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*PUTTING SCIENCE TO WORK FOR SOCIETY*

The mission of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is to develop, advance, and disseminate scientific knowledge, improve agricultural productivity and environmental quality, protect plants, and enhance human health and well-being through research for the benefit of Connecticut residents and the nation. Seeking solutions across a variety of disciplines for the benefit of urban, suburban, and rural communities, Station scientists remain committed to "Putting Science to Work for Society", a motto as relevant today as it was at our founding in 1875.



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## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

**DR. JASON C. WHITE** participated in the monthly Laboratory Preparedness Network meeting at the Department of Public Health in Rocky Hill (February 4); participated in a conference call with Professor Lee Newman of the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) and her graduate students concerning collaborative nanotoxicology experiments (February 6), participated with **DR. BRIAN EITZER, DR. WALTER KROL, MS. KITTIPATH PRAPAYOTIN-RIVEROS, DR. CHRISTINA ROBB, MS. TERRI ARSENAULT, MR. JOHN RANCIATO, MR. WILLIAM BERGER, MR. CRAIG MUSANTE, AND MR. JOSEPH HAWTHORNE** in a FDA ISO Accreditation Cooperative Agreement Laboratory conference call with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (February 6); met with Mr. Sayat Baisakov, Mr. Zhanbol Karsybayev, Mr. Dauren Khassanov, and Dr. Kassym Mukanov of Kazakhstan as part of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program and discussed research and programs within the Department of Analytical Chemistry (February 7); participated in a conference call for the organizing committee of the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> International Phytotechnologies Conference in Syracuse NY (February 7, 21); participated with **DR. BRIAN EITZER, MS. KITTIPATH PRAPAYOTIN-RIVEROS, DR. CHRISTINA ROBB, MS. TERRI ARSENAULT, MR. CRAIG MUSANTE, AND MR. WILLIAM BERGER** in an FDA FERN Chemistry Cooperative Agreement Program (cCAP) conference call (February 14); participated in an organizational meeting for the annual First Responder Terrorism Response training conference at the Department of Public Health in Rocky Hill (February 15); participated with **DR. CHRISTINA ROBB** and **MS. TERRI ARSENAULT** in an FDA FERN cCAP Equipment Working Group conference call (February 20); participated with **DR. BRIAN EITZER, DR. WALTER KROL, MS. KITTIPATH PRAPAYOTIN-RIVEROS, DR. CHRISTINA ROBB, MS. TERRI ARSENAULT, MR. JOHN RANCIATO, MR. WILLIAM BERGER, MR. CRAIG MUSANTE, AND MR. JOSEPH HAWTHORNE** in a FDA ISO Accreditation Cooperative Agreement Laboratory conference call (February 21); and participated in an FDA ISO Accreditation webinar on manual data entry into eLEXNET (February 28).

**DR. BRIAN EITZER** met with Professor Nicolas Carrasco of Quinnipiac University to assist in the identification of a synthesized compound on (February 1); and attended the Principal Investigators meeting for the SCRI funded grant "Pollination Security for Fruit and Vegetable Crops in the Northeast" at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (February 2).

**DR. CHRISTINA ROBB** participated in a conference call of the Eastern Analytical Symposium Board (February 22).

**MS. KITTIPATH PRAPAYOTIN-RIVEROS** attended the ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Lead Assessor training by ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/ACLASS at Oklahoma Department of Agriculture (February 25 – March 1).



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**KITTIPATH PRAPAYOTIN-RIVEROS** attended the ISO Accreditation Training Course in Oklahoma City, February 25-March 1 .

## ENTOMOLOGY

**MR. MARK H. CREIGHTON** attended the Southern New England Beekeepers Assembly in East Lyme and spoke with members on beekeeping and honey bee registration; he also attended a lecture by Dr. Jim Tew on honey bee health (125 attendees) (November 12); completed a distance learning course on honey bee disease with Dr. David Tarpy of North Carolina State University (December); wrote an article for the Connecticut Horticultural Society titled "The World's Gardener, the Honeybee," which was published in the January Newsletter (January 1, 2013); spoke about beekeeping at the Menunkatuck Audubon Society meeting in Branford (over 80 attendees) (January 9); attended the executive meeting of the Connecticut Beekeepers Association to discuss and plan for the Bee School to be held in February (January 23); attended the Eastern Connecticut Beekeepers Association Bee School in Mansfield (75 new student beekeepers attended) (January 24); attended the Bee School presented by the Eastern Beekeepers Association at the Middlesex County Extension Center in Haddam and spoke with new beekeepers and handed out honey bee registration forms to approximately 50 students (February 12); and presented a talk on honey bee disease to the Connecticut Beekeepers Association Annual Bee School in Windsor (over 120 new beekeepers were in attendance) (February 16).

