

SALEM COUNTY

November 2025

SCOOP

Salem County Pesticide Safety Meeting

February 20, 2026

51 Cheney Rd., Woodstown, NJ

No cost; Lunch will not be provided

Please register

856-769-0090

molly.english@salemcountynj.gov

Topics:

CORE Pesticide Safety	Raman Sharma, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Commodity Market Outlook	Nathaniel Bruce, Delaware Cooperative Extension
Precision Agriculture	Seowoo Lee, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Early Season Pest Mgmt. in Corn	Maria Cramer, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Animal Agricultural Pest Control	Hassan Warriach, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Disease Control in Vegetable Crops	Andy Wyenandt, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Corn Fertility on Yield and Quality	Raman Sharma, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Potential of Agrivoltaics	Dan Ward, Rutgers Cooperative Extension
Farmland Preservation in Salem County	State Agriculture Development Committee staff
Agricultural Safety in Salem County	Robert DiGregorio, Salem County Sheriff Office

Credits expected

CORE, 1A, PP2, 10, and others



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Exploring H2A Farm Labor in the Mid-Atlantic Region

February 2nd, 2026

Organized by the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension and
the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension

Location: 121 Northville Road, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302

Lunch and refreshments will be provided

The Event is provided free of charge, but you must RSVP.

9:30 – 10:00 Check-in / Registration

10:00 – 10:10 Welcome

10:10 – 10:55 Real Cost of H2A Workers

Speaker: Nate Bruce, University of Delaware

10:55 – 12:00 Legal Aspects of the H2A Process

Speakers: Brandon Davis, Phelps Dunbar LLP

Paul Goeringer, University of Maryland

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch

12:45 – 1:10 New Jersey Considerations for H2A Workers

Speaker: Ben Casella, New Jersey Farm Bureau

1:10 – 1:30 Experiences with the H2A Program and Q&A

Speaker: Henry Bennett, Bennett Orchards

1:30 – 1:45 Evaluations

Speakers, times, and availabilities subject to change.

To register, please contact Karen Adams:

adams@udel.edu or 302-831-3328

This work is supported by the Northeast Extension Risk Management project award no. 2024-70027-42540, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

This event is brought to you jointly by the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, a service of the UD College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, a service of the UMD College of Agriculture and Natural Resources — both are land-grant institutions and are equal opportunity providers. If you have special needs that need to be accommodated, please contact the office two weeks prior to the event.



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Try a New Idea on Your Farm — with Help from a SARE Grant!

Do you have a question or idea you'd like to test on your farm with the grant funding? The **Northeast SARE Farmer Grant Program** offers up to **\$30,000** to help farmers explore new practices, test ideas, and share what they learn with others.

I'm looking for local farmers interested in **working together to co-create** simple on-farm research projects. We can shape an idea that fits your farm while also meeting the grant requirements — making it workable for both you and the funding agency.

Some examples of project ideas could include:

- **Testing** different planting dates or seeding depths
- **Comparing** fertilizer rates or timing (for example, splitting nitrogen two or three times during the season)
- **Trying** carbon-based soil amendments to see their effect on crop growth/soil health
- **Comparing** tillage systems like strip-till vs. no-till
- **Evaluating** different cover crops or termination timings

The grant can help cover costs such as:

- Farmer labor or stipends for your time
- Supplies and materials (seed, fertilizer, testing kits, sensors, etc.)
- Soil or plant testing
- Equipment rental or consultant fees
- Outreach activities (like field days or printed materials to share results)

If you've ever wondered, "***What would happen if I tried it this way?***" — this is your chance to find out, with funding to help make it possible.

Proposals due: December 9, 2025

Funding available: Up to \$30,000 per project

Open to farmers in the Northeast

Learn more here → <https://northeast.sare.org/FarmerGrantCall>

If you're interested or even just curious, **reach out!**

I'd love to talk through your ideas and **work with you to co-develop a project** that makes sense for your farm and fits the grant program.

— Best regards, Ramandeep Kumar Sharma, County Agent III

☎ 856.769.0090 ext. 3220 office; Email: rs2794@njaes.rutgers.edu



Taxes, Estate, & Succession Planning Workshop



Sponsored by the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC)

Please join us for one of two expert-led workshops focused on **Taxes, Estate, and Succession Planning** in relation to farmland preservation.

