

Cultivating Cumberland

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New Jersey Fresh Website

The Jersey Fresh marketing team has a brand new website: findjerseyfresh.com. The new domain name was chosen for good reason. The site is singularly focused on connecting consumers, distributors and retailers with growers of Jersey Fresh produce, NJ wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. With this in mind, the new website features a completely reimagined Wholesale Buyers Guide and interactive mapping capabilities with the goal to serve as a match-making resource for consumers and buyers to find Jersey Fresh produce and products. And we hope it will help yield more visibility for businesses like yours.

A large part of the success of the new website is complete and accurate information on where people can find Jersey Fresh...and that's where we need your help. If you have yet to provide us with information about your business, we hope that you will now. There are several business types that can register:

- Wholesalers & Distributors
- On-Farm Markets & CSAs
- Wineries, Breweries & Distilleries (sourcing local, Jersey inputs for regular or special product runs)
- Restaurants (sourcing local, Jersey produce for use in menu items)
- Community Farmers Markets

The Jersey Fresh marketing team will use the details to expand the list of growers and provide you with unique login information which will allow you complete access to your profile. For the first time, you will be able to manage and update your own business profile, ensuring that only the most up-to-date information and events are included. To sign up go to findjerseyfresh.com and scroll to the bottom of the page below the map. Click on the tab labeled "Growers, Suppliers & Buyers" then follow the instructions.

Any questions or if additional information is needed, please reply to this email or call the Marketing office at 609-292-5536.

Tom Beaver
Director
Division of Marketing and Development
New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Grow, Process, Market, Eat! ... Value-Added Grains

Due to the burgeoning local foods movement, demand for organically grown grains far outstrips supply in our region.

Join us for a twilight field event at the Rutgers University Snyder Farm (140 Locust Grove Rd., Pittstown, NJ 08867) to discover whether a grain enterprise can work for your farm.

The event, hosted by the Northeast Organic Growers Association of New Jersey (NOFA-NJ) and the Organic Growers' Research and Information-Sharing Network (OGRIN), will include:

- A field tour of over 30 different varieties/landraces of spring- and fall-planted grains, including modern, heritage, and ancient wheats, ryes, malting and edible barleys, hullless oats, buckwheat, and flax. Experienced grain growers will join Drs. Elizabeth Dyck (OGRIN) and Joseph Heckman (Rutgers Soil Fertility Specialist) to discuss management strategies that produce high-quality products and profitable market opportunities.
- A demonstration of affordable, small-scale grain processing equipment (some of it farmer-made), including used and new grain cleaners, an oat roller, and dehullers for use with spelt, emmer, and einkorn.
- A tasting of many of the grains you've just seen in the field. The tasting will include cooked grains—wheat, barley, rye, einkorn, emmer, and spelt—and dishes and baked goods prepared by local chefs and bakers

Admission fee of:
\$20 for NOFA-NJ members
\$30 for nonmembers

Where
Rutgers University Snyder Farm
140 Locust Grove Road
Pittstown, NJ 08867

When
June 26, 2018
4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

For more information on the event, contact Elizabeth Dyck; Phone: 607-895-6913; Email: edyck@ogrin.org

This event is funded, in part, through NE SARE Research and Education grant LNE17-357 *Farmer-generated training and equipment solutions for producing and processing value-added grains.*

2018 PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

Rutgers Fruit Research Center

283 Route 539

Cream Ridge, NJ 08514

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to Noon

April 1 - October 31

This program is offered to agricultural, professional and commercial pesticide applicators who hold a NJDEP pesticide license. State, county and municipal government agencies may also participate. A representative from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture will be on-site to inspect the containers and issue one core credit to pesticide license holders who follow all of the required processing steps. To receive credit, participants must bring their pesticide license to the collection site. Core credits will not be issued to participants who fail to follow all of the pesticide container processing steps.

