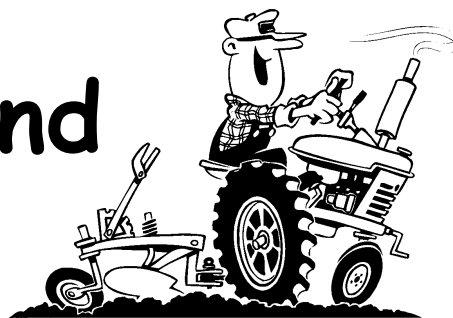


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Vehicles with "Farmer Tags" are Allowed to Drop Off Household Trash at "Convenience Centers"

It came to the attention of the State Board of Agriculture that farmers are being told that they can not use trucks with farmer tags to drop off their household trash or recyclable materials at "Convenience Centers." The State Board lawyer spoke to staff at DEP Solid Waste and they told her that their regulation only says general registration plates. It would not include commercial tags, but a farmer dropping off household trash in a vehicle with Farmer tags would not be a problem. They would not fine a Convenience Center for allowing it. If a farmer has a problem, they should let the County facility know that the NJDA received this confirmation from the DEP.

Fire Code Inspection Outreach Meeting

Owners of Farms or Agricultural Properties in
Hopewell, Stow Creek, and Greenwich Townships



Thursday, December 13th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Hopewell Township Municipal Building

The City of Bridgeton Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention has, or will be, the agency responsible for fire code inspections in these townships through shared service agreements. We would like to make our staff available for introductions, as well as provide information specific to the inspection of agricultural operations in response to recent changes by the NJ State Division of Fire Safety.

Do you own or operate a farm in one of the jurisdictions that qualifies with any of the following:

- 1. Has 5 or more acres producing agricultural or horticultural products worth \$2,500 or more annually, and satisfying the eligible criteria for the Farmland Assessment Act.**
- 2. Has less than 5 acres, producing agricultural or horticultural products worth \$50,000 or more annually, and otherwise satisfy the eligibility criteria for the Farmland Assessment Act.**
- 3. Has a beekeeping operation that produces honey or apiary related products, or provides crop pollination services, worth \$10,000 or more annually.**

If the answer is yes, then please plan to attend this meeting. It will be an informal question and answer session where we will be able to provide information on what, when, and who will be inspected, as well as answer any questions and concerns you might have.

To RSVP or any questions/concerns contact our office at 856-451-4250 or email:

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EPA Announces Changes To Dicamba Registration

On October 31, 2018, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it is extending the registration of dicamba for two years for “over-the-top” use (application to growing plants) to control weeds in fields for cotton and soybean plants genetically engineered to resist dicamba. This action was informed by input from and extensive collaboration between EPA, state regulators, farmers, academic researchers, pesticide manufacturers, and other stakeholders.

“EPA understands that dicamba is a valuable pest control tool for America’s farmers,” **said EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler.** “By extending the registration for another two years with important new label updates that place **additional** restrictions on the product, we are providing certainty to all stakeholders for the upcoming growing season.”

The following label changes were made to ensure that these products can continue to be used effectively while addressing potential concerns to surrounding crops and plants:

Dicamba registration decisions for 2019-2020 growing season

- Two-year registration (until December 20, 2020)
- Only certified applicators may apply dicamba over the top (those working under the supervision of a certified applicator may no longer make applications)
- Prohibit over-the-top application of dicamba on soybeans 45 days after planting and cotton 60 days after planting
- For cotton, limit the number of over-the-top applications from 4 to 2 (soybeans remain at 2 over-the-top applications)
- Applications will be allowed only from 1 hour after sunrise to 2 hours before sunset
- In counties where endangered species may exist, the downwind buffer will remain at 110 feet and there will be a **new 57-foot buffer** around the other sides of the field (the 110-foot downwind buffer applies to all applications, not just in counties where endangered species may exist)
- Clarify training period for 2019 and beyond, ensuring consistency across all three products
- Enhanced tank clean out instructions for the entire system
- Enhanced label to improve applicator awareness on the impact of low pH’s on the potential volatility of dicamba
- Label clean up and consistency to improve compliance and enforceability

The registration for all dicamba products will automatically expire on December 20, 2020, unless EPA further extends it.

EPA has reviewed substantial amounts of new information and concluded that the continued registration of these dicamba products meets FIFRA’s registration standards. The Agency has also determined that extending these registrations with the new safety measures will not affect endangered species.

