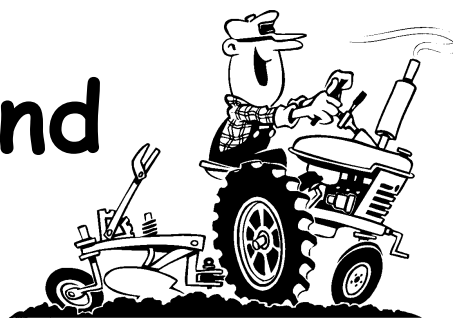


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USDA TO SURVEY FRUIT GROWERS ABOUT CHEMICAL USE

National Agricultural Statistics Service, Harrisburg, PA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey fruit growers in 12 states, including Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, for its biennial Fruit Chemical Use Survey.

The survey will collect information on bearing acreage, pest management practices, pesticide application, acres treated and rates applied to more than 22 fruit crops nationally. Five crops are represented in our Northeastern Region.

"Pesticide data makes this survey a vital tool for the entire fruit production sector in the United States," said King Whetstone, director of the Northeastern Regional Field Office. "I hope every grower understands the importance of this data and will take the time to respond if they receive this survey."

The Fruit Chemical Use Survey will provide much needed information about the current crop production practices used in the United States. The results of this survey will paint a detailed picture of pesticide use, as well as other pest management practices used by the fruit growers across the nation.

"Growers benefit from providing this information because it is used to re-register products for their use, to illustrate the industry's environmental practices and to assure the quality of U.S. food to consumers here and around the world," said Whetstone.

Within the next few weeks NASS representatives will contact selected PA, NY and NJ growers to arrange in-person interviews for conducting the survey. The results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law.

Survey results will be published in NASS's online database, *Quick Stats*, in July 2018. This database and all NASS reports are available on the chemical use survey program web site: [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide to NASS Surveys/Chemical Use/index.php](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Surveys/Guide%20to%20NASS%20Surveys/Chemical%20Use/index.php).

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at 1-800-498-1518.

FSMA Compliance Dates Update

Produce Safety Alliance

Business Size	Compliance Dates for Sprouts	Compliance Dates for Most Produce	Water Related Compliance Dates ¹	Compliance Date for Qualified Exemption Labeling Requirement ²	Compliance Date for Retention of Records Supporting a Qualified Exemption
All other businesses (>\$500K)	1/26/17	1/26/18	1/26/22	1/1/2020	1/26/16
Small businesses (>\$250K-\$500K) ³	1/26/18	1/28/19	1/26/23	1/1/2020	1/26/16
Very Small businesses (>\$25K-\$250K) ⁴	1/28/19	1/27/20	1/26/24	1/1/2020	1/26/16

¹According to the **Proposed Rule** issued 9/13/17, Compliance dates for Subpart E, Agricultural Water, allow an additional four years.

²A farm eligible for a qualified exemption must notify consumers as to the complete business address of the farm where the food is grown, harvested, packed and held.

³A farm is a small business if, on a rolling basis, the average annual monetary value of produce sold during the previous 3-year period is no more than \$500,000.

⁴A farm is a very small business if, on a rolling basis, the average annual monetary value of produce sold during the previous 3-year period is no more than \$250,000.

Before the compliance date, every covered farm that does not qualify for an exemption must have a supervisor (such as a farm owner/operator) complete a standardized food safety training program. You can find out more about food safety training from the Produce Safety Alliance:

<https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/training>

Food and Drug Administration Extend Inspection Date

The FDA is delaying the start of inspections under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) from January 2018 to January 2019 for the operations over \$500,000.

Compliance dates have not changed which means growers over \$500,000 need to start complying in January 2018 for everything except water and biological soil amendments of animal origin.

The extra year for inspections will give growers the opportunity to receive the required training and participate in an on-farm readiness review to see if they are ready to comply.

Soil & Water Conservation Cost-Share Grants Update

Recently, the SADC's FY17 appropriations request was signed by Governor Christie. Three percent of the funding requested by SADC, approximately \$1.5 million dollars, was set aside for stewardship activities, including but not limited to Soil and Water Cost Share Grants (S&W Grants) as codified at N.J.A.C. 2:90-2, 3 and 2:76-5.

SADC is making at least \$500,000 available to eligible farmers and landowners for S&W Grants.

SADC Policy P-48 sets the cost share rate for the program and prioritizes applications. Under P-48, S&W Grants are awarded for 50% of the actual cost of installing a conservation project, not to exceed the estimated cost of the project at the time of application. Applications will be funded until available funds are expended.

