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### PLANT SCIENCE DAY 2025 OPEN HOUSE PRESENTED BY THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

**Date:** Wednesday, August 6, 2025

**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 115<sup>th</sup> annual field day open house, *Plant Science Day 2025*. The outdoor event will be held at Lockwood Farm, the Station's 75-acre research farm located in Hamden, Connecticut, and will feature 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 Rosedale Farms and Vineyards, Simsbury, 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 entitled

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“Cultivation and Kinship in the Web of Life” will be presented by Scott Chaskey, Poet, Farmer, and Educator, at Peconic Land Trust at Quail Hill Farm, NY. CAES scientists will give presentations on “Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) – an Emerging Issue in Connecticut and Beyond,” “Managing Apple Diseases in a Sustainable Manner: From Biological Controls to Disease Resistance in the Hosts,” and “Managing Milkweed Habitat to Support Monarch Butterfly Success.” Additional highlights will include technical demonstrations on “Invasive Plant Management Options for Homeowners” and “DIY Propagation Station: Cut, Dip, and Stick!” 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 field plots and exhibits 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 also 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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