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### **Pollinator Habitat Workshop at Blueberry Hill Organic Farm**

**New Haven, CT** -- The Entomology Department of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) announces a pollinator habitat workshop at Blueberry Hill Organic Farm, 314 Margaret Henry Road in Danielson, CT on Monday, August 20 (rain date Tuesday, August 21) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Virginia Keith, certified organic farmer in Danielson, CT, is hosting this pollinator habitat workshop on her farm, highlighting how she established the flowering resources for pollinators and other beneficial insects, what benefits she has seen in her yield of vegetables and small fruit, and other benefits to the health of her farm. Bill Purcell, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, worked with Ms. Keith on the pollinator habitat and other conservation measures, and he will speak about how NRCS can support farms in developing pollinator habitat as part of an overall conservation plan.

Dr. Kimberly Stoner, a Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAE) entomologist specializing in bees, will also speak about what species of bees are most involved in crop pollination, their life cycles, and how farms can support the bees that provide them with essential pollination services.

The tour is open to all. This tour qualifies for 1.5 hours of Pesticide Recertification Credits for private applicators. It is also supported by a Specialty Crop Block Grant from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture to CAES.

Cost: \$15.00 if registered in advance. Space is limited. Link for more information and to register: [www.ct.gov/caes/pollinators](http://www.ct.gov/caes/pollinators). ###

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