Plastic Pesticide Container Processing Steps & Size Limits:

- 1) All pesticide containers must be either triple rinsed or pressure rinsed and drained and;
- 2) All pesticide containers must be free of residue (other than stains);
- 3) The booklet must be removed (you DO NOT have to remove the paper labels glued to the container or the plastic sleeves);
- 4) Foil seal must be removed;
- 5) Only non-refillable pesticide containers will be accepted – you should drill a ¼-inch hole in the container or with a utility knife make a slit in the of the container so the container will not hold liquids;
- 6) Only pesticide containers embossed with HDPE or the recycling #2 will be accepted;
- 7) Pesticide containers up to 55-gallons in capacity will be accepted. 5-gallon pales must be cut in half; 30-gallon containers into at least 4 pieces; and 55-gallon containers into at least 6 pieces. This can be accomplished using a sawzall, chainsaw, circular saw, or reciprocating saw. It is not necessary to cut up containers less than 5-gallons; and
- 8) Pesticide containers must have originally held an EPA registered pesticide.

Items That Will Not Be Accepted and Will be Returned to the Recipient:

- 1) Pesticide containers with dried formulation on the container, pour spout or the spout threads;
- 2) Pesticide containers with liquid residue;
- 3) Pesticide containers where the insides are caked with dried residue;
- 4) Mini-bulk, saddle tanks and nurse tanks, which can be made of fiberglass;
- 5) Pesticide containers with lids; or
- 6) Containers that held any type of petroleum oil product or antifreeze.

2018 PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

Allied Recycling Incorporated

2658 Route 206, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Phone: 609-267-8923

www.alliedrecyclingnj.com

Email – info@alliedrecyclingnj.com

Monday – Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday : 7 a.m. - 3:45p.m

Allied Recycling will accept non-refillable, high-density polyethylene #2 (HDPE) containers that have been triple rinsed. You must make sure containers are dry inside after they are rinsed out and either cut a 6-inch slit in the bottom or drill a quarter-inch hold in the bottom of the container to insure it will not hold liquids. Lids and foil seal must be removed. Containers that are 30 gallon size must be cut up into 4 pieces using a sawzall, chainsaw, circular saw, etc.; 55 gallon containers must be cut up into 8 pieces accordingly. Since most of these products are sold in cardboard boxes, non-waxy cardboard also will be accepted during this collection program. Allied Recycling will not accept containers if they have held any type of petroleum oil product or antifreeze. Pesticide containers with any liquid or dried residue will not be accepted. No mini-bulk, saddle tanks or nurse tanks will be accepted, as they may be made of fiberglass.

Pesticide applicators who wish to receive a core credit for recycling their pesticide container; forms will be available from Allied Recycling.

Nursery Greenhouse Film, Agricultural Plastics, Irrigation Pipe and Drip Tape

- 1) Film or Material must be rolled or tied into manageable bundles.
- 2) Please shake the plastics and remove all the soil, plant material, twine, etc.
- 3) Film bundles are tied they must be tied with greenhouse or nursery film. Agricultural plastics, irrigation pipe and drip tape bundles must be tied with drip tape.
- 4) Material must be free from debris, dirt and moisture and if possible stored out of the sun and rain. If they need to be stored outside please cover with plastic.

Plastic Nursery Pots, Trays, Flats

- 1) Plastic Pot, trays, flats are
- 2) Please shake the pots and remove all the soil, plant material, twine, etc.
- 3) Plastics containers must be nested. Please separate individual plastics by type, palletized and shrink wrap. #5 polypropylene PP, #2 HDPE, #6 Polystyrene PS. Plastics need to be separated by type but do not need to be separated by color.
- 4) Material must be free from debris, dirt and moisture and if possible stored out of the sun and rain. If they need to be stored outside please cover with plastic.

We will accept comingled loads provided material is segregated and wrapped.

Trucking services available, please contact Allied Recycling Inc.



REGISTRATION OPEN

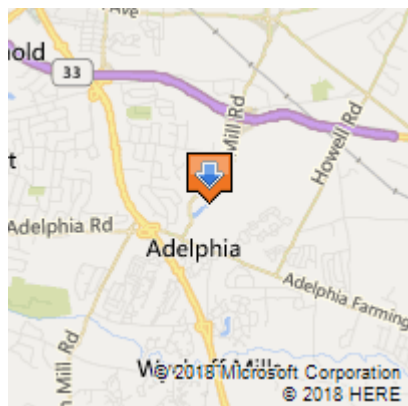
Rutgers Lawn, Landscape and Sports Turf Field Day

When

Wednesday, August 1, 2018
from 6:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Where

Adelphia Research Farm
594 Halls Mill Road
Freehold, NJ 07728



Registration is now open for

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey-Sponsored Trade Show & Equipment Demonstrations

at

**Rutgers Lawn Landscape & Sports
Turf Research Field Day**
Rutgers Adelphia Research Farm, Freehold, NJ
Wednesday, August 1, 2018 6:30 am to 2:00pm
Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Debra Savard, Executive Secretary

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey

mail@sfmanj.org

856-514-3179

New Downy Mildew Resistant Basil Seed

Rutgers has released three Downy Mildew resistant basil varieties:

Rutgers Obsession DMR – Sweet basil for field and potted plant production; vigorous, growth, high leaf to stem ration, dark green color, highly resistant to fusarium wilt.

