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PLANT SCIENCE DAY 2016 OPEN HOUSE PRESENTED BY THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Date: Wednesday, August 3, 2016
Time: Gates open at 9:30 a.m.
Program begins at 10:00 a.m.
Event 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 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 its annual open house, *Plant Science Day 2016*. The event, held at Lockwood Farm, the Station's 75-acre research farm located in Hamden, Connecticut, is a day of scientific inquiry and discovery, featuring updates on the Station's research advances in agriculture, food safety, the environment, and public health. Plant Science Day is free, open to the public, and takes place rain or shine. Among the day's highlights are the Century Farm Award and the Samuel W. Johnson Memorial Lecture. This year's Century Farm Award, presented to a farm that has been in family operation for more than 100 years, will go to Norman Hill Farm in Thompson, Connecticut. The Memorial Lecture, named for Professor Johnson, director of the Station from 1877 to 1900, was established as a forum focusing on issues of concern to Connecticut residents and the Station. This year's lecture, "*The Positive Power of Plants: Frederick Law Olmsted in Connecticut*," will be presented by Mr. David K. Leff, Essayist, Environmentalist, and Former Deputy Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Oral presentations by CAES scientists will include "*Mosquitoes and Zika Virus: Assessing the Threat*," "*Hops: A Specialty Crop for Connecticut*," and "*Climate Change and Invasive Pests and Pathogens*." Additional highlights of *Plant Science Day 2016* include two technical demonstrations, "*Know Your Weeds—Identification and Control*" and "*Planting for the Bees' Needs*," and poster displays featuring several of the Station's current research programs. Plant Science Day offers many opportunities for attendees to engage in informal discussions with CAES scientists on a variety of scientific topics. Attendees can also visit 85 field plots and exhibits, participate in walking and riding tours, and activities for children, including the ever-popular "Passport for Kids" program. As always, the Station's experts will be available to diagnose plant diseases, identify plants, insects, and weeds, and collect soil samples for testing.

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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