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## **The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Receives Partnership Grants from Northeastern IPM Center to Study Ticks and Fire Blight of Apples**

**New Haven, CT** - The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) announced today that it received \$95,848 in funding from the Northeast IPM Center, through the 2015 Partnership Grants, a competitive program supported by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. This was part of over \$400,000 in funding posted by the Northeast IPM Center, which included projects in rural and urban agricultural and landscape integrated pest management (IPM). The grants support two projects to understand the role of winter conditions on tick abundance and prevent antibiotic resistance in the pathogen that causes fire blight, a serious concern for apple growers. Dr. Theodore G. Andreadis, CAES Director, reported "we are pleased to receive support from the NE-IPM Center that studies two important issues for Connecticut's citizens and growers."

Funded CAES programs are:

- Manipulation of Winter Soil Conditions as an IPM Tool for Blacklegged Tick *Ixodes scapularis* Control, Laura Hayes and Kirby Stafford (CAES), and Charles Lubelczyk (Maine Medical Center Research Institute), \$45,860.
- Monitor and Prevent Streptomycin Resistance in *Erwinia amylovora* Populations in New England, Quan Zeng, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, \$49,988.

For more information on each project and to view the full list of funded Northeast IPM Partnership Grants visit: <http://neipmc.org/go/PwLm> ###

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