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PLANT SCIENCE DAY 2018 OPEN HOUSE PRESENTED BY THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018
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 field day open house, *Plant Science Day 2018*. The outdoor event will be held at Lockwood Farm, the Station's 75-acre research farm located in Hamden, Connecticut and features updates on the Station's research advances in agriculture, food safety, the environment, forestry, and public health. The event is free, open to the public, and takes place rain or shine. Among the day's highlights will be the Century Farm Award and 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 Zentek Farms LLC in Cheshire, Connecticut. The Memorial Lecture, named for Dr. Samuel Johnson, director of the Station from 1877 to 1900, was established as a forum focusing on current issues of concern to Connecticut residents and beyond. This year's lecture, *Profitability: The Key to Sustainable Agriculture*, will be presented by Mr. Henry N. Talmage, Director of Member Relations and Economic Services, New York Farm Bureau. Oral presentations by CAES scientists will include (1) *Are Nanoparticles the New Weapon Against Plant Disease?* (2) *Fire Blight: History, Management, and New Challenges*, and (3) *Climate Impacts on Hemlocks and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in the Northeast*. Additional highlights will include technical demonstrations on *Beekeeping Systems Used in Connecticut* and *CAES's Invasive Aquatic Plant Program*, and poster displays featuring several of the Station's current research programs. Plant Science Day offers opportunities for attendees to engage in informal discussions with CAES scientists on a variety of scientific topics. Attendees can also visit 80 field plots and exhibits, participate in riding bus 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. Connecticut pesticide credits will additionally be offered.

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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