Should it become necessary to prioritize applications due to a shortage of funding, first priority will be given to farms that are permanently preserved through the SADC, through a TDR program, or 8-year preserved properties in the Pinelands if PDCs have been severed and deed restrictions recorded pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:50-5.47.

Farms enrolled in the 8-year program will be second priority. Should additional prioritization be required, the following application approval dates will be utilized to determine priority:

- ◇ Date of State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) approval;
- ◇ Date SSCC received the application;
- ◇ Date of local Soil Conservation District (SCD) approval; and
- ◇ Date of local United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service approval.

In order to meet the anticipated demand for S&W Grants, SADC entered into an agreement with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to offer technical assistance to farmers and landowners.

NRCS will develop conservation plans, complete S&W Grant applications, design projects and verify conservation practices are installed to NRCS standard before SADC approves payment. Farmers and landowners interested in S&W Grants should contact their local NRCS office to apply.

The following practices are eligible for cost-share through S&W Grants:

- ◆ Terrace systems
- ◆ Diversions
- ◆ Contour farming
- ◆ Strip-cropping systems
- ◆ Sod Waterways
- ◆ Windbreak restoration or establishment
- ◆ Stream protection
- ◆ Permanent vegetative cover or critical areas
- ◆ Land shaping or grading
- ◆ Water impoundment reservoirs
- ◆ Irrigation systems
- ◆ Sediment retention, erosion or water control structures
- ◆ Permanent open drainage systems
- ◆ Underground drainage systems
- ◆ Developing facilities for livestock water
- ◆ Forest tree stand improvement
- ◆ Forest tree plantations
- ◆ Site preparation for natural regeneration
- ◆ Animal waste control facilities
- ◆ Agrichemical handling facility

If you have any questions regarding the S&W Grant program, please contact Dave Clapp at 609-984-2504 or email: david.clapp@ag.state.nj.us

Northeast SARE Farmer Grants Applications

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A call for Farmer Grant Applications has been announced. Applications are due online by Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Farmer grants are for farm business owners and managers who have an innovative idea they want to test using a field trial, on-farm demonstration, marketing initiative, or other technique. Projects should seek results other farmers can use and must have the potential to add to our region's knowledge about effective sustainable practices. A narrated slide presentation provides an overview of the Farmer Grants program.

Awards are capped at \$15,000 and projects may address the wide range of issues that affect farming throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Applicants must work with a technical advisor who serves in a consulting capacity.

Visit: nesare.org/FarmerGrant for the following materials and helpful tools:

- ◆ Application instructions
- ◆ Budget Template
- ◆ A tip sheet for technical advisors
- ◆ "What is a Farm?" Definition

The Grant Timeline is as follows:

- ◆ December 5, 2017: Online applications due
- ◆ March 2018: Awards Announced
- ◆ Spring 2018: Project begin and can run for up to two years

The Northeast SARE region is made up of Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Northeast SARE programs are offered to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or familial status.

Calendar of Important Events

📅 Indicates the newly added event since last calendar

November 2017

📅 November 8

NJNLA Landscape/Greenhouse Conference, Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ. Members \$85/non-members \$125; breakfast/lunch included. For more info call 609-291-7070 or visit: njnla.org

November 9

Protecting Water Quality with Good Landscape Practices, Peach Country Tractor, 1463 N. Tuckahoe Rd., Williamstown, NJ, 10am-12 noon. For info or to register contact Stephanie Smith at 856-589-3953 x1.

November 9-10

Introduction to Plant Identification, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; \$395 by 10/26; \$430 after, 9am-3:30pm. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. For more information contact Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

November 13-14

Large Tree Climbing and Rigging, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; \$395 by 10/30; \$430 after, 9am-3:30pm. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. For more information contact Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

November 13-14

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Princeton Westin at Forrestal Village. For info call 609-393-7163

📅 November 15-16

Pacific Northwest Vegetable Assoc. 31st Annual Conference, Three Rivers Convention Center, 7016 W. Grandridge Blvd., Kennewick, WA. For more info visit: www.pnva.org or call 509-585-5460

November 21

Municipal Shade Tree Management, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; \$245 by 11/7; \$270 after, 9am-3:30pm. Continental breakfast & lunch provided. For more information contact Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

November 28

Snow and Ice Removal, Cook Student Center, 59 Biel Rd., New Brunswick, NJ; \$195 by 11/14; \$210 after, 8:30am-3:30pm. Continental breakfast & lunch provided. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

November 29-30

Food Safety Modernization Act: Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training and Third Party Audit, Rutgers Snyder Research Farm, 140 Locust Grove Rd., Pittstown, NJ; \$50 day 1; \$25 day 2 per person. Day 2 optional day covering third party audits, both days include lunch. Registration required by Nov. 22. To register visit: <https://rutgersonfarmfoodsafety.eventbrite.com> or contact Tammy 856-451-2800 x1.