Rutgers Devotion DMR – Genovese basil for potted plant production and fresh market; uniform, upright growth and dome or cup-shaped leaf.

Rutgers Thunderstruck DMR – Sweet basil primarily for field production; medium-sized, slightly ruffled leaf with bright green color.

The seed is available from one source at the present time. For growers who are interested in trying any or all of these varieties contact: Van Drunen Farms VDF Specialty Seeds vdfss@vandrunen.com, www.vdfspecialtyseeds.com or call 760-485-5805. for pricing and availability.

Global Food Safety Initiative Seeks Comments on USDA Application for Technical Equivalence

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) encourages specialty crops stakeholders to submit comments to the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) on the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) application for the USDA Harmonized GAP Plus+ standard to be recognized as technically equivalent to GFSI's food safety benchmarking requirements.

USDA undertook the technical equivalence process at the request of the specialty crops industry to align the USDA Good Agricultural Practices Program with industry recognized food safety audit requirements and to provide the specialty crops sector with a single government-based certification program that meets multiple market access requirements.

USDA Harmonized GAP Plus+ Standard, an extension of the existing USDA Harmonized GAP audit, is based on the Produce GAPs Harmonized Food Safety Standard, an industry-led initiative to reduce the need for multiple, often duplicative audits that specialty crops producers are required to undergo for market access.

As part of the evaluation process, GFSI has opened a 30-day public stakeholder consultation period seeking comments on AMS' application for GFSI technical equivalence. The application was posted May 23, 2018.

Submit comments on the GFSI website under Technical Equivalence, Consultations.

<https://www.mygfsi.com/certification/technical-equivalence/consultations-2.html>

The pursuit of GFSI technical equivalence continues USDA's commitment to growing marketing opportunities for specialty crops producers, increasing purchasing options for buyers, and providing consumers with access to more and diverse fresh, local produce.

USDA Audit Changes

Wes Kline

The USDA will be making changes to all audits on how they handle payment for services. As of October 1, 2018, the USDA will be billing directly to the grower for the review of audits carried out by NJDA and for the certificate. The review is nothing new since USDA has been doing this after an audit. However, with the change USDA will bill a grower for the review and certificate plus NJDA will bill for the actual audit. In other words, a grower will get two bills which is going to delay when a certificate is issued. **I strongly recommended that growers get audits before October 1.** If growers think this is a concern complain to NJDA and USDA!

The other change is USDA will have an additional charge (\$250.00) for those wanting a Harmonized Plus audit for processing since they have additional paperwork to comply with Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). GFSI is becoming the international standard for food safety audits.



NEWS RELEASE

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
 United States Department of Agriculture • Washington, DC 20250
 Ag Statistics Hotline: (800) 727-9540 • www.nass.usda.gov



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 May 11, 2018

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USDA LAUNCHES 2018 AG RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SURVEY

WASHINGTON – May 11, 2018 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is beginning to collect data from more than 50,000 farmers and ranchers, for its annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). The survey looks at all aspects of U.S. agricultural production, including farm financial well-being, chemical usage, and various farm characteristics. In 2018, the survey will take a closer look at soybean and beef cattle production in the United States.

The information producers provide through the survey influences national and state policy-making decisions. In addition, ARMS data are used to calculate the farm sector portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The survey also collects detailed information on production practices, costs, and returns for 13 principal commodities on a rotating basis. The last time ARMS focused on soybeans was in 2012.

“Data from the 2018 ARMS will be used to assess the crop insurance choices made by farmers, helping policymakers better understand the impact of crop insurance offerings on farm production decisions and financial outcomes,” said Barbara Rater, director of NASS Census and Survey Division.

The survey is conducted in three phases from May 2018 through April 2019. The current (first) phase screens participants to make sure they have the commodity of interest and will accurately represent the entire U.S. farm sector. During the second phase, NASS will collect information on production practices and chemical use for specific commodities. In the final phase, NASS will survey producers on cost of production, farm income, and production expenditures.

