Dear Growers and Exhibitors:

This year we are holding our 2017 BLUEBERRY OPEN HOUSE at Frog Rock Golf & Country Club, 755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ, 08037. Enclosed is the tentative program that has been organized to include valuable information from many sources. I hope you will schedule this meeting on your calendar. Frog Rock Country Club 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 and we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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

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9:00 Registration: Coffee and Danish

9:30 ‘Untangling the Role of Pesticides in Colony Losses’ - Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Ph.D., Dept. of Entomology, Univ. of Maryland

10:10 ‘Insecticide Efficacy Trials and Recommendations for 2017’ - Dr. Cesar Rodriquez-Saona, Specialist in Entomology, Rutgers

10:30 ‘Characteristics of Promising Rutgers Blueberry Selections’ - Dr. Nick Vorsa, Director, Blueberry/Cranberry Research, Rutgers

10:50 Break

11:00 ‘Update on Blueberry Soil Health Studies with the Solvita Test System’ - Dr. Bill Sciarappa, Agricultural Agent, Rutgers

11:20 ‘Designing Insecticide Resistance Management Programs for Optimal Control of Spotted Wing Drosophia’ - Dean Polk, Fruit IPM Agent, Rutgers

11:50 What’s New in the Industry – Gary Pavlis

12:10 Lunch

1:25 ‘The Blueberry Stem Blight Complex’ – Dr. James Polashock, Plant Pathology, USDA-ARS

1:45 ‘Strategies for Blueberry Disease Management’ – Dr. Peter Oudemans, Blueberry/Cranberry Plant Pathology, Rutgers

2:05 ‘An Update on pH’ – Dr. Gary C. Pavlis, Agricultural Agent, Rutgers

2:20 ‘Revised Worker Protection Standard Requirements for the 2017 Growing Season’ – Patricia Hastings, Pesticide Safety Education Program Coordinator, Rutgers

3:05 ‘Blueberries by the Numbers..’ – Bruce Eklund, NASS-USDA

3:10 Adjourn: Pesticide Re-certification Credits