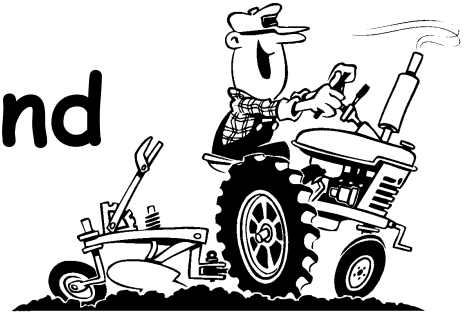


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Attachments:

Center City Fall Event

Laurie Heinerichs, Center City District

The Center City District in Philadelphia is reaching out to find a farmer that may be interested in selling pumpkins, mums, indian corn, gords, pies, etc. for the Fall Event in Center City. The event will take place October 11th, 18th and 25th; 10 am-2 pm. The Fall event will feature family & pet friendly events and activities; live music, a scarecrow exhibit, pumpkins for sale, fall inspired food and drinks.

Vendors are also being requested to sell holiday related items such as Christmas wreaths, garland, pies, jams, etc. for the "Celebrate the Season at Sister Cities Park" event. The event will take place December 6th, 13th and 20th; 10 am-2 pm; where the Sister Cities Park will be transformed into a winter wonderland.

For more information please contact Laurie Heinerichs, Senior Manager, Marketing & Events, Center City District at 215-440-5547 or email: lheinerichs@centercityphila.org

To check out the park, visit: www.sistercitiespark.org

Audit Ready:

I Received Corrective Actions, Now What?!

Meredith Melendez and Wesley Kline

Corrective actions are a normal part of the third party audit process, and it can be expected that most growers will have at least one corrective action assigned to them. The question we have been hearing from growers repeatedly this season is, "Do I have to do anything about corrective actions if I pass the audit?" The answer is YES!

If the corrective actions are not corrected or addressed prior to the next years audit there is the potential for the audit to not be completed. Auditors will arrive at the farm prepared to look at the previous years corrective actions and if they are not satisfactorily addressed the audit may be stopped. Corrective actions do not need to be fixed right away, but need to be addressed before the next audit.

One of the most common corrective actions that we are hearing about relates to not having all commodities grown at the farm audited. This presents an issue since some buyers only require one commodity audited or just the commodities sold to that buyer audited. The best way to handle this type of corrective action is to include in your food safety plan and in your documented corrective actions log that you are actively working towards adding additional commodities to the audit process. The auditors will want to see evidence of added commodities to the audit each year.

Food Safety & Third Party Audits Preparation

Wesley Kline, RCE Cumberland County

Fall is rapidly approaching and you are probably thinking about what is left to harvest and getting ready for winter. The last thing on your mind is food safety and third party audits. Who can blame you! However, now is a good time to look at your operation and decide what should be changed to comply with a third party audit or to increase your score. Too many growers wait until May or June and expect to pass an audit. Every year we get calls from growers who are told by their buyer that a third party audit is required, but they have never attended any training; have not started their plan and have no idea what they need. There is no excuse for not knowing since we have been making presentations and doing trainings since 2000. Ask anyone who has been through the process, it takes time! You are not going to decide one day to have an audit and the next pass it.

We are scheduling trainings this winter starting in December with a beginner workshop. If you are new to food safety that is the workshop to attend. Also, at the annual vegetable growers meeting in Atlantic City there will be an opportunity for training. Do not wait until next June and expect to pass your audit!

Farm Photos Needed

NJ Farm Bureau staff is currently working on the 2015 Celebrating the Garden State calendar. Once again, they would like to offer members the opportunity to submit photos for possible publication. If you have any high resolution, digital photographs of New Jersey Farm scenes and/or farm products and would like them to be considered for the 2015 calendar, please email them to Liz Thompson: lizt@njfb.org Pictures must be emailed no later than September 15th.

Farm Bureau is interested in showcasing all commodity types, regions of the state and seasons. Please note, submitted photos may also be used on the Farm Bureau website or in brochures or other NJFB promotional materials.

EMERGENCY LOANS STILL AVAILABLE FOR FARM DAMAGE FROM MAY STORM

Six Counties Granted Agricultural Natural Disaster Status
Lynne Richmond, NJ Dept. of Agriculture

New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher announced that farmers in Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties and the contiguous counties of Atlantic, Camden and Cape May can still apply for disaster assistance for farm damages stemming from a storm on May 22, 2014. The storm brought with it excessive rain, flooding, high winds and hail that caused crop damage.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture determined there were sufficient production losses due to the violent storm that whipped through the area last May to warrant a Secretarial natural disaster designation, which made farmers in the six counties eligible to be considered for assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans.

