, American Phytopathological Society, and Crop Science Society of America.

To take advantage of PMN's full line of resources, please sign up for its free online newsletter at: http://www.plantmanagementnetwork.org/update/default.cfm

# NOFANJ Beginning Farmer Program Launches a Day of Agricultural Celebration

Come join the celebration on October 13th, 2012, from 10 am to 4pm, as the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey (NOFA-NJ) launches The Center for Working Lands, a farm training program for new organic farmers. NOFA-NJ is opening its doors to the public to host a farm education day. The OPEN HOUSE will cover many components of gardening and farming for beginner gardeners, homesteaders and farmers including soils, native pollinator plants, cover crops, raising poultry, tractor maintenance, and much more! Classes will be held every half hour and will include farm animals, field walks, and end with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the program. We invite public interest and participation. The event is located at Duke Farms, the location of the new incubator farm, and is free and open to the public. Please park in designated areas and walk over to the event.

For more information please visit our website at <a href="www.nofanj.org">www.nofanj.org</a> or contact Connie Deetz at 908-371-1111, <a href="cdeetz@nofanj.org">cdeetz@nofanj.org</a>

## October Workshop for Growers in the Coastal Plain

Farm Tour and Classroom Presentations

Growers and ag professionals are invited to the Cape May Plant Materials Center on Thursday, October 18 for a day-long workshop, Cover Crops for Soil Health on the Coastal Plain. Sponsored by USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, and Cape Atlantic Conservation District, the workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and explore the benefits of cover crops for intensive production systems in the coastal plain. Six Nutrient Management CEU's from Maryland Department of Agriculture are available.

The workshop agenda, registration form and information can be accessed from <a href="https://www.nj.nrcs.usda.gov">www.nj.nrcs.usda.gov</a>. A continental breakfast and box lunch will be provided. Reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities is available.

Registration will be open until October 5th and will be limited to 75 participants. To register send \$10 registration fee (payable to "Cape Atlantic Conservation District") and a completed registration form to Cape Atlantic Conservation District, 6260 Old Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330. Please include request for reasonable accommodation and any dietary requirements with your registration. The Plant Materials Center is located at 1536 Route 9 North Cape May Court House, NJ, in the Swainton section of Middle Township.

#### **South Jersey Nursery Meeting**

Jim Johnson, Ag Agent

I have decided not to hold the South Jersey Nursery Meeting this Fall. Due to recent back surgery, and the recuperation period being longer than anticipated, I cannot physically do the meeting. The plan is to hold at least one meeting in January or February that will include pesticide recertification credits and other content.

#### **Nursery Crop Diagnostics**

Jim Johnson, Ag Agent

In my absence, if nursery problems arise, there are three ways they may be addressed:

- Photos can be sent to me by email: jjohnson@njaes.rutgers.edu
- Samples can be delivered to the office. Please contact Tammy (856-451-2800 x1) prior to drop-off so arrangements can be made for me to inspect them as soon as possible. Presently, I cannot sit for more than a half-hour, cannot bend or lift anything over 5 pounds, so I will need assistance with the samples.
- The last option is to deliver the plant to the Plant Diagnostic Lab in New Brunswick.
   There is a \$40 charge per sample for this service and for best results they should be delivered and not mailed.

# APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE NJ AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Lynne Richmond, NJ Department of Agriculture Scholarship for H.S. Seniors Interested in a Career in Agriculture or the Sciences

New Jersey residents who are entering their senior year in high school this fall and are planning a career in agriculture or science may apply for the New Jersey Agricultural Achievement Award. One winner will be selected and awarded a scholarship to honor their achievements.

The New Jersey Agricultural Achievement Award, sponsored by Amy Butewicz, a former New Jersey Equestrian of the Year, was started because of her desire to give back to the community. Worth \$500, this scholarship is meant to assist its recipient in beginning their future in agriculture.

The qualifications for receiving this award include submitting an application, found at the following site: <a href="www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/agachievementapplform.pdf">www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/agachievementapplform.pdf</a>, a resume along with an essay answering the question, "How has your involvement within your respective nominating organization helped to shape your future career choice?"

