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NORTH JERSEY COMMERCIAL VEGETABLE GROWERS MEETING

February 19, 2025
8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Hunterdon County Complex
314 State Route 12, Bldg. 1
Flemington, NJ

Program

Program Chair

Peter Nitzsche, Agriculture and Resource Management Agent
Cooperative Extension of Morris County

8:30 - Registration

Coffee and pastry compliments of industry sponsors

9:00 - Welcome and Introductions

9:10 – Vegetable IPM Update

Amanda Quadrel, Senior Program Coordinator – Vegetable IPM, Cooperative Extension

9:40 – Small Pumpkin Variety Trial and Nutrient Management

Michelle Infante-Casella, ANR Agent, Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County

10:10 - Update on Agrivoltaics Research and the BPU Dual-Use Solar Pilot Program

David Specca, Assistant Director, Rutgers EcoComplex, NJAES

10:30 - Update on Farm Service Programs

Laura LaFevre, County Executive Director, Hunterdon / Somerset Office, Farm Service Agency

10:40 - Biodegradable Plasticulture in Habanero Peppers

William Sciarappa, ANR Agent, Cooperative Extension

11:10 - What is New from Industry

11:20 – Updates on Disease Control in Vegetable Crops

Andrew Wyenandt, Specialist in Vegetable Pathology, Cooperative Extension

11:50 – Drones in Agriculture: Evaluating the Potential

Stephen Komar ANR Agent, Cooperative Extension of Sussex County

Adam Kyle, Teaching Administrator - Precision Agriculture, Warren County Community College

12:10 - LUNCHEON (**pre-registration required**)

1:00 – Sweet Corn Weed Control

Mark VanGessel, Weed Specialist, University of Delaware

1:30 - Thrips Parvispinus: An Emerging Pest in Horticulture

Patricia Prade, Extension Entomologist, Penn State Extension

2:00 – Proper Pesticide Procedures Precautions and Protocols

Spencer Kerkhof, Pesticide Control Program Outreach Representative, NJDEP

2:30 – Beyond Butternut and Zucchini, Other Varieties of Squash & Pumpkin for NJ

Thomas Andreas, Independent Researcher

2:50 - Food Safety Modernization Act, Produce Safety Rule Agriculture Water Update

TBD, ANR Agent, Cooperative Extension of Mercer County

3:00 - Pesticide Recertification Credits and Adjourn. Attendees must be present for the entire program in order to apply for NJDEP credits.

NJDEP PESTICIDE RECERTIFICATION CREDITS ARE ANTICIPATED

DIRECTIONS AS TO SOMER COUNTY AREA (same location as Hunterdon County Library)

Take Route 80 to Route 287 South. Take the exit for Route 202/206 South. Stay on Route 202 South, over the Somerville Circle, to Flemington. At the Flemington Circle, take the second right-hand exit onto Route 12 West. Stay on Route 12 past 2 more circles. The Route 12 Complex is on the left, approximately 2 miles from the last circle. Turn left into complex, make the 1st right and go to 1st building on right (blue glass silo)

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Agriculture and Resource Management Agent

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Cost: Registration per person \$20.00
Additional farm personnel per person \$10.00
Luncheon (**pre-registration required**) \$30.00

New Jersey Vegetable Production Guide (2024-2025) \$30.00

All Registration and Lunch Fees (Cash or Check) will be collected at the door

Please fill out below and fax or email to:

Fax: (908) 806-4735

E-mail: kfrey@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Questions contact: Kim Cromelin (908) 788-1338

NOTE: PRE-REGISTRATION BY FEBRUARY 13, 2025 REQUIRED FOR LUNCH

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Please register me for the North Jersey Commercial Vegetable Growers Meeting February 19, 2025

No. of person (s) attending ____ Name _____

Additional Name _____ Additional Name _____

Farm/Firm Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Registration fee(s) ____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____
Additional registration (s) ____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____
Luncheon (s) ____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____
NJ Vegetable Production Guide ____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

Total amount due at door \$ _____

Please hold the date: North Jersey Commercial Fruit Growers Meeting – March 5, 2025