For counties to be designated as primary natural disaster areas, they must have sustained a 30 percent or greater production loss to a single crop due to the disaster. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. FSA considers each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses on the farm and the security and repayment ability of the operator.

Farmers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for details. To find a local office, visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=nj&agency=fsa>. For more information on FSA's disaster assistance programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=landing.

The Cumberland County Farm Service Agency is located at 1318 S. Main Road, Building 5, Suite A, Vineland, NJ 08360. Telephone: 856-205-1225

Soil Fumigant Toolbox

The Environmental Protection Agency has created a "Soil Fumigant Toolbox" website (<http://www2.epa.gov/soil-fumigants>) for anyone who plans to use fumigants in the future. The website covers everything from buffer zones and trap requirements; writing management plans; training for certified applicators, etc. Any new regulations and factsheets related to soil fumigation will be posted on this site.

NJ DEP On-Line Reports

To obtain up-to-date information pertaining to your pesticide license follow the steps below:

1. Go to www.state.nj.us/dep/
2. On the left column there is a list of links, click on the light blue "pesticides" link.
3. Go midway down the page and click on "Online reports". You will be directed to a page titled "dep Data Miner".
4. There will be a list of report links. If you have a commercial license, click on "Commercial Certified Pesticide Applicators-Specific Information" link and for a private license, click on "Private Certified Pesticide Applicators—Specific Information" link.
5. The next screen you will need to enter personal information such as your license number, birthdate and last four digits of your social security number. After entering the above information, click ok and you should be directed to information pertaining to your personal license. This report will tell you how many credits you have earned and when your license expires.

Equine Scholarship Offered

Lynne Richmond

The New Jersey Equine Advisory Board is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to help 4H and FFA members pursue their equine activities. Members of organizations represented on the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board also are eligible. Applicants must be New Jersey residents between the ages of 13 and 16.

The Sara Dubinin Scholarship, in memory of Sara Dubinin who loved horses, will be presented at the New Jersey Bred Equine Breeder Awards Luncheon on January 25, 2015 at Charley's Other Brother Restaurant in Eastampton.

Sara, a Sayreville resident, graduated from Cardinal McCarrick High School in South Amboy in 2006. The 19-year-old was attending Middlesex County College when she succumbed to injuries in a motor vehicle accident in September of 2007.

Those interested in receiving the scholarship must submit an application form including an essay on "How horses have affected my life and how horses figure into my future". The application can be found at www.jerseyequine.nj.gov/dubininapplicationform.pdf. Consideration of applications will be weighted upon the candidate's financial need.

The deadline to submit the essay is January 2, 2015. It can be submitted to Lynn Mathews, 609-292-2888 or lynn.mathews@ag.state.nj.us

Calendar of Important Events

↻ Indicates the newly added event since last calendar

September 2014

September 23-25

19th Annual Fresh-Cut Products, Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center, University of California, Davis. For more information contact Penny Stockdale 530-752-7672 or email: pastockdale@ucdavis.edu

September 29-30

Sensory Evaluation, Rutgers Cont. Ed., 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; \$845 by 9/15; \$895 after. For more info call 7632-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu/food

October 2014

October 1

Statistics for Food Scientists, Rutgers Cont. Ed., 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; \$395 by 9/17; \$425 after. For more info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu/food

October 7-10

National Association of Convenience Stores Show, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. For more information call NACS Registration 800-521-7621 or email: nacsregistration@epicreg.com

↻ **October 13**

Emergency Pesticide Recertification Seminar, Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; \$245 by 9/29; \$265 after; 9am-4pm. Pesticide credits: 5 in 3B; 2 in 3A and PP2; 4 in CORE & 6B. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

October 15-17

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point Plan Development for Food Processors, Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; \$945 by 10/1; \$995 after. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu/food

October 17-19

Produce Marketing Assoc. Fresh Summit, Anaheim, Calif. For more information visit: www.freshsummit.com

↻ **October 20**

Pesticide Calibration, 9am-1pm; Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; \$195 by 10/6; \$210 after. Pesticide credits: 8 CORE. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

↻ **October 21**

Emergency Pesticide 1/2 Day Classes in 3A & 3B; 10/21 9am-noon (3A with 6 credits) and 10/21 1pm-4pm (3B with 6 credits); \$175 by 10/7; \$190 after; Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

November 2014

November 2-5

Western Growers Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas. For info visit: www.wgannualmeeting.com

November 4-6

Produce Safety: A science-based Framework Workshop, University of California Davis. For info call 530-752-7672.