In addition, a contestant is required to be a current, active member of an organization either on the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board and/or represented at the Youth Reception portion of the New Jersey State Agricultural Convention. Each organization on the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board and a participant of the State Agricultural Convention is able to nominate a maximum of two contestants.

The winner of the Agricultural Achievement Award must attend the Annual New Jersey Bred Equine Breeders Award Luncheon to be held on Sunday, January 27, 2013 in Eastampton and will read his or her essay to the attendees.

Please mail application, resume and essay by January 2, 2013 to:

NJDA

Attn: Debra Moscatiello

P.O. Box 330

Trenton, New Jersey 08625

If you have any questions contact Debra Moscatiello at 609-984-4389 or <a href="mailto:debra.moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us">debra.moscatiello@ag.state.nj.us</a>.

#### Using Winter Kill Cover Crops as a Part of Your Vegetable Cropping System

Gordon Johnson, Extension Vegetable & Fruit Specialist University of Delaware

Cover crops that will put on significant growth in the fall and then die during the winter can be very useful tools for vegetable cropping systems and the University of Delaware, University of Maryland, and other universities in the region have been conducting research on a number of these winter killed crops for use with vegetables.

Winter killed cover crops that are late summer and fall planted include spring oats, several mustard species, and forage and oilseed radish. Earlier planted summer annuals (millets; sorghums, sudangrasses, and hybrids; annual legumes such as sun hemp or forage soybeans; buckwheat and many others) can also be used as winter killed species. Timing of planting will vary according to the species being used and winter killed species selection will depend on when fields will be available for seeding. Spring oats, mustards, and radishes can be planted from late August through September. Once into October, they do not put on adequate fall growth. Summer annuals should be planted in late July or during August for use in a winter killed system to obtain sufficient growth.

The winter of 2011-2012 was extremely mild and gave us a good look at issues that occur when crops that normally winter kill do not. In our plots at the Georgetown, DE research farm last winter, forage radish, oilseed radish, spring oats, and edible greens type mustard (Tendergreen) did not winter kill completely. All the biofumigant mustards (Pacific Gold, Idagold, Caliente, and Kodiak) winter killed completely (as did summer annuals).

The following are several options for using winter killed species with vegetables:

- 1) Compaction mitigation for spring planted vegetables. Where there are compacted fields, the use of forage radishes has worked very well as a winter killed cover crop by "biodrilling". The extremely large taproot penetrates deep into the soil, and after winterkilling, will leave a large hole where future crop roots can grow. Oilseed radish also provides considerable "biodrilling". Winter killed radishes works well with spring planted crops such as peas, early sweet corn, and early snap beans.
- 2) Early planted vegetables. A wide range of early planted vegetables may benefit from winter killed cover crops. For example, peas no-till planted or planted using limited vertical tillage after a winter killed cover crop of forage radish, oilseed radish, or winter killed mustard have performed better than those planted after conventional tillage. Early sweet corn also has potential in these systems as do a wide range of spring vegetables. Winter killed radishes and mustards also have the advantage of outcompeting winter annual weeds leaving relatively weed free fields and also in recycling nutrients from the soil so that they are available in the spring for early crops (decomposition has already occurred).
- 3) Mixed systems with windbreaks for plasticulture. By planting planned plasticulture bed areas with winter killed cover crops and areas in-between with cereal rye you can gain the benefits of these soil improving cover crops and eliminate the need make tillage strips early in the spring. The winter killed areas can be tilled just prior to laying plastic.
- 4) Bio-strip till. By drilling one row of forage or oilseed radish and other adjacent rows with rye or other small grains, you can create a biodrilled strip that winter kills and that can be no-till planted into the spring without the need for strip-till implements. This opens up dozens of options for strip tilling (seed or transplanted) spring vegetables.

# Organic Farming and Research Foundation (OFRF) Builds New Website for Organic Farmers

Elsa Sánchez, Penn State Plant Science The Vegetable & Small Fruit Gazette, Vol. 16, Issue 9, Sept. 2012

The OFRF was founded in 1990 with the vision that organic farming will be the leading form of agriculture in America. It cultivates organic research, education, and federal policy that brings more farmers and acreage into organic production.

One of the most recent developments by the OFRF is a new website created for organic farmers at <a href="http://ofrf.org">http://ofrf.org</a>.