Learn more: <https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/registration-dicamba-use-genetically-engineered-crops>

USDA to Collect Final 2018 Crop Production and Crop Stocks Data

HARRISBURG, PA – As the 2018 growing season officially comes to an end, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to gather final year-end crop production numbers and the amount of grain and oilseeds they store on their farms. At the same time, NASS will survey grain facility operators to determine year-end grain and oilseed stocks.

“These surveys are the largest and most important year-end surveys conducted by NASS,” explained Northeastern Regional Director King Whetstone. “They are the basis for the official USDA estimates of production and harvested acres of all major agricultural commodities in the United States and year-end grain and oilseed supplies. Data from the survey will benefit farmers and processors by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical year-end business decisions and begin planning for the next growing and marketing season.” NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the *Crop Production Annual Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports, both to be released Friday, January 11, 2019.

“Responses to the producer survey will also be included in the County Agricultural Production Survey and used in calculating county yields,” explained Whetstone. “USDA uses county yield information from the survey to evaluate and administer vital farm disaster and insurance programs. Farmers who receive this survey are not included in the County Agricultural Production Survey; therefore this is their only opportunity to be included in the calculation of county yields.”

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential, as required by federal law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. All NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at 800-498-1518.

Environmental Steward Program

Environmental Steward Program is being offered in Atlantic County, starting in January 2019!

You do NOT have to live in the county to attend the program. The fee is \$250.00 per person.

Each program offers the core topics of climate change, soil health, geology, water resource protection, environmental policy, alternative energy, and habitat conservation. Additional topics vary based on program location.

Field trips to environmentally significant locations in New Jersey are included. A 60 hour internship is completed by each Steward in order to become a Certified Environmental Steward.

Check out the link below for more information and for registration:

<http://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/county-programs/Atlantic-County.html>

USDA to Survey Maryland and New Jersey Potato Growers

HARRISBURG, PA – Beginning in late November, the Northeastern Regional Field Office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be conducting the annual *Summer Potato Production, Disposition and Income Survey*. The results of this survey will be used to establish final USDA statistics for the 2018 summer potato crop, including planted and harvested acreage, production and yield, utilization, and price data.

NASS gathers the data for the survey online, by mail, and through phone and in-person interviews. “The cooperation of potato farmers is crucial to ensure that your state’s potato crop is accurately represented in national potato production statistics.” explained King Whetstone, director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. “NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified,” stated Whetstone.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results on January 11, 2019 in the *Crops Production* publication, as well as the *Potato 2018 Summary* due for release in September 2019. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at 1-800-498-1518.

New Rutgers Fact Sheets

The following fact sheets are now available to download from the Rutgers website:

njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1297

FS1297 Ultra-Niche Crops Series: Beach Plum.
Carleo, J., Gohil, H., and Melendez, M.



njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1298

FS1298 Ultra-Niche Crops Series: Roselle (*Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.) Production and Marketing in New Jersey.
Ayeni, A., Melendez, M., Rysanek, A., and Sanders, M.

njaes.rutgers.edu/fs1299

FS1299 Ultra-Niche Crops Series: Pick-Your-Own (PYO) Blueberries.
Pavlis, G., Matthews, J., and Melendez, M.

Calendar of Important Events

December

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, Oregon 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

<p>✓</p> <p>Pesticide Certification Exam Schedule—Cumberland County 291 Morton Avenue Millville, NJ 08332 (Between Rosenhayn & Carmel)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2019</u></p> <p>Feb 19 Mar 19 Apr 17 May 15 Sept 18 Oct 16</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 style="text-align: center;"><u>2018</u></p> <p>Dec 11</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 style="text-align: center;"><u>2018</u></p> <p>Dec 20</p> <p>For info call Hillary Barile, President 856-453-1192 *****</p>
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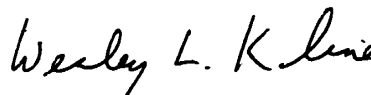
**Cumberland County Improvement Authority (CCIA)
Pesticide Container Recycling**
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex
169 Jesse's Bridge Rd. (located off Route 55 Exit 29)
Deerfield Township, New Jersey
Questions? Call Division of Ag & Natural Resources, NJ Dept. of Ag 609-292-2242

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-



New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station

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

When and Where:

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:
<https://rutgersonfarmfoodsafety.eventbrite.com>

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.

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

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