Greenhouse Crop Production
Preliminary Short Course Program
March 21-22 (Thursday – Friday) | Day 1: Lectures, Day 2: Greenhouse Tours
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Facilitated by the Office of Continuing Professional Education, Rutgers University

**Day 1: Lectures**

Thursday, March 21st  
**Rutgers EcoComplex, 1200 Florence-Columbus Rd., Bordentown, NJ 08505**

8:15 – 8:45 am  Registration and Light Breakfast
8:45 – 9:00 am  Introductions and course outline  
_{Dave Specca – Rutgers}_

9:00 – 9:45 am  What is a commercial greenhouse?  
_{A.J. Both – Rutgers}_

9:45 – 10:30 am  What plant pests should I worry about?  
_{Steve Rettke – Rutgers}_

10:30 – 10:45 am  Coffee/tea break
10:45 – 11:30 am  What plant diseases should I worry about?  
_{Ann Gould – Rutgers}_

11:30 – 12:15 pm  What type of nutrients do plants need and how do I know the correct amount?  
_{Cari Peters – J.R. Peters Lab, Inc.}_

12:15 – 1:00 pm  Lunch break
1:00 – 1:45 pm  What is hydroponics and how can I use this technique to grow my crops?  
_{Dave Specca – Rutgers}_

1:45 – 2:30 pm  Do specialty/ethnic crops provide an opportunity?  
_{Albert Ayeni – Rutgers}_

2:30 – 3:15 pm  What crops could be grown in high tunnels?  
_{Kathy Demchak – Penn State University}_

3:15 – 3:30 pm  Coffee/tea break
3:30 – 4:15 pm  How do I market and sell my crops or produce?  
_{Robin Brumfield – Rutgers}_

4:15 – 5:00 pm  Fresh Produce Safety: Best Practices and Regulations  
_{Meredith Melendez – Rutgers}_

5:00 – 5:30 pm  Questions and answers, wrap-up
5:30 – 6:30 pm  Tour of the EcoComplex Greenhouse and Business Incubator Facility

**Day 2: Tours**

Friday, March 22nd  
**Short Course participants drive directly to the greenhouse facilities**

9:00 – 11:00 am  
Tour Lennon Farm Greenhouses, _Gunther Lennon_ (Tabernacle) – 180,000 square foot glass greenhouse, wholesale bedding plants and vegetable transplants  
_Address: 212 Tuckerton Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088_

11:00 – 12:00 pm  
Lunch on your own while travelling to Voorhees Greenhouse

12:00 – 2:00 pm  
Tour Voorhees Greenhouses, _Tracey and David Voorhees_ (Robbinsville) – 120,000 square foot glass and double poly, wholesale bedding plants  
_Address: 1276 Old York Road, Hightstown, NJ 08520_

2:30 – 4:30 pm  
Tour Kube Pak, _Bill, John and Rob Swaneckamp_ (Allentown) – 803,000 square foot double poly, wholesale ornamental and vegetable plugs, trays and baskets  
_Address: 194 Route 526, Allentown, NJ 08501_