The site is loaded with useful information on organic research, farming policy and education including:

- Organic Science Fridays feature (under the research tab). The most recent posts include "When 100% Organic Beer Means Organic" and "Five Years Later Scientist Still Thinks Organic Can Feed the World".
- 2012 Organic Land Grand Assessment (under the education tab). This publication reports on an examination of the organic research, education and extension of 72 land grant institutions.
- Organic Farming for Health and Prosperity (on the home page). This publication reports on the benefits that organic agriculture can provide based on a review of scientific literature.

New information is added every month. The site also includes a signup to receive updated e-news.

#### **Sourcing Organic Seed Will Get Easier this October**

Elsa Sánchez, Penn State Plant Science, The Vegetable & Small Fruit Gazette, Vol. 16, Issue 9, Sept. 2012

The Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA) has developed the Organic Seed Finder, a web-based database to link growers seeking organic seed with suppliers. Chet Boruff, the Chief Executive Officer of the AOSCA, and Kristina Hubbard, director of advocacy and communication for the Organic Seed Alliance (OSA), presented a webinar through eOrganic on this new tool. If you are interested in viewing the webinar, it is archived at <a href="https://www.extension.org/pages/25242">www.extension.org/pages/25242</a>.

Organic seed is fundamental to the success of the growing organic industry. As the presenters stated, "when organic growers have seed that performs well in organic systems, the entire organic food industry benefits." However, the availability of organic seed has not met demand. A farmer survey including respondents from 45 states conducted by the OSA found that only 20% used 100% organic seed. The remaining 80% pointed to a lack of availability or equivalency.

The AOSCA developed the Organic Seed Finder as a resource for growers seeking organic seed and also to assist organic certifying agencies in the verification of potential seed sources. It is currently working with seed companies to build the database.

The database has listings for field crops, vegetables and herbs and uses a simple search to narrow down available organic cultivars. For example, when looking for organic tomato cultivars the search prompts you to select the type—cherry, grape, paste/plum, processing, slicing or miscellaneous; days to maturity; color and disease resistance. Cultivars meeting the criteria selected are then shown, along with a link to the seed company offering each cultivar.

The public launch of the Organic Seed Finder is October 1<sup>st</sup> at www.organicseedfinder.org.

#### **Rutgers Fact Sheets**

**New Releases** 

FS368 Establishing and Managing Horse Pastures

Written by: Bamka, W., Williams, C., Gladney, L., and Justing, J.

E341 Landscaping for Water Conservation

Written by: Mangiafico, S., Obropta, C., Rossi-Griffin, E., and Higgins, C.

These fact sheets and many other may be assessed through the Rutgers website: http://njaes.rutgers.edu/ Follow the "publications" link to retrieve all fact sheets.

#### NOP Adds Materials to the National List

Pennsylvania Certified Organic Emarketplace, August 22, 2012 The Vegetable & Small Fruit Gazette, Vol. 16, Issue 9, Sept. 2012

The National Organic Program (NOP) has recently published a final rule to amend the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances, effective August 3, 2012.

- Apple and pear producers may continue to use tetracycline until October 21, 2014 to control fire blight.
- Honey producers now have the option of using formic acid as a means of controlling varroa and tracheal mites in organic honeybee operations.
- Processors now have the option of using attapulgite, a non-synthetic processing aid, for purification of plant and animal oils.

Link to Federal Register announcement: http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5099716

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#### **Calendar of Important Events**

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#### October 2012

#### October 4-5

**7B Category Exam Training,** Westfield, Union County, \$270. In lieu of 40 hours training. For info call 866-851-4389 or email: classes@njpma.com

#### October 11

**Pond Maintenance to Prevent Weeds and Algae,** CCRCE, 291 Morton Ave., Rosenhayn. Class is Free, for info or to register call Viola Carson 856-451-2800 x4.

