Dear Grower:

The 2012 BLUEBERRY OPEN HOUSE has been organized to include valuable information from many sources. We are holding our meeting at Kerri Brooke Caterers, 755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ 08037. I hope you will schedule this meeting on your calendar. Kerri Brooke Caterers is accessible to the handicapped.

The registration form includes the opportunity for you to subscribe to The Blueberry Bulletin at the same time you register for the Blueberry Open House. The Blueberry Bulletin ‘Reader Survey’ is on the back of the ‘Registration Form’. Please take a minute to fill it out. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gary C. Polashock, Ph.D.
Atlantic County Agricultural Agent

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**PROGRAM**

9:00 Registration: Coffee & Danish
9:30 ‘Funding for the Philip E. Marucci Blueberry and Cranberry Research Center’ - Joe Darlington, Chairman, N.J. Blueberry/Cranberry Research Council
9:45 ‘Fitting the New Herbicide Chemistry into a Blueberry Weed Control Program’ - Brad Majek, Specialist in Weed Science, Rutgers University
10:05 ‘Blueberry Market Sustainability’ - Dennis Doyle, NJ State Representative, US Highbush Blueberry Council
10:25 ‘All Together Now – Spotted Wing, Stink Bugs, Aphids and Maggots – Managing an Invasive World’ - Dean Polk, Fruit IPM Agent, Rutgers University
10:45 Break
11:00 ‘Disease Management Practices for 2012’ - Dr. Peter Oudemans, Specialist in Blueberry & Cranberry Plant Pathology, Rutgers University
11:20 ‘Colonization of Blueberry With Ericoid Mycorrhizae’ - James Polashock, USDA-ARS
11:40 ‘USDA Breeding Program Update – 2012’ - Mark Ehlenfeldt, USDA-ARS, Rutgers University
12:00 Lunch
1:15 ‘An Update on Entomology Research in Blueberries: Blueberry Maggot, Aphids and More’ - Dr. Cesar Rodriguez-Saona, Specialist in Blueberry and Cranberry Entomology, Rutgers University
1:55 ‘How Do Your Fertilizer Practices Affect Disease and Insect Susceptibility and Cold Hardiness?’ – Dr. Gary Pavlis
2:15 ‘Pest Management Strategic Plan’ – Dr. Peter Oudemans, Specialist in Blueberry & Cranberry Plant Pathology, Rutgers University
2:45 Break
3:00 ‘Update on Medicinal Research from the Highbush Blueberry Council’ – Dr. Amy Howell, Ph.D., Associate Research Scientist, Marucci Center for Blueberry and Cranberry Research, Rutgers University
3:20 ‘Pesticide and Regulatory Update for 2012’ - Patricia Hastings, Pesticide Safety Education Program Coordinator, Rutgers University
3:40 ‘Adjourn: Pesticide Re-certification Credits’