**MS. ROSE T. HISKES** gave a talk on "Butterfly gardening" to the Home Garden Club at the Pitkin Community Center in Wethersfield (16 attendees) (February 6); participated in a State Survey Coordinator conference call for the Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Program (CAPS) (February 21); with **MS. KATHERINE DUGAS, MR. PETER TRENCHARD, MR. STEVE SANDREY** and **MS. DIANE RIDDLE**, staffed a Forest Pest booth at the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford (February 21 and 24); and gave a talk on "Invasive plants" to the Long Hill Garden Club at the Trumbull Public Library in Trumbull (52 attendees) (February 25).

**DR. CHRIS T. MAIER** displayed new entomological literature at a meeting of the Connecticut Entomological Society at Wesleyan University in Middletown (February 15); and was interviewed about the brown marmorated stink bug by Julie Curtis of the Norwalk Daily Voice (February 28).

**DR. GALE E. RIDGE** was interviewed by Canadian Public Television and will narrate their documentary on bed bugs scheduled to be broadcast later this year (February 4); she presented a talk to the staff at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford about bed bugs (60 attendees) (February 19). Additionally, she and Judy Dicine, an attorney for CCABB, were consulted by State legisla-



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tors regarding bed bug bills 334 (landlord and tenant responsibilities), 5619 (exterminating bed bugs in public housing), and 5621 (establishing guidelines and procedures to address bed bug infestations).

**DR. CLAIRE E. RUTLEDGE** taught "Insects that attack trees" for the CTPA Arboriculture 101 course held in North Haven (45 adult attendees) (February 20); and was interviewed about Emerald ash borer by the Waterbury Republican-American (February 21).

**DR. VICTORIA L. SMITH** participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program-Agricultural Biotechnology: A Project for Kazakhstan, with a presentation titled "CAES Regulatory and Survey Responsibilities for Invasive Pests and Diseases," held in the Johnson-Horsfall Atrium (February 7); and participated in a meeting of the committees of the Systems Approach to Nursery Certification Working Group, as co-chair of the Laws Subcommittee, held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Greenbelt, MD (40 participants) (February 26-28).

**DR. KIRBY C. STAFFORD III** participated as administrative advisor at a meeting of the multi-state research project NE1231 in Portland, ME (12 attendees) (February 5-6); spoke on tick and Lyme disease management at the NOFA Organic Land Care Course at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich (66 attendees) (February 13); presented the agency report to the Appropriations Committee in Hartford (February 20); presented the agency report to the Bonding subcommittee in Hartford (February 25); was interviewed about the new Emerald ash borer detections by Dana Whelan of WTIC Radio (February 26); and participated in a NEED-NERA conference call to review and discuss planning grant proposals (11 attendees) (February 27).

**DR. KIMBERLY A. STONER** participated in a meeting of scientists on the multidisciplinary project "Pollination Security for Northeast Specialty Crops" held at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA (February 2); taught the course segment "Principles and Procedures" in the NOFA Organic Land Care Course at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich (60 attendees) (February 11); participated in the Community Garden and Backyard Agriculture Working Group of the New Haven Food Policy Council at City Hall in New Haven (25 attendees) (February 14); and taught the course segment "Pest Management Overview" in the NOFA Organic Land Care Course at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich (60 attendees) (February 14).

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

**DR. THEODORE ANDREADIS** presented a talk titled, *Life Cycle, Ultrastructure and Molecular Characterization of a Novel Microsporidian Parasite from the Invasive Asian Rock Pool Mosquito, Ochlerotatus japonicus* at the Annual Meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association held in Atlantic City, NJ (February 25).