“We strongly encourage every producer contacted for ARMS to participate, as their response represents not just their own farm, but many other similar operations across the country,” added Rater. “To make responding as convenient as possible, the survey can be completed online at agcounts.usda.gov. NASS representatives are available by phone to assist with any questions about the survey. Producers can also complete and mail the paper form to us.”

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified.

ARMS is a joint effort of NASS and USDA’s Economic Research Service. For more information about the 2018 Agricultural Resource Management Survey visit www.nass.usda.gov/go/ARMS.

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NASS is the federal statistical agency responsible for producing official data about U.S. agriculture and is committed to providing timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. We invite you to provide occasional feedback on our products and services. Sign up at http://bit.ly/NASS_Subscriptions and look for the “NASS Data User Community.”

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Calendar of Important Events

📅 Indicates the newly added event since last calendar

June 2018

June 6

Native Plant Trials, Ocean County Agricultural Center, 1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River, NJ; 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information or to register call Deborah Fuentes 732-505-4563.

June 13

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: Holy Hashtag, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

June 14

CORE Training Program for the NJ Pesticide Applicators License, Holly House, 130 Log Cabin Road, New Brunswick, NJ; 8:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Registration fee \$145.00. 6 CORE credits assigned to this class. For more information call Carol Broccoli 848-932-7207

📅 June 25-27

United Fresh MKT Expo & Conference, McCormick Convention Center, South Hall, 2301 S King Drive, Chicago, IL 60616; 10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.; For more information or questions, contact John Toner 202-303-3424

June 27

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: Facebook Promotions, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

July 2018

July 11

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: Stress Management on the Farm, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

July 25

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: Farm Transition Taxes and Medicaid Estate Recovery, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

July 25-27

Better Process Control School, Cook Student Center, 59 Biel Road, New Brunswick, NJ; 8:30-4:30 p.m.; \$995 by 7/11; \$1,095 after. Continental breakfast & deli buffet lunch provided. For more information call Suzanne Hills 848-932-7234.

August 2018

August 8

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: Understanding Credit and Credit Scores, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

August 20-24

Introduction to Food Science Course, New Jersey Institute for Food, Nutrition and Health, Room 101, 61 Dudley Road, New Brunswick, NJ; Registration for 5 days \$1,595 by 8/6; \$1,645 after. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Check in time 8:30; class runs 9am-4pm. For more information call Suzanne Hills, Program Coordinator 848-932-7234.

August 22

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: An Overview of the Resource Stewardship Evaluation Tool, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

September 2018**September 12**

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: Soil Maps for Production Agriculture, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

September 21

CORE Training Program for the NJ Pesticide Applicators License, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 12:30-4:30p.m. 6 CORE credits assigned for this class. Registration fee \$145.00. For more information call Carol Broccoli 848-932-7207

September 24-26

2018 United Fresh Washington Conference, 1901 Pennsylvania Ave NW #1100, Washington, DC 20006; Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. everyday; March on Capitol Hill: U.S. House & Senate Congressional Meetings on 9/25 at 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Tickets sold separately for United FreshPAC Reception & Dinner on 9/25 at 6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more information contact Angela Tiwari, Director of Grassroots and Political Action 202 - 303 - 3416

September 26-27

Sensory Evaluation, University Inn & Conference Center, 178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ. Registration \$945 by 9/12; \$975 after. Continental breakfast and deli buffet lunch provided. Day 1 check in 8:00 a.m.; class runs 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. For more information call Suzanne Hills, Coordinator 848-932-7234

September 26

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: Farm Recordkeeping, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

September 28

Making Sense of the Numbers: Statistics for Food Scientists, University Inn & Conference Center, 178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ; 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Check in time 8:00 a.m. Registration \$395 by 9/14; \$450 after. For more information call Suzanne Hills, Program Coordinator 848-932-7234

October 2018

October 10

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: Smart Choice Health Insurance Basics, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

October 19

CORE Training Program for the NJ Pesticide Applicators License, Extension Conference Center, 18 Ag Extension Way, New Brunswick, NJ; 12:30-4:30p.m. Registration fee \$145.00. 6 CORE credits assigned for this course. For more information call Carol Broccoli 848-932-7207.

