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## Cultivating Cumberland

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\*FMSA- Produce Safety Alliance Grower and Third Party Audits

### Reminder of Farmer Grant Deadline Northeast SARE Farmer Grant Applications Due Nov 27

Applications for the 2019 Northeast SARE Farmer grants program are due online by Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Farmer grants are for farm business owners and managers who have innovative ideas 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 sustainable agriculture. 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. Please contact grant coordinator Carol Delaney at Carol.Delaney@uvm.edu with questions.

Visit the Northeast SARE website to apply or to learn more about the farmer grant program: https://www.nesare.org/Grants/Get-a-Grant/Farmer-Grant/How-to-Apply

Northeast SARE offers competitive grants and sustainable agriculture education in Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

Our 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. SARE is funded by USDA NIFA. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

#### **Agricultural Water Testing Labs**

The Rutgers on Farm Food Safety Website now has a map of agricultural water testing labs in New Jersey that offer FDA approved water testing methods for agricultural water.



To view the map go to https://onfarmfoodsafety.rutgers.edu/resources/

#### **Changes to the Billing Process for USDA Audits**

Starting October 1, 2018 USDA is changing how they bill for audits (GAP/GHP, Harmonized, Harmonized Plus+, etc.). A grower will receive two bills for the audit service – one from New Jersey Department of Agriculture and one from USDA directly. There is a form that a grower must fill out to setup an account with USDA. Contact Chris Kleinguenther at 856-839-3380 for details.

For operations that need a Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) audit USDA will charge a \$250.00 in addition to the hours it takes to review and approve the report for all USDA audits. This fee is necessary to cover the costs of maintaining technical equivalence of the specific audit program with the "Global Food Safety Initiative".

#### <u>Ultra-Niche Crops: Creating a Business Plan Certificate Course</u>

Is it time to pick your farm business plan back up and finish it?

We all know that failing to plan is planning to fail. With this new resource you will be confident in your ability to complete your farm business plan and look to the future.

The Ultra-Niche Crops: Creating a Business Plan certificate course will walk you through each component of a business plan and provide you with additional resources to answer your challenging questions. This 30-minute course gives you the opportunity to earn a certificate of completion which may be used for educational requirements in some farm loans.

**Create your eXtension login first,** then navigate to the course by clicking the course link again which will take you to the Enrollment page. To get started go to: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/UNCCertificateCourse">https://tinyurl.com/UNCCertificateCourse</a>

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#### **Guidance Documents Released by FDA**

October 19, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued two draft guidance documents to help farmers and fresh-cut produce processors better understand what they need to do to meet requirements established by the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

The first draft guidance entitled "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing, and Holding fof Produce for Human Consumption: Guidance for Industry" to assist growers with meeting the requirements of the Produce Safety Rule under FSMA. The rule requires domestic and foreign farms to put preventive measures in place during growing, harvesting, packing and holding of their fruits and vegetables to protect against contamination. Flexibility was built into the Produce Safety Rule to accommodate growing practices that vary by region and commodity, which is reflected in this guidance through examples to demonstrate how farmers can implement the rule's requirements in various ways.

To further assist farmers and other stakeholders, FDA has also published "At-A-Glance" overviews that highlight the key points in each chapter in the draft guidance. Both of these documents can be downloaded at https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/

#### ucm606284.htm

The second draft guidance issued, "Guide to Minimize Food Safety Hazards of Fresh-cut Produce," explains the FDA's current thinking on how fresh-cut produce processors, such as those that prepare bagged salad mixes and fruit salad, may comply with the requirements found in the Preventive Controls for Human Food Rule under FSMA. This rule requires food processors have a food safety plan in place that includes an analysis of hazards, and preventive controls to minimize the likelihood that those hazards will contaminate the food. The guide can be found at https://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/

#### GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/ucm623716.htm

Both draft guidance documents will be open for public comment for 180 days. The FDA has committed to holding four public meetings around the country at which the agency will have an opportunity to engage with stakeholders on the Produce Safety Rule draft guidance. Additional meeting specifics, including information on how to register for the meetings, is available through a Federal Register Notice, and on the FDA public meetings website.

https://www.fda.gov/Food/NewsEvents/WorkshopsMeetingsConferences/default.htm.

The meetings are scheduled at the following locations:

November 27, 2018 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Hilton Portland Downtown 921 SW Sixth Ave., Portland, OR 97204

**December 11, 2018** 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Hilton Albany 40 Lodge St., Albany, NY 12207

**December 13, 2018** 

8:30 AM-5:00 PM

November 29, 2018 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Doubletree Suites by Hilton/Anaheim Resort Conven- Embassy Suites Atlanta at Centennial Olympic Park tion Center

2085 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802

267 Marietta St., Atlanta, GA 30313

#### **Historical Stories About Securing Local Food in South Jersey**

Jeff Quattrone Stockton Center of Successful Aging

From the American Shad caught in the Delaware River to the Cape May Salt Oysters harvested from the Delaware Bay, and all the fields and farms in between, South Jersey has a long and storied history of producing and securing local food. Whether it was for the food markets in the growing city of Philadelphia, feeding the local population, or supplying iconic Jersey tomatoes for Campbell's Tomato Soup this project will capture some of the stories that built this history.

