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## **PLANT SCIENCE DAY 2015 PRESENTED BY THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 5, 2015  
**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 *Plant Science Day 2015*. This annual event is held at Lockwood Farm, the Station's 75-acre research farm located in Hamden, CT. It features a day of scientific inquiry, discovery, and updates on research advances in agriculture, food safety, the environment and public health. The event is free, open to the public and takes place rain or shine. Among the key 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. This year's award will go to Anderson Farms in Wethersfield, CT. 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, "*Protecting Forests in Connecticut for the Future – How are we doing? What will it take?*" will be presented by Mr. Eric Hammerling, Executive Director of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. Additional oral presentations by CAES scientists will include "*Internal Decay in Trees and its Role in the Forest Carbon Cycle*," "*From the Very Large to the Extremely Small: Including Microbiology in Climate Models*," and "*Tracking Ticks and Tick-associated Diseases in Connecticut*". This year's technical demonstrations are "*Invasive Aquatic Plants That Threaten Lakes and Ponds*" and "*Beekeeping Basics*." Plant Science Day offers many opportunities for attendees to discuss science topics on an informal basis with CAES scientists at their research plots. Poster displays in the main barn will highlight several of the Station's current research programs. There will be opportunities to visit 87 field plots and exhibits, as well as participate in walking 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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