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PLANT SCIENCE DAY 2019 OPEN HOUSE PRESENTED BY THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2019
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 2019*. 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 Hastings Farm, LLC in Suffield, 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 "What Your Grandparents Couldn't Teach You: Seven Generations of Adapting Stewardship" will be presented by Mr. Keith B. Bishop, Co-CEO, Treasurer & Winemaker, Bishop's Orchards in Guilford, Connecticut. CAES scientists will give oral presentations on "History of Broadleaf Tobacco Production in Connecticut," "The Links Between Forest and Public Health," and "The Carolina Gold Rush: Learning New Secrets from Heirloom Rice." Additional highlights will include technical demonstrations on "How to Grow the Best Tomatoes" and "Indoor Molds and Their Management," 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 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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