October 24

MidAtlantic Women in Agriculture: Preparing Your Marketing Efforts for the Holidays, Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018/Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

November

November 14

Farm Lease Agreements: Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018/Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

November 15-16

Pacific Northwest Vegetable Association Conference & Trade Show, Three Rivers Convention Center 7016 W Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick, WA 99336; Ticket sales start July 1, \$110-\$550, Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-pacific-northwest-vegetable-association-conference-and-trade-show-registration-43723580406>

November 28

GMO: Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018/Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

November 28-30

National Council of Agricultural Employers Ag Labor Forum, Tropicana 3801 S Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89109, Register online at <http://ncaeonline.org/register/>. For more information call 202-629-9320

December

December 3-7

2018 Irrigation Show, Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center, 300 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802; Call 703.536.7080 with questions.

December 4-6 Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market EXPO, Devos Place Conference Center; Grand Rapids, MI 49503; Registration starts 9/2018; Contact Maureen Kelly for registration questions 734-239-8027.

December 12

Using an LLC to Strengthen Your Farm Operation: Webinar series held 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month at noon. Cost is free. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018/Wednesday-webinars-tickets>

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>Sep 20 Oct 18</p> <p>To Register call 609-984-6614 For directions call 856-451-2800</p> <p>*****</p>	<p>Cumberland County Agriculture Development Board County Administration Bldg. Freeholder Room 164 W. Broad Street Bridgeton, NJ 08332</p> <p><u>2018</u></p> <p>June 12 Jul 10 Aug 14 Sept 11 Oct 9 Nov 13 Dec 11</p> <p>Reg. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Information call 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>2018</u></p> <p>Sept 20 Oct 18 Nov 15 Dec 20</p> <p>For info call Hillary Barile, President 856-453-1192</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

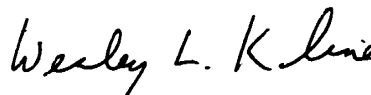
Questions? Call Division of Ag & Natural Resources, NJ Dept. of Ag 609-292-2242

Program in Cumberland County suspended until further notice.

Sincerely,



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County Agent II/Associate Professor
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Wesley L. Kline, Ph.D.
County Agent II/Associate Professor
Vegetable & Herb Production
Internet: wkline@njaes.rutgers.edu

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.

Use of Trade Names: Trade names are used in this publication with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement is implied. In some instances the compound may be sold un-

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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RUTGERS
New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station

South Jersey Tree Fruit Twilight - II

5 – 7:30 pm, June 6

@

Moods Farm Market

901 South Bridgeton Pike, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

5:00 pm **Welcome and Updates (Hemant Gohil)**
Orchard Tour of Moods Farms

Use of the Equilifruit Disc for late season apple thinning
Megan Muehlbauer, Hunterdon Co. Extension Agent, Rutgers NJAES

Pesticide Regulations Update - 2018
George Hamilton, Extension Specialist in Pest Management, Rutgers.

Weed Biology and Herbicide Efficacy
Thierry Besancon, Extension Specialist, Weed Science, Rutgers NJAES

Early Summer Disease Management of Tree Fruits
Norm Lalancette, Extension Specialist, Fruit Pathology, Rutgers NJAES

Insect-pest Management during Early Summer
Anne Nielsen, Extension Specialist in Fruit Entomology, Rutgers NJAES

What, When and How to look for Orchard Pests
Dean Polk, State-wide Fruit IPM Agent, Rutgers NJAES

Pomology 101: Fruit Set, Return Bloom and Abscission
Daniel Ward, Extension Specialist in Pomology, Rutgers NJAES

Orchard Irrigation: Estimating Water Requirements
Hemant Gohil, Gloucester Co. Extension Agent, Rutgers NJAES

7:30 pm **Pesticide re-certification credits - CORE (2), 1A (4), PP2 (4) and 10 (4)**
Light fare will be provided. Please call Joan Medany jmedany@co.gloucester.nj.us or call 856-224-8029 if you are planning to attend.