#### October 13

**NOFANJ Beg. Farmer Prog.,** Duke Farms. Free, for info contact Connie Deetz 908-371-1111, email: cdeetz@nofanj.org or visit: www.nofanj.org

#### October 16-18

Sunbelt Ag Expo., Spence Field, Moultrie, Ga. For info or to be an exhibitor visit: http://sunbeltexpo.com

#### October 18

**3A Category Exam Training,** Westfield, Union County, \$140. In lieu of 40 hours training. For info call 866-851-4389 or email: classes@njpma.com

#### October 23

**3B Category Exam Training**, Freehold, Monmouth County, \$140. In lieu of 40 hours training. For info call 866-851-4389 or email: classes@njpma.com

#### October 26-28

**Prod. Marketing Assoc. Fresh Summit Conv. & Expo,** Anaheim, Calif. For info visit: www.freshsummit.com

#### October 28-31

Pack Expo Inter., McCormick Place, Chicago, Ill. For more information visit: www.packexpo.com

#### November 2012

#### November 2-6

2012 Irrigation Show & Ed Conf., Orange Cty Conv. Center, Orlando, FL. For info visit: www.irrigation.org

#### → November 3

**Annie's Project: Keeping Books with Quicken,** RCE Somerset Cty, 310 Milltown Rd, Bridgewater. \$50 (\$100 with copy of Quicken) 10am-3pm For info or to register call Jenny Carleo 609-465-5115 x607

#### November 4-6

Inter. Pepper Conf., Naples Grande, Naples, FL. For info visit: http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/Pepper2012/

#### November 5-6

**UCGAPs Practical Skill-Building for On-Farm Assessments Workshop,** University of California, Davis. For info contact Penny Stockdale 530-752-7672 or email: pastockdale@ucdavis.edu.

#### November 6-9

**Western Growers 86th Annual Meeting,** The Grand Del Mar, San Diego, CA. For info visit: www.wgannualconvention.org

#### November 7-8

Northeast Greenhouse Conf. & Expo, DCU Ctr, Worcester, MA. For info visit:

http://www.negreenhouse.org/index.html

#### → November 8-9

**Introduction to Plant Identification,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick. 9am-3 pm, \$395 by 10/25 + 10% after. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### November 8-10

Southeast Strawberry Expo, Hilton University Place, Charlotte, NC For info email:

info@ncstrawberry.com or visit: www.ncstrawberry.org

#### November 8-10

**Fresh Produce Assoc. of the Americas Conv. and Golf Tournament,** Tubac Golf Resort, Tubac, Ariz. To register visit: http://bit.ly/4cEalF

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NJ Farm Bureau Convention, Westin Hotel, Princeton, NJ. For more information email: LizT@NJFB.org

#### November 15

**3B Category Exam Training,** Westfield, Union County, \$140. In lieu of 40 hours on-the-job-training. For more information call 866-851-4389 or email: classes@njpma.com

#### November 14-15

**Pacific Northwest Vegetable Association Conference & Trade Show,** Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, Washington. For more information call 509-585-5460 or visit: www.pnva.org

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**Annie's Project: Keeping Books with Quicken,** RAREC, 121 Northville Rd., Bridgeton. \$50 (\$100 with copy of Quicken) includes lunch. 10am-3pm. For info call 609-465-5115 x607

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**Hazardous Tree Identification Winter Session,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, 9 am-3 pm; \$245 by 11/13 + 10% after. For more info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### November 28-29

**Mississippi Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference,** Jackson, Miss. For more information call 601-955-9298, email: info@msfruitandveg.com or visit: www.msfruitandveg.com

#### November 28-December 1

Annual National Onion Association Meeting, Palm Springs, Calif. For more info visit: www.onions-usa.org

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**Large Tree Climbing Rigging,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; 9am-3:30pm; \$395 by 11/29 +10% after. For more info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### December 2012

#### December 3-5

**Washington State Horticultural Assoc. Annual Meeting,** Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, Wash. For more information contact Nicole Brunner by email: Nicole@wahort.org

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**Soil and Plant Relationships,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Ln, New Brunswick, 9am-3:30pm; \$295 by 11/19 +10% after. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### December 4-6

**Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable & Farm Market EXPO,** DeVos Place Convention Center, Grand Rapids, Mich. For info visit: www.glexpo.com

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**Snow and Ice Removal,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; 8:30am-3:30pm; \$195 by 11/21 + 10% after. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### December 6

**Cat 3A Exam Training**, Morris Plains, Morris County, \$140. In lieu of 40 hours training. For info call 866-851-4389 or email: classes@njpma.com

