



USDA VALUE ADDED PRODUCER GRANT WORKSHOP - 2006

The Rutgers University Food Innovation Center is holding a series of workshops to assist farmers and agricultural producers with a grant opportunity from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that provides funding towards the development or expansion of value-added agricultural businesses. The sessions are being held in northern, central, and southern New Jersey and are being conducted in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and USDA Rural Development. Since the inception of the USDA Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program in 2001, \$730,700 in grants have been awarded to New Jersey applicants.

We wish to invite agricultural producers and producer groups to participate in a workshop where we will present this opportunity, which offers great potential to help you increase the profitability of your enterprise. These workshops will be both informational and hands-on, consisting of a presentation of the grant program, as well as a breakout working session to assist in the formulation of value-added ideas and in the construction of an application for funding.

Sessions will be held on the days and at the locations indicated below. Continental breakfast and registration will commence at 8:30 am. The program will begin promptly at 9:00 am and conclude at noon.

Session I

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

Sussex County Community College
One College Hill Rd
Bldg. D - Theatre
Newton, NJ 07860

Co-sponsored by Sussex County Community College, Sussex County Economic Development Partnership, Sussex County Agricultural Development Board, Skylands Small Business Development Center and New Jersey Economic Development Authority

Session II

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

Rutgers Food Innovation Center
87 East Commerce Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Co-sponsored by The New Jersey Small Business Development Center's at Rutgers University-Camden & Richard Stockton College and New Jersey Economic Development Authority

Session III

Monday, December 5, 2005

Cook College Campus Center
Multi-Purpose Room C
Biel Road
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Co-sponsored by The College of New Jersey Small Business Development Center and New Jersey Economic Development Authority

Pre-registration is necessary. The workshop is free of charge. Please make your reservations as soon as possible online at www.foodinnovation.rutgers.edu, or by mailing, faxing, or phoning the registration below to:

Rutgers Food Innovation Center, 87 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

FAX (856) 459-3043, PHONE (856) 459-1125

Contact us with questions, or if in need of directions or accommodations. Facilities are accessible for the disabled.

VALUE ADDED WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

FIRM/AGENCY:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT NAME:

TELEPHONE#:

#PERSONS ATTENDING:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

MEETING LOCATION OF YOUR CHOICE: (Please check one)

Newton, NJ
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