📅 November 29-December 1

NCAE Labor Forum, Tropicana, 3801 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV. For more information contact: 202-629-9320 or email: Meghan@ncaeonline.org

November 30

Irrigation Systems: Repair and Maintenance, Rutgers Continuing Ed., Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-4pm; \$245 by 11/16; \$270 after. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

December 2017

December 1

Managing Turfgrass Insects, Rutgers Continuing Ed., Extension Conf. Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-3:30pm; \$195 by 11/17; \$210 after. Pesticide credits: 5 for cat. 10, 4 for cat. 13, 11 for 3B and 8 for 8C. For info call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 4-5

Practical Food Microbiology, Rutgers Continuing Education, University Inn & Conference Center, 178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-3:30pm, Check in 8:30 a.m. Registration \$795 by 11/20; \$825 after. For more information call 848-932-7315 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu/food

December 4 & 11

Soil and Plant Relationships, Extension Conf. Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-3:30pm; \$295 by 11/20; \$325 after. For info call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 5-7

Great Lakes, Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market EXPO, Devos Place Convention Center & Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich. For information email Benjamin Phillips: phil406@anr.msu.edu

December 11-14

New England Vegetable & Fruit Conference, Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH. For more information contact Mark Hutton at 207-933-2100

December 13

Hazardous Tree Identification (Session 1), Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-3:30pm, \$245 by 11/29; \$270 after. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 13-14

Food Safety Modernization Act: Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training & Third Party Audits, Rutgers Cooperative Ext., 291 Morton Ave., Millville, NJ; \$50 day 1, \$25 day 2 per person. Day 2 optional covering third party audits. Registration required by Dec. 6. To register visit: <https://rutgersonfarmfoodsafety.eventbrite.com> or call Tammy 856-451-2800 x1.

December 13-14

Organic Grower Summit, Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel, Monterey, CA. For info call 831-884-5058

December 14

NJ Fertilizer Recertification Program, Cook Student Center, 59 Biel Rd., New Brunswick, 8:30am - 1pm, \$145 per person with multiple person discounts, NJ Fertilizer credits - 8 units. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317

December 15

It's Not the Economy-It's You!, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, 9am-3:30pm; \$195 by 12/1; \$210 after. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 18

Growing Ornamental Plants, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, 9am-3:30pm, \$195 by 12/4; \$210 after. Credits: 4 each in 3A & PP2. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317

December 19

Basics of Turfgrass Management, Ralph Geiger Turfgrass Center, 20 Indyk-Engel Way, New Brunswick; \$195 by 12/5; \$210 after. Pesticide credits: 10-3B and 2 CORE. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 20

Water Management and Drainage, Ralph Geiger Turfgrass Center, 20 Indyk-Engel Way, New Brunswick, 9am-4pm; \$195 by 12/6; \$210 after. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

December 21

Common Sense Business and Pricing Strategies, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, 9am-4pm; \$195 by 12/7; \$210 after. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317

January 2018**January 3**

Pest Management of Ornamental Landscape Plants, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-3:30pm; \$195 by 12/26; \$210 after. Credits: 4-3B and 8-3A & PP2. Continental breakfast and lunch included. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

January 5-March 16

Landscape Plants: Identification, Selection and Application, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 8:30am-12pm; \$895 by 12/22; \$950 after. Continental breakfast will be provided each day. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

January 5-February 23

Landscape Design I: The Basics, Blake Hall, Studio Room 244, 93 Lipman Drive, New Brunswick, NJ; 1-4:30pm; \$745 by 12/22; \$795 after. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

January 8

Managing Diseases of Ornamental Landscape Plants, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-3:30pm; \$195 by 12/22; \$210 after. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317 or visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu

📍 January 8-9

Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference, Embassy Suites, Lexington, KY. For more information visit: www.uky.edu.