The SADC cannot provide tax advice or recommend individual professionals, but we can provide opportunities for landowners to learn about these topics and connect with professionals who can provide guidance based on individual circumstances.

Topics will include: financial benefits preservation may provide to landowners, tax implications on the preservation payment, how to integrate preservation into estate and succession planning, and more.


Farmers, farm owners, and their professional advisors will benefit most from these workshops.

Come with your questions and concerns. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

The information presented at each session will be the same - choose the one that works best for you.

If you have questions or need additional information, you can contact Stephanie Kreiser (stephanie.kreiser@ag.nj.gov) and Cindy Roberts (cindy.roberts@ag.nj.gov) or call 609-984-2504.


We hope to see you there!


 **November 17, 2025**
6:30 - 8:00pm

 **Co-hosted by D&R Greenway**
One Preservation Place
Princeton, NJ 08540

 **Speakers:**
Wade Martin
Martin Wealth Management Group

Linda Mead
D&R Greenway

 **December 17, 2025**
6:30 - 8:00pm

 **Salem County Ag Building**
51 Cheney Road
Woodstown, NJ 08098

 **Speaker:**
Keith Dickinson
Farm Credit East



Wealth Management

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FARM CREDIT EAST

Meals on Wheels of Salem County-2025 Annual Holiday Gift Project

The magic of the season is almost here-and it's our time to shine! Let's come together and share the warmth and joy of the season with our senior neighbors.

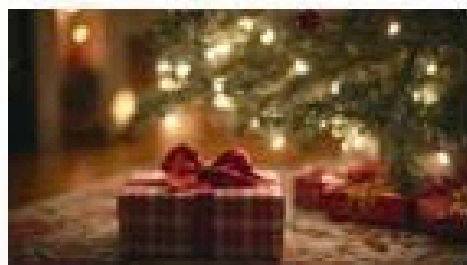
Salem County 4-H Teen Council club on behalf of Salem County 4-H will be collecting the following items to donate to Meals on Wheels:

Tissues, Paper, Towels, Sponges, Hand Soap, Toilet Paper, Disinfectant Wipes, Nail Clippers, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Dish Soap, Napkins, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hand Lotion, Chapstick

Puzzles, Playing Cards, Lap Blankets, Magnifying Glasses, Word Searches, Small Tables, Envelopes, Socks, Small Gifts.

Please **NO** food or candy.

Please drop off items to the Ware Building (51 Cheney Road, Woodstown) **Main Lobby** Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. We will be collecting now until December 12th and delivering the items on December 15th. Call 856-769-0090 if you need to drop off items after hours! Together, we can make the holidays brighter for our senior neighbors!



The New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) Division of Animal Health has launched a free testing program to partner with cattle producers and veterinarians to track and manage the emerging *Theileria orientalis* Ikeda parasite in New Jersey herds. Free testing is available until the end of the year (2025) to identify infected animals and guide response strategies. Producers are encouraged to contact their herd veterinarian or the NJDA Division of Animal Health (609-671-6400) for more information.

ALERT!



Free testing for an emerging tick disease available for cattle in New Jersey.

Ask your veterinarian about testing options.



Scan for more info!

609-671-6400



nj.gov/agriculture

South Jersey Farmers – Stop the Bleed Training – February 2, 2026

STOP THE BLEED TRAINING FOR FARMERS AND THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY REGISTRATION REQUIRED – NO COST



REGISTER USING THIS LINK OR QR CODE:

<https://go.rutgers.edu/stopthebleed>



DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 **TIME:** 9:00AM

LOCATION: GLOUCESTER COUNTY OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES
1200 N. DELSEA DR., CLAYTON, NJ

Rutgers Cooperative Extension' Farm Health and Safety Team has partnered with the Gloucester County Emergency Services to provide "Stop the Bleed" training for the farming community.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn the life-saving skills of pressure application, wound packing, and use of tourniquets. The first 25 registrants will also receive a complementary bleeding control kit.

Space is limited, register today.

If you have questions contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County 856-224-8040 ext. 1 or email minfante@njaes.rutgers.edu

Rutgers Farm Health and Safety Team:

Agricultural Agents: Kate Brown, Michelle Infante-Casella, William Bamka, and Stephen Komar

Pesticide License Exams



**Virtual testing available.
Sign up, exam schedule and more
information available at**

<https://pacer.rutgers.edu/>

Click the link above!