Join the Cumberland County Agriculture Development Board
& the State Agriculture Development Committee for a

Right-to-Farm Workshop

Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

at

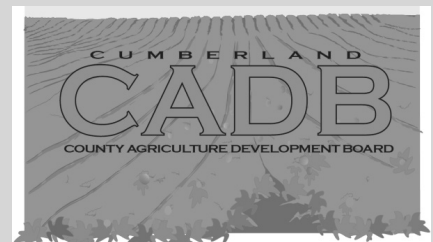
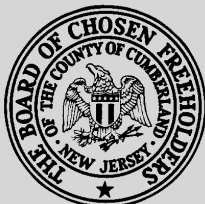
Cumberland County Administration Building
164 W. Broad Street, Bridgeton, New Jersey

The Right-to-Farm Act was enacted to help address conflicts among farmers, neighbors, municipalities, and counties regarding a farm's practices. Under the Act, a commercial farm can receive significant protection from nuisance lawsuits and overly restrictive local regulations, provided the farm is operated responsibly.

This workshop is open and free to the public. Participants are asked to register prior to the event by phone or email to (856) 453-2175 or mattpi@co.cumberland.nj.us. Members of planning/zoning boards and land use attorneys are particularly encouraged to attend.



Funding has been made possible by the Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Ensuring that the programming supported by the Cumberland CADB is available to the widest possible audience is among the highest of Board priorities. This includes access for people with disabilities. All venues utilized by the Board are wheelchair accessible. Assistive services such as sign language interpreting, audio description, and open captioning are available upon request provided 15 days in advance. Large print publications are available at all times. Please contact the Cumberland County Department of Planning at (856) 453-2175 for further accessibility details.





State of New Jersey

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Governor
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Lt. Governor

DOUGLAS H. FISHER
Secretary

May 17, 2018

Dear Ag Community:

Attached please find a letter from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) to local building code enforcement officials.

When complaints about specific farm labor housing came to the attention of NJDCA, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture began a discussion with NJDCA officials regarding their concerns with farm labor housing in general.

While that discussion was ongoing, NJDA learned that the attached letter had been sent by another unit within NJDCA to all county and local building code enforcement officials. NJDA then asked for a copy of it so we could share it with the farm community.

The letter from NJDCA concerns farm-labor housing, especially any agricultural buildings that previously served other purposes but have been converted to farm-labor housing. It also emphasizes a phased-in approach to helping farms, if they need it, to come into compliance with fire code requirements over time. This was a key issue that NJDA stressed in the earlier discussions with NJDCA, to minimize impacts to farming operations.

The NJDA wants all farmers in New Jersey to be aware of the information in the attached letter and that inspections could be performed by either fire or construction officials. If you have any questions, please contact the NJDA's Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources at 609-292-5532.

Sincerely,

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Dear Construction Official:

The Division of Fire Safety will be contacting local fire officials and advising them of the need to inspect farms for compliance with the Uniform Fire Code. The Division is taking this action because they are concerned that in many cases farm buildings that were intended for other purposes, usually storage, are being used to house farm labor. If the building was built after 1977 and has a certificate of occupancy as an "S" use group, this constitutes a change in use group under the Uniform Construction Code. In cases where there is a change in use group under the Uniform Construction Code, the Fire Official will refer the case in writing to the Construction Official for appropriate follow up.

A notice of violation must be issued where there has been an illegal change of use group. Because this action will likely be occurring during the growing season, the Department is recommending that Construction Officials obtain compliance in stages. The first stage would be to require essential safeguards and limits on occupancy that would allow the buildings to continue to be occupied until after the growing season. The second stage would be compliance with the change of use provisions of the rehabilitation subcode, which would have to be completed before the beginning of the next growing season, or for farms where the labor resides year-round, such reasonable period of time that will allow them to comply. As an alternative, the farmer can elect to discontinue the residential use of the structure.

For first stage compliance, the Department recommends the following features and limitations be required:

- Housing must only occupy the ground level
- Occupant load limit of 50 people. The occupant load can be increased to not more than 100 people where egress doors are spaced not more than 75 feet around the perimeter of the building.
- Maximum travel distance of 75 feet
- Hard wired smoke alarms (installed in accordance with the manufacturer installation instructions)
- No cooking operations within the housing building unless they are protected with an approved type 1 hood.
- Not less than two means of egress (remote from each other)
- A fire extinguisher (2-A:20-B:C) located within 50 feet of any point within the building.
- Bathroom facilities (temporary or permanent) within 200 feet
- Hard wired CO alarm installed when a fuel burning appliance is within the building or there are garage facilities attached to the building

It should be understood that the above conditions are general guidance and do not preclude the local enforcing agency having jurisdiction from making other determinations based on specific conditions. In order for the building to continue to be occupied as housing, a certificate of occupancy will have to be issued for the residential use group (R-2). The Department recommends that the CO be issued for temporary construction with an expiration of 180 days from the date of issuance. At the conclusion of the 180 days the farmer will have to remove the building or make the building compliant with the intended use group. Any alterations to meet first stage compliance, requires the issuance of Uniform Construction Code permits.