📍 January 9-11

Integrated Pest Management, Rutgers Continuing Education, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-4pm; \$395 by 12/22; \$430 after. Pesticide credits: Day 1: 2 Core, 5-3A, 9-3B & 13, 3 Days: 2 Core, 4-10, 12-1A, 13 & PP2; 14-3B and 16-3A. For more information call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317

📍 January 11-14

Southeast Regional Fruit & Vegetable Conference, Savannah, GA. For more information visit: www.seregionalconference.com, email: registration@gfvga.org or call 706-407-2264

📅 January 12-12

2018 Illinois Specialty Crops, Agritourism and Organic Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, IL. For more information or to be mailed a 2018 conference brochure, contact: Illinois Specialty Growers Assoc., 1701 Towanda Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701, call 309-557-2107, fax 309-57-3729 or email: cblary@ilfb.org

📅 January 12-12

MANTS, Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show, Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt St., Baltimore, MD. For more information visit: www.mants.com

📅 January 12

27th Annual Rutgers Turfgrass symposium, School of Environmental & Biological Sciences, Rutgers University, Foran Hall, Room 138A; 8:30am-4:00pm, for more information contact Barbara Fitzgerald 848-932-6201 or Barbara.fitzgerald@rutgers.edu

📅 January 15-17

2018 Ohio Produce Network, Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Sandusky, Ohio. For more information visit: www.opgma.org or call 740-828-3400

📅 January 16

Irrigation Systems for Athletic Fields, Rutgers Continuing Education, Extension Conf. Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-4pm; \$225 by 1/2; \$240 after. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. For more information visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu or call: Joe Canzano 848-932-7317

January 16-18

2018 Empire State Producers Expo, SRC Arena & Event Center, Syracuse, NY. For more information visit: www.nysvga.org/expo/information/

📅 January 17

Concrete Pavers, Rutgers Continuing Education, Extension Conf. Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 9am-3:30pm; \$245 by 1/3; \$270 after. For more information visit: www.cpe.rutgers.edu or call Joe Canzano 848-932-7317

📅 January 21-23

Wisconsin Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Conference, Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI. For more information call 888-443-3639

January 30-February 1

2018 Mid-Atlantic Fruit & Vegetable Convention, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Member registration: \$75 advanced; walk-in \$90. Non-member registration \$125 one day or \$165 three days. Pre-registration for workshops and tour is required. For more information call Maureen Irvin 717-677-4184 or visit: www.mafvc.org

February 2018

February 7-9

NJ Agricultural Convention & Trade Show, Harrahs Resort and Waterfront Conference Center, Atlantic City, NJ. For more information call Donna Dugan at donnava52010@comcast.net.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

✓ Indicates meeting will be held at RCE of Cumberland County

<p>✓</p> <p>Pesticide Certification Exam Schedule—Cumberland County 291 Morton Avenue Millville, NJ 08332 (Between Rosenhayn & Carmel)</p> <p><u>2018</u></p> <p>Feb 15 Mar 15 Apr 19 May 17 Sep 20 Oct 18</p> <p>To Register call 609-984-6614 For directions call 856-451-2800 *****</p>	<p>Cumberland County Agriculture Development Board County Administration Bldg. Freeholder Room 164 W. Broad Street Bridgeton, NJ 08332</p> <p><u>2017</u></p> <p>Nov 14 Dec 12</p> <p>Reg. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Information call 856-453-2211 *****</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>Cumberland County Board Of Agriculture 291 Morton Avenue Millville, NJ 08332 (Between Rosenhayn & Carmel) 7 pm meetings</p> <p><u>2017</u></p> <p>Nov 16 Dec 21</p> <p>For info call Hillary Barile, President 856-453-1192 *****</p>
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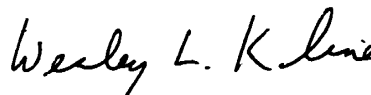
**Cumberland County Improvement Authority (CCIA)
Pesticide Container Recycling
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**
Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex
169 Jesse's Bridge Rd. (located off Route 55 Exit 29)
Deerfield Township, New Jersey
Questions? Call Division of Ag & Natural Resources, NJ Dept. of Ag 609-292-2242

Nov 17

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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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.....

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2017

- November 29 and 30– **FSMA– Produce Rule Training and Third Party Audits**, Rutgers Snyder Research Farm, 140 Locust Grove Rd, Pittstown, NJ 08867. \$50.00 for day 1 or \$75.00 for both days, 9am-4pm. Lunch included.
- December 13 and 14- **FSMA– Produce Rule Training and Third Party Audits**, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cumberland County, 291 Morton Avenue, Millville, NJ 08332. \$50.00 for day 1 or \$75.00 for both days, 9am-4pm. Lunch included.