November 6

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey Fall Field Day & Trade Show, Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, South Amboy, NJ. Free Admission. For more information call 856-514-3179

📅 **November 6 or 7**

Introduction to Plant Identification, 9am-3:30pm; Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; \$395 by 10/23; \$430 after. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

November 9-11

International Hotel, Motel & Restaurant Show, Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, New York City. For more information call 508-743-8513; email: IHMRS-BDNY@xpressreg.net or visit: www.ihmrs.com

November 12-13

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

📅 **November 17-18**

Large Tree Climbing and Rigging, Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; 9am-3:30pm; \$395 by 11/3; \$430 after. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

November 17-19

2014 Southeast Strawberry Expo, Pinehurst, North Carolina. For more information visit: www.ncstrawberry.com

November 17-21

2014 Irrigation Show & Ed. Conf., Phoenix Irrigation Association. For more information visit: www.irrigation.org

November 19-21

Better Process Control School, Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; \$995 by 11/5 \$1,095 after. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu/food

📅 **November 25**

Hazardous Tree Identification, Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; \$245 by 11/11; \$270 after; 9am-3:30pm. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 2014📅 **December 1-3**

Washington State Horticultural Association Annual Meeting, Tri-Cities, Wash. For more information call 509-665-9641 or visit: www.wahort.org

📅 **December 1 & 8**

Soil and Plant Relationships, Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; 9am-3:30pm; \$295 by 11/17; \$325 after. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 2-3

29th Annual Southeast Vegetable & Fruit Expo, Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites, Myrtle Beach, S.C. For more information visit: www.ncvga.com

📅 **December 3**

Managing Turfgrass Insects, Rutgers Cont. Ed., 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; 9am-3:30pm; \$195 by 11/19; \$210 after. For info call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 4

Snow & Ice Removal, Rutgers Continuing Education, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick; 8:30am-3:30pm; \$195 by 11/20; \$210 after. For more information call 732-932-9271 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 9-11

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

January 2015**January 7-9**

Illinois Specialty Crops, Agritourism and Organic Conference, Springfield, Ill. For more information call 309-557-2107 or email: cblary@ilfb.org

January 8-11

Southeast Regional Fruit & Vegetable Conference, Savannah, Ga. For more information visit: www.seregionalconference.com

January 19-21

2015 OPGMA Congress, Kalahari Resort & Conv. Center, Sandusky, Ohio. For more information visit: www.opgma.org

January 20-22

Empire State Fruit & Vegetable Expo, Oncenter Convention Center, Syracuse, NY. For more information contact Jeanette Marvin at: nysvga@twcny.rr.com

January 20-22

Indiana Hort Congress, Wyndham Indianapolis West, Indianapolis. For more information visit: www.inhortcongress.org

January 21-22

WSCGA Winter Meeting & Trade Show, Wisconsin Cranberry School, Stevens Point, Wis. For more information visit: www.wiscran.org

January 22-23

Upper Midwest Regional Fruit & Vegetable Growers Conference, for more information contact Paul Huginin at Paul.Huginin@state.mn.us

January 27-29

Mid-Atlantic Fruit & Vegetable Convention, Hershey, PA. For more information visit: www.mafvc.org

Have you visited the Cumberland County website for the Present and/or past issues of "Cultivating Cumberland"? It's a great resource for information and dates.....

<http://Cumberland.njaes.rutgers.edu/>

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

✓ Indicates meeting will be held at RCE of Cumberland County

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| <p>✓</p> <p>Pesticide Certification Exam Schedule—Cumberland County 291 Morton Avenue Millville, NJ 08332 (Between Rosenhayn & Carmel)</p> <p><u>2014</u></p> <p>Sep 4 Nov 20</p> <p>To Register call 609-984-6614 For directions call 856-451-2800</p> <p>*****</p> | <p>✓</p> <p>Cumberland County Agriculture Development Board 291 Morton Avenue Millville, NJ 08332 (Between Rosenhayn & Carmel)</p> <p><u>2014</u></p> <p>Sept 10 Oct 8 Nov 12 Dec 10</p> <p>*Call for location of meeting Reg. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Call DeAnn at 856-453-2211</p> <p>*****</p> | <p>✓</p> <p>Cumberland County Board Of Agriculture 291 Morton Avenue Millville, NJ 08332 (Between Rosenhayn & Carmel) 7 pm meetings</p> <p><u>2014</u></p> <p>Sept 18 Oct 16 Nov 20 Dec 18</p> <p>For info call Shirley Kline, President 856-685-3784</p> <p>*****</p> |
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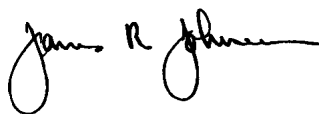
**Cumberland County Improvement Authority (CCIA)
Pesticide Container Recycling
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**

Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex
169 Jesse's Bridge Rd. (located off Route 55 Exit 29)
Deerfield Township, New Jersey

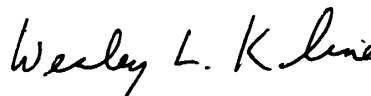
Questions? Call Division of Ag & Natural Resources, NJ Dept. of Ag 609-292-5532

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