Pesticide Manuals are also available for purchase in the extension office or online!



NJDEP PESTICIDE LICENSING & REGISTRATIONS

2026 PESTICIDE LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION

August 2025

PESTICIDE LICENSE RENEWALS

-Annual renewal invoices ran on August 12, 2025

-Invoice numbers are available online NOW!

-Paper invoices will be mailed in late August

-The most efficient way to process your renewal invoice is to pay online

-Private Applicators must process their invoice online

Neonicotinoid pesticides are not currently approved for emergency use in New Jersey.

Neonicotinoid use for indoor pest control, pet care, and structural perimeter applications by a licensed Pesticide Applicator and other exemptions listed in the law remain valid. The most recent advisory is posted at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/advisories/2025-07.pdf>.

For a complete copy of the law please see

https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2020/PL21/386_PDF

PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION EXAMS

NJDEP no longer prepares or proctors and pesticide exams for Dealer, Commercial, or Private Pesticide Applicators. The online Pesticide Applicator Certification Exam Registration (PACER) system is available for your use. Anyone interested in taking a Pesticide exam must register through PACER system at pacер.rutgers.edu/.

PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT EXEMPT APPLICATORS

There is no fee for Private or Government Exempt applicator license renewals. However, **you are not licensed, and a license will not generate, unless the "\$0.00" renewal invoice is processed.** We do not accept \$0.00 invoices via post. Process these invoices using the payment directions provided on the second page of this document.

PESTICIDE RENEWAL – GENERAL INFORMATION

There will be delays with the processing of paper checks and purchase orders. However, all pesticide license renewal invoice numbers are available online, and the most efficient means of processing licenses is through online payment (see instructions below and on the following page). After paying online, please discard the paper invoice that arrives via post. Invoices will be mailed between the end of August and mid-September.

Q: How do I find my invoice number?

Directions to Locate an Invoice Number for an Individual

1. Go to <https://dep.nj.gov/pesticides/licensing-registration-and-permitting/annual-license-payments/>
2. Click the link labelled "Invoice Numbers for Unpaid License Invoices - Individuals"
3. Enter your License number (capitalize the letter), DOB (use the requested date format including slashes), and last four digits of SSN.
4. Click Submit. Write down the 9-digit invoice number.

Directions to Locate an Invoice Number for a Business

1. Go to <https://dep.nj.gov/pesticides/licensing-registration-and-permitting/annual-license-payments/>
2. Click the link labelled "Invoice Numbers for Unpaid License Invoices - Businesses"
3. Enter your License number (capitalize the letter)
4. Click Submit. Write down the 9-digit invoice number.

Q: How do I make a payment online?

1. Go to <https://dep.nj.gov/pesticides/licensing-registration-and-permitting/annual-license-payments/>
2. Click the link labelled "Pay for a License or Process a \$0 Invoice"
3. Enter Invoice number (found on paper invoice, or previously located using our website)
4. Enter License number of Program Interest (capitalize the letter)
5. Click Submit and follow prompts from there

Q: I cannot locate my invoice for the license that expired 10/31/2025?

It is likely that your license is not currently eligible for renewal due to insufficient recertification credits or failure to pay for renewal for two or more licensing years.

- If you have not paid for the previous two licensing years that expire on 10/31/2024 and 10/31/2025, you can still be eligible to renew by paying both old invoices on or before 10/31/2025. Otherwise, your license becomes inactive and you can only recertify via examination.
- To determine if you have not earned the required number of recertification credits, review your Course History information by following the directions in the section below.

RECIPROCAL LICENSING

If a five-year reciprocal license recertification cycle ends on 10/31/2025, a license renewal invoice will not generate unless:

- A picture of the valid pesticide license from your primary state has been received
- The required New Jersey continuing education units (CEUs) are obtained. You must have 16 credits per category and 8 Core credits to qualify for renewal.

Q: Where should I send the copy of my primary state license?

Email a copy of your license to pestcertcourses@dep.nj.gov.

Q: Can I use CEUs from another state?

No, all credits must come from classes approved by the NJDEP.

PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION CREDITS

Continuing education units (CEU's) that appear on the paper renewal invoices were recorded as of July 1, 2025 so there may be a discrepancy between the paper invoice and your online Course History. Course rosters are uploaded daily and credit values are live linked to our website. If your 5-year recertification cycle ends 10/31/2025, courses that count towards your current cycle were taken on or after 11/1/2020.