2018

- February 8- **FSMA– Produce Rule Training**, NJ Agricultural Convention & Trade Show, 777 Harrahs Blvd, Atlantic City, NJ 08401. \$35.00 per person, register online or at the door. 9am-4pm. Lunch not included
- February 20 and 21, **FSMA– Produce Rule Training and Third Party Audits**, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County, 930 Spruce Street, Trenton, NJ 08648. \$50.00 for day 1 or \$75.00 for both days, 9am-4pm. Lunch included.
- February 28 and March 1, **FSMA– Produce Rule Training and Third Party Audits**, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cumberland County, 291 Morton Avenue, Millville, NJ 08332. \$50.00 for day 1 or \$75.00 for both days, 9am-4pm. Lunch included.
- March 14, 2018, **FSMA– Produce Rule Training for Blueberry Growers**, Philip E. Marucci Center for Blueberry and Cranberry Research, 125a Lake Oswego, Chatsworth, NJ 08019. \$50.00 per person, 9am-4pm. Lunch included.

Who should attend:

- Fruit and Vegetable Growers
- Others interested in produce safety, good agricultural practices/third party audits and the Food Safety Modernization Act.

* Meets the FDA requirements for the FSMA Produce Rule Training

To **register** or for more information please visit:

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What to Expect at the PSA Grower Training Course

The trainers will spend approximately seven hours of instruction time to cover content contained in these seven modules:

- Introduction to Produce Safety
- Worker Health, Hygiene, and Training;
- Soil Amendments
- Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use
- Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water)
- Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
- How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan

In addition to learning about produce safety best practices, parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module. There will be time for questions and discussion.

Benefits of Attending the Course

Individuals who participate in this course are expected to gain a basic understanding of:

- Microorganisms relevant to produce safety and where they may be found on the farm
- How to identify microbial risks, practices that reduce risks, and how to begin implementing produce safety practice on the farm
- Parts of a farm food safety plan and how to begin writing one
- Requirements in the FSMA Produce Safety Rule and how to meet them.

After attending the entire course, participants will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) that verifies completion of the training course. To receive an AFDO certificate, a participant must be present for the entire training and submit the appropriate paperwork to their trainer at the end of the course.

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What: Food Safety Training

When: November 29 and 30, 2017 from 9 am-4 pm

Where: Rutgers Snyder Research Farm, 140 Locust Grove Rd, Pittstown, NJ 08867

Details: \$50.00 per person on Day 1 (FSMA Produce Safety Rule Grower Training)

\$25.00 per person on Day 2 (optional day, Third Party Audits)

Lunch included both days.

Deadline to Register is November 22, 2017.

Who should attend:

- Fruit and Vegetable Growers
- Others interested in produce safety, good agricultural practices/third party audits and the Food Safety Modernization Act.

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**Food Safety Modernization Act:
Produce Safety Alliance
Grower Training and Third Party Audits**

What: Food Safety Training

When: December 13 and 14 from 9 am-4 pm

Where: Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cumberland County, 291 Morton Avenue, Millville, NJ 08332

Details: \$50.00 per person on Day 1 (FSMA Produce Safety Rule Grower Training)

\$25.00 per person on Day 2 (optional day, Third Party Audits)

Lunch included both days.

Deadline to Register is December 6, 2017.

Who should attend:

- Fruit and Vegetable Growers
- Others interested in produce safety, good agricultural practices/third party audits and the Food Safety Modernization Act.

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Beach plums are a new orchard fruit crop that are native to New Jersey and great for value-added products such as jam, jelly, craft beverages and more.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Class 6-8 p.m.

\$20

Choose a location in NJ:

- Cape May Court House
- Bridgewater
- West Windsor

Participants will:

- ◆ Take a *virtual fieldtrip*
- ◆ Participate in a panel discussion with specialists and farmers
- ◆ Complete a risk assessment to determine if growing beach plums is right for you
- ◆ Learn how to make more money on less land

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Save the Date! Ultra-Niche: Farming Asparagus

Tuesday, December 12

5:30 dinner, Class 6-8 p.m., Cost \$20

Bridgeton, Bridgewater, Bordentown

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Choose a location in NJ:

- ◆ **Bordentown**
- ◆ **Bridgeton**
- ◆ **Bridgewater**

Asparagus is a perennial crop that lends itself well to small-scale and part-time farming operations. If well cared for the plantings can last for decades.

Participants will:

- ◆ Take a *virtual fieldtrip*
- ◆ Participate in a panel discussion with specialists and farmer Tom Sheppard , Sheppard Farms, Cedarville, New Jersey
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