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**Basics of Turfgrass Mgmt,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Ln, New Brunswick, 9am-3:30pm; \$195 by 11/29 +10% after. Credits: 2-Cat. 13; 4 CORE and 1A; 5-3B and PP2. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### → December 14

**Turfgrass Establishment,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Ln, New Brunswick, 9am-3:45pm, \$195 by 11/30 +10% after. Credits: 7-3B and PP2. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

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**Water Mgmt. and Drainage,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Ln, New Brunswick, 9am-4pm; \$195 by 12/4 +10% after. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### January 2013

#### January 7-8

**Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conf.,** Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington, Ky. For more information contact John Strang 859-257-5685 or email: jstrang@uky.edu

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**Pest Mgmt. of Ornamental Plants,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Ln, New Brunswick, 9am-3:30pm; \$195 by 1/3 +10% after. Credits: 2 CORE; 8-2, 3A, 6B, 8C and PP2. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### January 8-10

**Minnesota Apple Growers Winter Conf.,** LaCrosse, Wis. For info contact Ralph Yates, 507-895-2388, email: info@minnesotaapple.org or visit: www.minnesotaapple.org

#### January 9-11

Illinois Specialty Crops, Agritourism and Organic Conf., Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Ill. For more information contact Diane Handley 309-557-3662 or email: dhandley@ilfb.org

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**Managing Diseases of Ornamental Plants,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Ln, New Brunswick, 9am-3:30pm \$195 by 12/27 +10% after. Credits: 10-2, 3A, 6B, 8C & PP2. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### January 10-12

**Great Plains Growers Conference and Trade Show,** St. Joseph, Mo. For more information contact Christy Dipman at 785-532-6173 or email: cdipman@ksu.edu or visit: www.greatplainsgrowers.org

#### January 10-13

**Southeast Regional Fruit & Vegetable Conf.,** International Trade & Conv. Center., Savannah, Ga. For more information call 877-994-3842 or visit: www.gfvga.org

#### January 15-16

**Southeastern Apple Growers Mtg**, Crowne Plaza Resort, Asheville, NC. For info contact Peggy Laughter at 828-685-3241.

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**Integrated Pest Management,** NJAES Cont. Ed, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, 9am-4pm; \$395 by 1/7 +10% after. Credits: (3 day) 8-Cat. 2; 10-3A; 11-3B; 12-PP2; 16-13 and CORE; 20-6B and 8C. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

#### January 17-18

**Upper Midwest Regional Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference,** St. Cloud Civic Center, St. Cloud, Minn. For more information call 763-434-0400, email: info@mfvga.org or visit: www.mfvga.org

#### January 20-22

**Wisconsin Fresh Fruit & Veg. Conf.,** Wisconsin Dells, Wis. Wisconsin Apple Growers. For more information call 800-722-3120, email: office@waga.org or visit: www.waga.org.

#### January 21-22

**Northwest Michigan Orchard & Vineyard Show,** Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, Mich. For info call 231-946-1510 or email: nwmihort@msu.edu

#### January 21-23

**Ohio Produce Growers & Marketers Assoc. Congress,** Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, Ohio. For info call 614-487-1117, email: opgma@ofa.org or visit: www.opgma.org

#### January 22-23

**Wisconsin Cranberry Growers School,** Holiday Inn Hotel & Conv. Center, Stevens Point, Wis. For info call 715-423-2070

#### January 22-24

**Indiana Horticultural Congress**, Wyndham West, Indianapolis. For info contact Tammy Goodale at 765-494-1296, email: tgoodale@purdue.edu or visit: www.inhortcongress.org

#### January 22-24

**Empire State Fruit & Vegetable Expo,** Oncenter Conv. Center, Syracuse, NY, For info contact Jeanette Marvin by email: nysvga@twcny.rr.com

#### January 23-26

Practical Tools & Solutions for Sustaining Family Farms, Little Rock, Ark. For info visit: www.ssawg.org

#### January 24-25

**lowa Fruit & Vegetable Growers & Marketers Conf.,** Ankeny, Iowa. For info contact Darrell Geisler 515-964-2640 or email: dkgeisler@hughes.net

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**North American Strawberry Growers Assoc. Annual Conf.,** Portland, Ore. For info contact Kevin Schooley 613-258-4587; email: info@nasga.org or visit: www.nasga.org