Q: How do I locate my Course History online?

Directions to Look up Recertification Credits for a Commercial Applicator License

1. Go to <https://dep.nj.gov/pesticides/licensing-registration-and-permitting/commercial-pesticide-applicator/>
2. Under Part 4: Click on "Commercial Certified Pesticide Applicators- Specific Information"
3. Enter your License number (capitalize the letter), DOB (use the requested date format including slashes), and last four digits of SSN.
4. Click Submit. Your recertification period and Course History are on the last pages of the report.

Directions to Look up Recertification Credits for a Private Applicator License

1. Go to <https://dep.nj.gov/pesticides/licensing-registration-and-permitting/private-pesticide-applicator/>
2. Under Part 5: Click on "Private Certified Pesticide Applicators- Specific Information"
3. Select your License number and enter your DOB (use the requested date format including slashes), and last four digits of SSN.
4. Click Submit. Your recertification period and Course History are on the last pages of the report.

Q: What if there are credits or courses missing from my Credit History online?

If the course was completed within the past 30 days, the roster likely has not been uploaded. Online courses will have the date 01-JAN of their licensing year rather than the date they were completed. If the course was completed more than 30 days prior, contact the course coordinator to ensure the attendance roster was submitted in a timely manner. If the course was not completed in the current licensing year, please email pestcertcourses@dep.nj.gov and include your license number, the course number, and the course date for review.

COURSES FOR PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION CREDITS

Commercial and Private applicators can obtain a maximum of 25% of their credits for each category from online (on-demand) courses during their 5-year recertification cycle. Online courses can be identified on an applicator's Course History by the date 01-JAN. Review your Course History before signing up for online classes to make sure you are eligible to earn credits. Courses listed on our website by any other date are not subject to the 25% restriction. Classes that are not dated January 1st and have their county listed as "various" are live remote courses that require the student to be kept on camera for the duration of the class.

Q: How do I find the recertification courses I need?

Directions to Look up Courses by Category

1. Go to <https://dep.nj.gov/pesticides/licensing-registration-and-permitting/5-year-recertification/>
2. Click "Search For Courses by Category"
3. Enter a start and end date of 01/01/2025 to search for online courses. **OR** Use today's date as the start date and 10/31/2025 as the end date to search for remote and in-person classes.
4. Select the category you are interested in. Hold the Ctrl key to select multiple categories.
5. Click Submit

PESTICIDE OPERATORS

Pesticide Operator renewal invoices are mailed directly to the employer. Once a Licensed Operator leaves a business, it is the employer's responsibility to send written notice to the Department within 30 calendar days from the last date of employment. If a Responsible Certified Applicator (RCA) does not renew their license for 2026, the Operator licenses under them are no longer valid and will be deleted. Update an Operator's RCA using Operator RCA change form VPC-003.

Q: How does an employer notify the Department when an Operator is no longer employed?

Requests to delete an Operator license from a business can be emailed to pestoperator@dep.nj.gov.

Q: How do I register new Operators during the renewal period?

New Operator applications are still accepted during the renewal. However, only RCAs that have paid for renewal in the 2026 licensing year can apply to license a new Operator. Applications should be sent to pestoperator@dep.nj.gov.

Q: Where can I find the Operator RCA change form VPC-003?

Go to <https://dep.nj.gov/pesticides/licensing-registration-and-permitting/pesticide-licensing-forms/>

PESTICIDE BUSINESSES

Pesticide Applicator Businesses are required to update their insurance information when a change occurs. Please do so by using the Insurance Verification Form. If the Responsible Certified Applicator (RCA) or Responsible Certified Dealer (RCD) does not renew their license for 2026, the business license under them is no longer valid. The RCA/RCD for a business can be updated using the Business Change form VPC-001.

Q: Where can I find the Insurance Verification form?

Go to <https://dep.nj.gov/pesticides/licensing-registration-and-permitting/pesticide-licensing-forms/>

Q: Where can I find the Business Change form VPC-001?