We're looking for generational farmers, when possible, who are willing to share their story in an interview format. Initial interviews will be conducted by students, and follow up interviews will be considered. The follow up interviews will be conducted by Jeff Quattrone, who is leading this project, is a seed saving advocate, and works to preserve and document local heirloom foods with Slow Food USA.

We welcome all types of farming, and depending on the final number of stories, a school curriculum is under consideration as the result of this project.

If you're interested in participating, or have any questions, please contact Jeff at libraryseedbank@gmail.com or 609-257-7471

#### **Rutgers Basil Varieties Available for 2019**

The new 2019 pricing for the Rutgers Downy Mildew Resistant (DMR) sweet basils (Rutgers Devotion DMR, Rutgers Obsession DMR and Rutgers Thunderstruck DMR) through VanDrunen Farm Specialty Seed has been set. The advertised price for all three varieties is \$400.00/kilogram (2.2 lbs). Smaller pack sizes are available at \$50.00 for 20 grams (7 ounces). If you are interested in purchasing seed contact Grant Bouwer at <a href="mailto:grant.bouwer@vandrunen.com">grant.bouwer@vandrunen.com</a> or telephone 760-485-5805.

#### **Updated and New Sanitizer Resources**

Post-harvest sanitation can be very confusing, especially when it comes to selecting a sanitizer appropriate for use on fruit and vegetable crops and food contact surfaces. The Produce Safety Alliance has developed two resources to help produce growers and packinghouses select a sanitizer.

"Introduction to Selecting an EPA-Labeled Sanitizer Fact Sheet (October 2018)"

This document has been developed to help growers in selecting an appropriate sanitizer for their operation including key things to look for on the sanitizer's label. Go to <a href="https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/sites/producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/files/shared/documents/Sanitizer-Factsheet.pdf">https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/files/shared/documents/Sanitizer-Factsheet.pdf</a>

"Labeled Sanitizers for Produce - Excel Tool (Version 2.0)"

Version 2.0 of the sanitizer spreadsheet contains several new EPA-labeled sanitizers and EPA label updates for 2018. A new 'single product lookup' page has been added, which can be used to find all relevant information on a sanitizer in a single page. The new version of the tool also contains minor formatting updates to ease navigation. A video tutorial is available to walk users through how to use the tool and all of its features. Go to <a href="https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/resources/general-resource-listing/">https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/resources/general-resource-listing/</a>

#### **New Jersey No-Till and Cover Crop Conference**

The first annual New Jersey No-Till and Cover Crop Conference will be Thursday, December, 13, 2018, at the Hark Pointe Golf Course in Washington, NJ.

The one day long conference features nationally renowned experts in the field of no-till and cover crops and cutting-edge ideas and strategies to improve the profitability and efficiency of your farm operation.

Five break-out sessions will address specific topics such as cover crop spring termination, slug mitigation, species selection, and organic no-tilling. And to top it all off – the conference includes door prizes, demonstrations, and great food. You'll even be able to receive pesticide credits. Register online at https://www.northjerseyrcd.org/events/nj-no-till-cover-crop-winter-conference

#### **2018 Penn State Golf Turf Conference**

The 2018 Penn State Golf Turf Conference will provide practical information on golf course management to practitioners, industry reps, and students. The program will feature some of the best and brightest in the industry including USGA agronomists, university faculty, golf course superintendents, industry representatives, graduate students, and others.

For more information or to register go to: https://extension.psu.edu/penn-state-golf-turf-conference

When	November 13, 2018	8:00 AM—4:30 PM
	November 14, 2018	9:00 AM—4:00 PM
	November 15, 2018	9:00 AM—11:00 AM
Where	The Nittany Lion Inn	
	200 West Park Avenue, University Park, PA 16802	

#### **New Rutgers Fact Sheet**

The following fact sheet is now available to download from the Rutgers website: https://njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1261/

FS1261

What Is On-Farm Food Safety? Meredith Melendez and Wesley Kline



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

✓ Indicates the newly added event since last calendar

#### November

#### November 8-9

Introduction to Plant Identification; Rutgers Continuing Education: 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.; \$395 by 10/25/2018, \$430 after; ISA credits: Certified Arborist—10; BCMA Science—6; BCMA Management-4; CPWM: 6 Technical; NJ Urban and Community Forestry Credits: 10.5 CEU's; Licensed Tree Expert (LTE and LTCO): 11 credits; For more information call 848-932-9271 or visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