#### January 29-30

Ontario Processing Vegetable Industry Conference, London, Ontario. For info call 519-681-1875, email: opvg@opvg.org or visit: www.opvg.org

#### January 29-31

**Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Veg. Conv.,** Hershey Lodge, Hershey, Pa. For info contact William Troxell 717-694-3596, email: pvga@pvga.org or visit: www.mafvc.org

#### January 30-Feb. 1

**North American Raspberry & Blackberry Conf.,** Portland, Ore. For info call 919-542-4037, email: info@raspberryblackberry.com or visit: www.raspberryblackberry.com

#### February 2013

#### February 1-6

**28th Annual NAFDMA Convention,** Portland, OR. For info call the North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association 413-244-5374 or visit: www.nafdma.com

#### February 5-7

**NJ Ag Conv. & Trade Show,** NJ Vegetable Growers, Atlantic City, NJ. For info contact Rocco DiGerolamo, Jr. 856-797-1686 or visit: www.njveggies.org.

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**Nat'l Council of Ag Employers Annual Mtg,** Washington, D.C. For info contact Matthew Coffindaffer 703-790-9039; email: Matt@ncaeonline.org or visit: www.ncaeonline.org

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Pennsylvania Assoc. for Sustainable Ag (PASA) Farming for the Future Conf., Penn State Conf. Center, State College, PA. For info visit: www.pasafarming.org

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Central Jersey Veg. Meeting, Ag Building, Freehold. For more information call Madge 732-431-7260 x7261

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**MOSES Organic Farming Conference,** La Crosse, Wis. Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service. For more information call 715-778-5775 or visit: www.mosesorganic.org

#### March 2013

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**Mississippi Greenhouse Tomato Short Course,** Raymond, Miss. For more information contact Rick Snyder 601-892-3731; or email: Rick.Snyder@msstate.edu

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**California Small Farm Conference,** Fresno, Calif. For more information call 831-659-0436; email: small-farmconference@gmail.com or visit: www.californiafarmconference.com

#### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

✓ Indicates meeting will be held at RCE of Cumberland County

Pesticide Certification Exam Schedule—Cumberland County 291 Morton Avenue Millville, NJ 08332 (Between Rosenhayn & Carmel)

2012

Oct 24 Nov 7 Dec 19

**2013** 

Jan 9 Feb 6 Mar 20 Apr 3 May 1 Sept 25

To Register call 609-984-6614
For directions call 856-451-2800

Cumberland County Agriculture
Development Board
291 Morton Avenue
Millville, NJ 08332
(Between Rosenhayn & Carmel)

2012

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Reg. Meetings start at 7 p.m.
Call DeAnn at 856-453-2211

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For info call Shirley Kline, President 856-685-3784

# Cumberland County Improvement Authority (CCIA) Pesticide Container Recycling 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex
169 Jesse's Bridge Rd. (located off Route 55 Exit 29)
Deerfield Township, New Jersey
Questions? Call Karen Kritz, NJ Dept. of Ag 609-984-2506

October 19 November 16

Sincerely,

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**Pesticide User Responsibility:** Use pesticides safely and follow instructions on labels. The user is responsible for the proper use of pesticides, residues on crops, storage and disposal, as well as damages caused by drift.

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## "KEEPING BOOKS WITH QUICKEN" WITH

JANE BACKMAN, CPA

Jane is a certified public accountant with over 30 years experience in public accounting. The majority of her experience involves preparing income tax returns and financial statements for small businesses.

You will need to bring your copy of Quicken and a laptop computer.







## "Keeping Books with Quicken"

The focus of this program will be on teaching small farm owners how to keep their records to facilitate income tax preparation, manage debt and to acquire an understanding of where their sources on income are coming from and where their expenses are going.

Quicken is a powerful tool and after this course you will understand how to prepare a variety of reports to help you manage your farm business.

Offered in two locations:

November 3, 2012 at RCE of Somerset County, 310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

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Cost is \$50.00 (\$100.00 with a copy of Quicken) and includes lunch. The program runs from 10am-3pm, but participants who need help installing the software are encouraged to arrive earlier.

Please call (609) 465-5. 5115, ext 607 to register

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