

Agri-Technology, Nursery, Agronomy, Fruit and Vegetable Research Twilight Meeting at RAREC Wednesday August 26th, 2026 (4 pm until dark)

Location: Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center (RAREC), 121 Northville Road,
Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302

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This year's twilight meeting at RAREC will showcase advances in crop production, integrated pest management, soil fertility, weed management, and innovative agricultural technologies for growers and stakeholders across the state.

- Dan Ward, Director, RAREC. Welcome to RAREC
- Wesley Kline, Cumberland County Agricultural Agent
 - 'Impact of Cyclospora on fruit and vegetable production'
- Tim Waller, Cumberland County RCE Nursery Agent.
 - 'Useful Nursery and Ornamental Crops and Considerations'
- Raul Cabrera, Extension Specialist in Nursery Production and Management.
 - 'Recent developments on substrates (for container-grown crops)'
- Dan Ward, Director, RAREC; Rutgers Agrivoltaics Program.
 - 'Update on the agrivoltaics research program at Rutgers'
- Ann Nielsen, Extension Specialist in Entomology
 - Emma Waltman, PhD candidate, 'Land-use around farms impacts stink bug biological control'
 - Amanda Furuya, Post-Doctoral Associate, 'Tackling Spotted Lanternfly in South Jersey Vineyards'
 - Octavio Menocal Sandoval, Post-Doctoral Associate, 'Updating Monitoring and Management for Codling Moth in Apple'
- Thierry Besancon, Extension Weed Specialist for Specialty Crops.
 - 'Update on new technologies for weed management in vegetable crops'
- Ramandeep Kumar Sharma, Salem County Agricultural Agent.
 - 'Optimizing Nitrogen Rate and Application Timing for Corn Yield and Quality'
 - 'Evaluation of Sulfur Fertilizer Sources and Application Rates for Optimizing Soybean Growth and Yield in Southern New Jersey'
- Maria Cramer, Senior Program Coordinator, Vegetable IPM,
 - 'Thrips management in tomatoes'
- Patrick McMullen, Atlantic County Agricultural Agent.
 - 'Wilts of cucurbits: Identification and management'
- Andy Wyenandt, Extension Specialist in Vegetable Pathology.
 - 'Updates on vegetable disease control' **CORE: 30 minutes**

NJDEP pesticide recertification credits are pending approval. Expected credits include CORE (1), PP2 (4), 1A (4), 3A (2), and Category 10 (3).

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