#### November 12

**New Jersey Farm Bureau 100th Annual Banquet;** The Westin Princeton at Forrestal village, 201 Village Blvd, Princeton, NJ 08540; For more information visit https://njfb.org

#### November 13-15

**2018 Penn State Golf Turf Conference**; The Nittany Lion Inn, 200 West Park Avenue, University Park, PA 16802; \$140 registration fee; Practical information on golf course management to practitioners, industry reps and students; For more information or to register visit <a href="https://extension.psu.edu/penn-state-golf-turf-conference">https://extension.psu.edu/penn-state-golf-turf-conference</a>

#### 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 14

**Rutgers Climate Symposium 2018**; Climate Change and Food Security; Beach Student Center, Piscataway, NJ; Stimulating collaboration among natural and social services researchers and students interested in climate change from institutions in the NJ, NY and Philadelphia region. Complete details and registration coming soon.

#### November 15

**Protecting Water Quality with Good Turf Fertilizer Practices**; Rutgers Cooperative Extension Center, 291 Morton Avenue, Millville, NJ 08332; 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.; Taught by Sal Mangiafico; Cost is \$20.00; ProFACT Continuing Education Credits for all professionals who apply fertilizer to turfgrass; 4 CE credits; Register to Brandi Williams at 856-451-2800 ext 1 or email brandi.wi@co.cumberland.nj.us

#### 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 16**

**Protecting Water Quality with Good Turf Fertilizer Practices**; Peach Country Tractor, 1463 N Tuckahoe Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094; 10:00 a.m. – Noon; Taught by Sal Mangiafico; ProFACT Continuing Education Credits for all professionals who apply fertilizer to turfgrass; 4 CE credits; Register to Stephanie Smith at 856-589-3953 ext 1 or email steph@peachcountrytractor.com

#### November 20

**Irrigation Systems: Repair and Maintenance**; Rutgers Continuing Education: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; \$245 by 11/6/2018, \$270 after; CPWM: 7 Technical; Landscape Irrigation Association Licensing Board: 6 CECs (no water conservation); For more information call 848-932-9271 or visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

#### November 27-28

**Large Tree Climbing**; Rutgers Continuing Education: 9:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.; \$395 by 11/13/2018, \$430 after; CPWM: 5 Technical; 5 Management; ISA Credits: Certified Arborist-11; BCMA Practice-11; NJ Urban and Community Forestry Credits: 12 CEUs; Licensed Tree Expert (LTE and LTCO): 12 credits; For more information call 848-932-9271 or visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

#### 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; Provides the industry's most comprehensive list of education offerings handson access to the latest products and technologies; valuable programs, events and sessions designed to help you improve your irrigation practices. Call 703.536.7080 with questions.

#### **December 7**

**Managing Turfgrass Insects**; Rutgers Continuing Education: 9:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.; \$195 by 11/23/18, \$210 after; Pesticide credits: 10 in 3B; 8 in 8C; 4 in 10; CPWM: 5 Technical; For more information call 848-932-9271 or visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

#### December 10 and 17

**Soil and Plant Relationships**; Rutgers Continuing Education: 9:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.; 2-day class; \$295 by 11/26/2018, \$325 after; ISA credits: Certified Arborist— 10; BCMA Science—6.25; BCMA Management-2.5; BCMA Practice—1.25; CPWM: 5 Technical; 5 Management; NJ Urban and Community Forestry Credits: 9 CEU's; For more information call 848-932-9271 or visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

#### December 11-13

Integrated Pest Management; Rutgers Continuing Education: 9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.; \$395 by 11/27/2018, \$430 after; Day 1 Only: 2 units in CORE; 5 units in 3A; 9 units in 3B All 3 Days: 2 units in CORE; 4 units in 10; 12 units in 1A and PRIV; 14 units in 3B; 16 units in 3A; NJ Licensed Tree Experts: Day 1 Only: 4.5 CEUs for LTE and LTCO; All 3 Days: 15 CEUs for LTE and LTCO; NJ Urban and Community Forestry Continuing Education Units: Day 1 Only: 3.5 CEUs; All 3 Days: 10.5 CEUs; ISA (1-day): Certified Arborist-5.5; BCMA Science-1.5; BCMA Management 4; ISA (3-day): Certified Arborist-16.5; BCMA Science-10; BCMA Management 6.5; For more information call 848-932-9271 or visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

#### 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

#### December 12

**New Jersey Fertilizer Recertification Program**; Rutgers Continuing Education: 8:30 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.; \$145 each, 2 more people \$100 each, \$90 for 10 or more people; NJ Fertilizer Credits: 8 units; For more information call 848-932-9271 or visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