Go to <https://dep.nj.gov/pesticides/licensing-registration-and-permitting/pesticide-licensing-forms/>

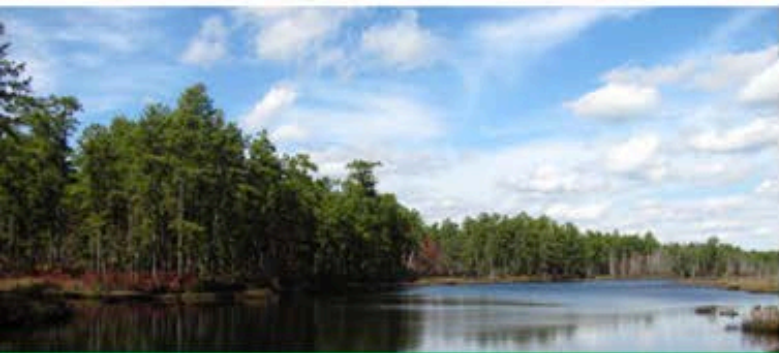
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Some Good News: Environmental Success Stories in New Jersey



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This spring, we highlight impactful programs that made a difference in protecting the Garden State. From shellfish habitat restoration to plastic reduction, these projects showcase the creativity, collaboration, and dedication of individuals, organizations, and communities working towards a greener future. Join us as we explore the stories behind these successes, learn about the challenges overcome, and discover how these initiatives can serve as models for environmental progress in New Jersey and beyond.

April 14 – Forestry Success in the Pinelands.
Benjamin Pisano & Dylan Wiget, NJ Forest Service

April 21 – Plastic Reductions in NJ.
N. Dini Checko, Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

April 28 – Ocean Observation on the Jersey Shore.
Dr. Travis Miles, Rutgers University

May 5 – Wildlife Recovery in NJ.
Kathleen Kerwin, Wildlife Biologist

May 12 – Dam Removal/Restoration.
Carl Alderson, NOAA

May 19 – Shellfish & Marine Habitat Restoration.
Dr. Christine Thompson, Stockton University &
Capt. Alek Modjeski, American Littoral Society

All webinars start at 6:30pm



To register for this webinar series, please visit:

<https://go.rutgers.edu/somegoodnews>

This webinar series is a collaboration between two Extension programs: Earth Day, Every Day (E2D2) and the Marine Extension Program Seminar Series (MEPSS). If you want to learn more about E2D2 or MEPSS please visit <https://envirostewards.rutgers.edu/earth-day-every-day/> or <https://ocean.njaes.rutgers.edu/marine/marine-extension-program-seminar-series/>.



Have Ag-Related Questions?

Need a Pesticide Manual?

Updated Agriculture Truck

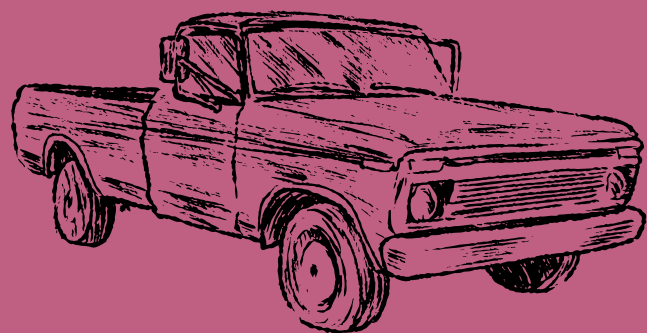
Certificate?

Soil Sample Kit?

Need advice from our Ag Agent?

Give the office a call!

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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR PLANT & PEST ADVISORY

UPDATES YET?



[HTTPS://PLANT-PEST-ADVISORY.RUTGERS.EDU/](https://plant-pest-advisory.rutgers.edu/)

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Beta-version 2023
Contact: twaller@njaes.rutgers.edu

Nursery & Landscape Pest Scouting Scouting with growing degree-days



Rutgers Green Industry Working Group

Contact: Timothy Waller, Ph.D.

twaller@njaes.rutgers.edu

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The Plant and Pest Advisory is put together by Rutgers Cooperative Extension referenced above is a treasure trove of information for all growers in the area from nursery, landscape & turf, vegetable, fruit, ornamentals, Christmas trees to field, forage & livestock. The Plant and Pest Advisory provides seasonal updates on disease, insects and weeds of importance to NJ growers.

Check out the link below and see what this website has to offer you!



<https://plant-pest-advisory.rutgers.edu/>

Earth Day Every Day Newsletter

<https://salem.njaes.rutgers.edu/category/earth-day/>