For second stage compliance, assuming the farmer will not elect to remove the building, the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:23 – 6.31 should be applied, if the intended use is to continue as R-2. It may be necessary to issue variations for some requirements, where hardships exist such as pinelands restrictions, etc.

If you have questions, please contact the Code Assistance Unit at (609) 292-7898.

Sincerely,

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Edward M. Smith
Director
Division of Codes and Standards

Helpful Resources for New Jersey Licensed Pesticide Applicators



1. Rutgers University New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) Cooperative Extension website: <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/>. NJAES Fact Sheets and publications are available online and updated routinely at <http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/>.
2. Rutgers University NJAES Plant & Pest Advisory: <http://plant-pest-advisory.rutgers.edu/>. Timely seasonal updates focusing on insects, diseases, and weeds of importance to NJ Commercial Growers & Nursery/Landscape/Ornamental/Turf. Free. Subscribe by email or RSS.
3. Rutgers NJAES Pest Management Office: (848) 932-9802
 - a. Pesticide Safety Education Program: www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/PAT/ (NEWLY REVISED)
 - Pesticide Applicator Certification Requirements
 - Training for New Pesticide Applicators
 - Training Manuals
 - Pesticide Applicator Certification Exam Dates
 - Pesticide Applicator Recertification Training
 - **Pesticide Record Keeping Templates** (in Word, Excel, or pdf)
 - **Pesticide Spill Report Cards**
 - b. School IPM for New Jersey: <http://pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/school/> Includes technical resources and tools for School IPM Coordinators (downloadable Word and pdf versions of the School IPM Model Plan & Appendices).
 - c. **Worker Protection website & blog. NEW.** <http://pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/worker-protection/> Created for growers and their employees on the 2015 revised Worker Protection Standard. FREE.
4. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection pesticide regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:30) govern the manufacture, distribution, and use of pesticides in New Jersey; see www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/pcp/pcp-regs.htm. DEP Data Miner web portal at www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/pcp/pcp-online.htm provides online license fee payment and reports (e.g. recertification courses, license, or certification status).

New Jersey Worker Protection Standard trainer agreement, rosters, educational pamphlets and fact sheets can be downloaded from www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/pcp/pcp-wps.htm. Search NJ pesticide registrations at <http://www.kellysolutions.com/NJ/>.

General information: 609-984-6507. Spill report (reportable spills): 1-877-WARNDEP.
5. New Jersey Pesticide Information and Education System www.njpies.org/. The designated regional Poison Control Center with a national number: (1-800-poison1/)/ (1-800-222-1222).
6. EPA Pesticides Homepage at www2.epa.gov/pesticides/.
7. EPA National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP): Download or order EPA publications (on any topic, including pesticides) online; or by phone, fax, or email. See online catalog at www.epa.gov/ncepihom/ordering.html.
8. EPA National Agricultural Compliance Center - "First stop" for information about environmental requirements that affect the agricultural community. Homepage: <http://www2.epa.gov/agriculture/agriculture-about-epas-national-agriculture-center>.
9. REVISED EPA Pesticide Poisoning Handbook 'Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings' downloadable from *Can also order this handbook in hardcopy in English or Spanish from NSCEP (see #7 above)*. www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/recognition-and-management-pesticide-poisonings.
10. EPA Office of Pesticide Programs 'Pesticide Chemical Search' webpage for conventional, antimicrobial, and biopesticide active ingredients; see <http://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=chemicalsearch:1>. Has label product label search function <http://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=PPLS:1>
11. Pesticide Labels & MSDS/SDS: CDMS at www.cdms.net/manuf/manuf.asp; Agrian Label Lookup: <http://www.agrian.com/home/label-lookup/overview>.
12. National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) provides general and technical information about pesticides; see home page at <http://npic.orst.edu/index.html>. See also their comprehensive list of pesticide manufacturers to request specific pesticide product information: <http://ace.orst.edu/info/npic/manuf.htm>.