#### ✓ December 13

**No-till and Cover Crop Conference**; High Pointe Golf Club, 4 Clubhouse Drive, Washington, NJ 07882; 8:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.; \$35.00 each; Breakfast and lunch included; Pesticide Credits available; Register online at https://www.northjerseyrcd.org/events/nj-no-till-cover-crop-winter-conference

#### December 18

Caring for Ornamental Plants; Rutgers Continuing Education: 9:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.; \$195 by 12/4/2018, \$210 after; Pesticide credits: 4 in 3A; 4 in PRIV; CPWM: 5 Technical; ISA Credits: Certified Arborist-5.25; BCMA Practice-4; BCMA Management-1.25; For more information call 848-932-9271 or visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

#### December 19

**Basics of Turfgrass Management**; Rutgers Continuing Education: 9:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.; \$195 by 12/5/2018, \$210 after; Pesticide credits: 10 in 3B; 2 in CORE; CPWM: 5 Technical; For more information call 848-932-9271 or visit www.cpe.rutgers.edu/landscape

#### January 2019

#### January 9-11

MANTS 2019 (Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show); Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD. Horticulture industry trade show and the premier green industry marketplace for finding plants and nursery stock, landscape and garden items, heavy and light duty equipment, tools, furniture and hundreds of other allied industry products; For more information call 800-431-0066; email info@mants.com or visit www.mants.com

#### ✓ January 11

**28th Annual Rutgers Turfgrass Symposium;** The Center for Turfgrass Science at Rutgers University, Cook Douglas Campus, Foran Hall Room 138A, 59 Dudley Road, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Register by 12/14/2018 at https://turf.rutgers.edu/newsandevents/2019symposiumregistration.asp

#### January 11-13

**20th Annual Virginia Biological Farming Conference**; Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 S. 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219; Knowledgeable speakers, informative sessions, amazing local food, and wonderful networking opportunities; Visit www.vabf.org for more information

#### **January 17-19**

Future Harvest: Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture 20th Anniversary Conference; 3501 University Blvd E, Hyattsville, MD 20783; Contact Agatha Grimsley with questions at 540-520-9522 or by email Agatha@futureharvestcasa.org

#### √January 29-31

**Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention**; Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033; Pesticide credits available; Registration is required; For more information or to register go to www.mafvc.org/registration or call 717-677-4184

#### February 2019

#### ✓ February 14-16

**Organicology**; 921 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregan 97204; Four organizations work together to create a unique conference that drives our food system toward a healthier, sustainable future. For more information or to register visit https://www.organicology.org/welcome/

#### March 2019

#### ✓ March 14-15

**Practical Food Microbiology Course:** University Inn & Conference Center,178 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; 9:00 a.m—8:30 p.m.; Check in at 8:30 a.m.; \$825 by 11/27/18 or \$875 after; For more information or to register go to https://ce-catalog.rutgers.edu/coursedisplay.cfm?schID=68869

#### **July 2019**

#### ✓ July 14-17

**Second International Vegetable Grafting Symposium;** Charlotte, NC; For more information visit www.vegetablegrafting.org

#### REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

✓ Indicates meeting will be held at RCE of Cumberland County

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

2019

Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 17 May 15 Sept 18 Oct 16

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

Cumberland County Agriculture
Development Board
County Administration Bldg.
Freeholder Room
164 W. Broad Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08332

2018 Nov 13 Dec 11

Reg. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Information call 856-453-2211

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Cumberland County Board
Of Agriculture
291 Morton Avenue
Millville, NJ 08332
(Between Rosenhayn & Carmel)
7 pm meetings

2018 Nov 15 Dec 20

For info call Hillary Barile,
President 856-453-1192

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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**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-

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New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA):
Produce Safety Alliance
Grower Training and
Third Party Audits

#### When and Where:

December 11 and 12, 2018: FSMA Produce Rule Training and Third Party Audits, Millville, NJ January 23 and 24, 2019: FSMA Produce Rule Training and Third Party Audits, Ewing, NJ February 7, 2019: FSMA Produce Rule Training, NJ Ag Convention, Atlantic City, NJ February 19 and 20, 2019: FSMA Produce Rule Training and Third Party Audits, Pittstown, NJ March 12 and 13, 2019: FSMA Produce Rule Training and Third Party Audits, Millville, NJ

#### Who should attend:

- Fruit and Vegetable Growers who must comply with FSMA or need a third-party audit
- Others interested in produce safety, good agricultural practices/third party audits and the Food Safety Modernization Act.

To register or for more information please visit: <a href="https://rutgersonfarmfoodsafety.eventbrite.com">https://rutgersonfarmfoodsafety.eventbrite.com</a>

If you are unable to register online call Tammy Commander or Brandi Williams at (856) 451-2800, ext. 1 or email: brandiwi@co.cumberland.nj.us.