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PLANT SCIENCE DAY 2013 PRESENTED BY THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2013
Time: Gates open at 9:30 a.m.
Program begins at 10:00 a.m.
Event 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: Lockwood Farm
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
890 Evergreen Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

Hamden, CT--The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) invites you to attend the annual *Plant Science Day 2013*. This annual event is held at Lockwood Farm, our 75-acre research farm in Hamden, CT. It features a day of plant science open to the public. This event is free and open to all and takes place rain or shine. Among the highlights of the day are the Century Farm Award and the Samuel W. Johnson Memorial Lecture. The Century Farm Award is presented to a farm that has been in family operation for more than 100 years. The Memorial Lecture, named for Professor Johnson, director of the Station from 1877 to 1900, was established as a forum to discuss issues of concern to Connecticut residents and the Station. This year's lecture, "The Food Emergency Response Network: FERN 101 and The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station" will be presented by Captain Michael A. McLaughlin, Ph.D., Acting Director of Food and Feed Scientific Staff, USFDA. Additional short presentations by CAES scientists include "Food Safety Research in the Department of Analytical Chemistry: Surveillance of Fresh and Manufactured Foods for Chemical Contamination," "Tropical Storms, Hurricanes, and Superstorms: Their Impact and Influence on Tree Diseases," "The New Crops Program: Helping Connecticut's Vegetable Growers" and "Spotted Wing Drosophila Biology and Management". This year's technical demonstrations are "Beekeeping Basics" and "Soil Testing to Improve Plant Growth." Plant Science Day offers many opportunities for attendees to discuss plant science topics on an informal basis with CAES scientists at their research plots. Barn Displays will highlight the Station's current research programs. There will be opportunities to visit over 60 field plots and exhibits, as well as participate in walking

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and riding tours and activities for children, such as the “Passport for Kids.” Experts will be available to answer questions on plant identification and disease diagnosis, soil testing, and weed and insect identification.

Media are also invited for on-site interviews with CAES scientists about their research projects and other services and programs at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

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