

# CNLA Update



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To enhance and protect Connecticut's green industry businesses.

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## UConn Extension Water Use Survey

### UConn Extension helps farmers plan and prepare for drought

UConn Extension is working with agricultural producers to optimize irrigation efficiency and plan for drought. They are supporting operations across the state in identifying current water needs, improved irrigation strategies, and drought-resilient crops and practices. In the 2016 season, twelve pilot sites were established to track water use and rainfall to help producers understand their water use. UConn is collaborating with a diverse group of operations across the state. Now, they are looking for nursery operations who are interested in sharing their experiences, participating as pilot sites for the 2017 season, and learning more about drought preparedness and management. If you are interested in this work, contact Angie Murdukhayeva ([angie@uconn.edu](mailto:angie@uconn.edu), 860-486-7176).

Last winter, they launched a water use survey, the first effort to document water use in Connecticut agriculture. Participation in the survey is voluntary and anonymous, and takes about 10 minutes to complete. If you are interested in participating in the 2015 water use survey, go to the following link: <https://goo.gl/PnFNbP>.



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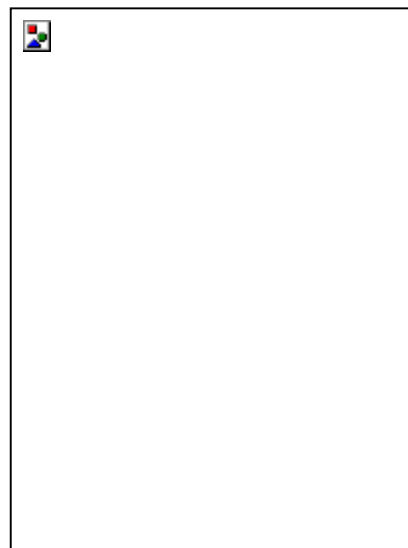
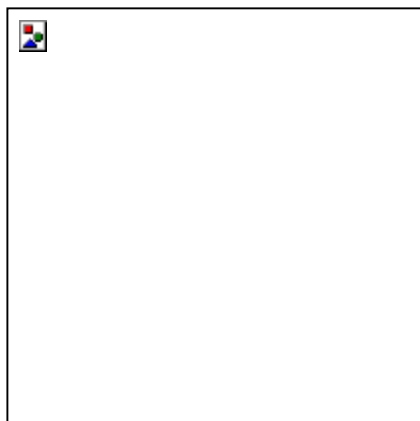
Become a closer part of our CNLA community!

## Members of the Green Industry Assist CT Chapter of Make A Wish

The Connecticut Chapter of Make A Wish is pleased to share that the granting of a recent wish was graciously supported by members of the Connecticut Green Industry. A ten year Madison girl's wish was for a swing designed for the disabled to be installed in her back yard . The wish was granted through the efforts of CT Outdoor Services Llc of Deep River Connecticut, and donations from Kogut Nursery and Geremia Greenhouses.

To allow easier access to the swing CT Outdoor Services created a wheelchair- friendly gravel walkway to the swing. In addition, a hedge was installed on two property borders to provide greater privacy for the wish family. Displaced plants were relocated around the home. The plants for the screening hedge were generously donated by Kogut Nursery of Meriden Connecticut. The area of the swing and patio were decorated by plants and flowers donated by Joe Geremia Greenhouses, in Wallingford Connecticut.

Granting the wish was a great success and Make A Wish is deeply grateful for the kind donations of all who have supported this wonderful project.



## Save the Date!

*There will be a free Nursery and Landscape Research Tour at the Valley Lab of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in Windsor on September 15 from 9 am to 1 pm. Pesticide recertification credits will be applied for.*

## Financial Decisions for Greenhouse Businesses

Date: August 30, 2016

Location: New Haven, CT

Learn about business planning, estimating production costs, agricultural benchmarks, investments, financial benefits of disease and pest management options, retaining the workforce, financial assistance options and crop insurance.

More information: [http://greenhouse.uconn.edu/cgga\\_aug2016/](http://greenhouse.uconn.edu/cgga_aug2016/)

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## Practical Applications in Greenhouse Nutrient Management

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Jones Auditorium, CAES

123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT

This educational program will feature the following topics for greenhouse growers:

**Crop Insurance options to manage farm risk,**

*Joseph Bonelli, Associate Extension Educator, UConn Extension*

**How to Maintain, Calibrate and Clean your Fertilizer and Chemigation Injector, Lela Kelly, Dosatron International** *Lela will take you through why maintenance and calibration are so important, and show you how easy it can be.*

**Managing nutrient levels for container crops. Ryan Dickson, University of New Hampshire** *Trouble shooting up's and down's of pH and nutrient levels.*

**Selecting fertilizers: Step by Step, Rosa Raudales, University of Connecticut** *Practical case studies on how to choose the right fertilizer and the right dose for your crops.*

**Water and media testing, Rosa Raudales and Ryan Dickson** *Rosa and Ryan will discuss the principles of in-house testing and demonstrate how to do it correctly.*

**\* 4.75 Pesticide Recertification Credits have been approved in categories PA, 3A**

**View program and form online at:**

[http://ipm.uconn.edu/pa\\_greenhouse/](http://ipm.uconn.edu/pa_greenhouse/) and look under 'educational programs'.

**\$25.00 per person (by check only)**

**Registration fee of \$25 per person includes: handouts, refreshments, lunch.**

**For more information, contact:**

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*This program is a cooperative effort of UConn Extension and the Risk Management Agency/USDA, CNLA, CGKA*

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## Join Us at *The Gathering*

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Saturday, September 10th  
Chamard Vineyards  
115 Cow Hill Rd., Clinton CT  
3-7 p.m.

Join with fellow members of the CNLA and the CNF to celebrate our accomplishments, reminisce, and share our hopes for the future of our industry.

Chamard Vineyards is a 33 year old winery set on 45 acres. We will gather in the wine cellar to enjoy many varieties of Estate Reserve wines and delicious appetizers. The grounds will be open to tour the vines and visit the farm garden.

[Download Registration Form Here](#)

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## UConn to Host Major Invasive Plant Conference on October 11th

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Tuesday, October 11, 2016  
Student Union, UConn  
Storrs, CT  
8 AM - 4:30 PM

The symposium agenda and online registration are available at [www.cipwg.uconn.edu](http://www.cipwg.uconn.edu). Early registration is \$50 (postmarked on or before September 12); regular registration is \$60 (postmarked AFTER September 12 or for walk-in registrations). Student fee (with valid

student ID) is \$25. Registration includes parking and lunch. In addition, Pesticide Recertification and other Continuing Education Credits will be available. Attendees are advised to register early, as the last symposium had record attendance and sold out with 500 attendees.

On-line registration is preferred, but if you would like to pay by check, please visit the CIPWG website at [www.cipwg.uconn.edu](http://www.cipwg.uconn.edu) to download the registration form and mail it in with your payment. For additional information, contact Donna Ellis at 860-486-6448; [donna.ellis@uconn.edu](mailto:donna.ellis@uconn.edu).

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## USDA Risk Management Events Calendar:

Check out the link below for the calendar of Risk Management events!

[Risk Management 2015-2016 Event Calendar](#)



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## Upcoming Industry Events

*Share with us any of your upcoming events and we would be happy to help spread the word!*

The Gathering

**9/10/16** | Chamard Vineyard

Invasive Plant Conference

**10/11/16** | UConn

CNLA Winter Symposium  
**1/25-1/26/17** | Aqua Turf Club

[RMA Calendar of Events](#)



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