New Jersey Agricultural Service Provider Education and Networking to Improve Farmer Outreach and Services

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A team of Rutgers Cooperative Extension faculty have developed an educational series to provide networking opportunities for extension professionals and other agricultural service providers to improve services to farmers. This SARE funded program was designed to provide important information to agricultural service providers (ASP's) servicing the NJ agricultural community, as well as to share timely information with anyone who interacts with agricultural producers.

Special Occasion Events on Preserved Farms Monday, May 22, 2023 10:00 Am

P.L. 2023, c.9 became law on February 3, 2023 and recognizes the positive effects that special occasion events (SOEs) on preserved farms can have to help sustain the agricultural industry without impacting the agricultural or horticultural use of the land, or disrupting neighborhoods that surround preserved farms.

Since this law was announced it has stimulated many questions from producers. As ASP's, these questions may ultimately be directed to your agency. This special topic program will focus on Special Occasion Events and will explain the regulation, who is impacted, and will explain the application process.

This program will be valuable for any ASP, especially anyone who has direct contact with agricultural producers. Sharing accurate information regarding Special Occasion Events will be critical to ensure the process is completed properly.