

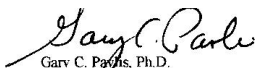
BLUEBERRY OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, February 21, 2017

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,


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 Rodriguez-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 Drosophila'* - 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*