**DR. PHILIP ARMSTRONG** presented research findings at the Northeast Multistate Annual Meeting NE-1043 on mosquitoes and mosquito-borne pathogens in Atlantic City, NJ (February 27); and presented an invited talk titled, *Tracking Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus Evolution, Overwintering, and Spread in North America by Phylogenetic Analysis* at the Annual Meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association held in Atlantic City, NJ (February 28).

**DR. GOUDARZ MOLAEI** presented an invited talk titled *Vector-Host Interactions that Govern Transmission of Arboviruses in the U.S.* to the Yale Occupational and Environmental Medicine Program (February 19); and presented an invited talk titled, *Vector-Host Interactions and Resurgence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus in Northeastern USA* at the Annual Meeting of the American Mosquito Control Association held in Atlantic City, NJ (February 28).

**MR. GREGORY BUGBEE** with Jordan Gibbons presented an Invasive Aquatic Plant Identification Seminar at Connecticut IB Academy in East Hartford (February 2) (approximately 40 attendees); presented a seminar on *Soil Science for Arborists* at the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford (February 9) (approximately 30 attendees); with Jordan Gibbons and Dr. Mark June-Wells presented an *Invasive Aquatic Plant Identification* seminar at the Connecticut Envirothon at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield (February 18) (approximately 70 attendees); met with mem-



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bers of the Fence Rock Lake Association in Guilford to discuss the Station's discovery of *Egeria densa* in Fence Rock Lake and arrange control strategies (February 29) (7 attendees).

**DR. JOSEPH PIGNATELLO** has been selected as one of the 2012 *Journal of Environmental Quality* Outstanding Associate Editors for his excellent work in the performance as an Associate Editor (February 1).

## FORESTRY AND HORTICULTURE

**MR. JOSEPH P. BARSKY** attended the Connecticut Chapter - Society of American Foresters meeting in Middlefield (February 27).

**DR. MARTIN GENT** spoke at a seminar on Environmental Studies Careers at Mitchell College, New London CT on "Life in the Greenhouse at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station" (10 students) (February 21).

**DR. ABIGAIL MAYNARD** worked with AP Biology students at Hamden Hall Country Day School with their independent projects (12 students, 1 teacher) (February 21).

**DR. WILLIAM NAIL** visited with Craig Foster and others at Heritage Trail Vineyards in Lisbon to evaluate the status of the vineyard (February 7); met with Nick Smith and Linda Mason at Stonington Vineyards in Stonington (February 7); presented a talk, "Cultivar and Rootstock Selection for New England" at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Farm Wineries and Growers Association in Sturbridge, MA (31 attendees) (February 12); met with Jeff Branco of Wine Continuity at Lockwood Farm to discuss appropriate cultivars for the area (February 22); and participated in the annual business meeting of the Connecticut Vineyard and Winery Association at the Connecticut Farm Bureau in Windsor (February 25).

**DR. JEFFREY WARD** participated in a Connecticut Invasive Plant Council meeting in Hartford (February 19); spoke on "Control methods for Japanese barberry and other invasive species" at the Symposium on Lyme Disease/Japanese Barberry Connection in Greenwich (60 attendees) (February 21); attended the Connecticut Chapter - Society of American Foresters meeting in Middlefield (February 27); and interviewed about invasive species control by Jessica Mena of Brainerd Communications (February 28).

**DR. SCOTT WILLIAMS** spoke on "Invasive plant species, blacklegged ticks, and Lyme disease" at the Symposium on Lyme Disease/Japanese Barberry Connection in Greenwich (60 attendees) (February 21); and along with **MR. MICHAEL SHORT**, donated 250 pounds of processed venison to the Food Pantry program at the First Congregational Church, Redding (27 February) and 200 pounds of processed venison to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Bridgeport (February 28).

## PLANT PATHOLOGY AND ECOLOGY

**DR. SANDRA L. ANAGNOSTAKIS** gave a talk on timber chestnut restoration for the CT chapter of the Society of American Foresters in Middlefield (42 attendees) (February 27).

**DR. DONALD E. AYLOR** spoke to a group of visiting scientists from Kazakhstan about "Aerobiology of corn pollen dispersal" at the Station (7 adult attendees) (February 7).

**DR. SHARON M. DOUGLAS** was invited to speak at the Annual Meeting and Trade Show of ISA Ontario. Gave two presentations titled "Diseases of conifers—What arborists need to know," and answered questions from attendees about current tree health problems in Niagara Falls, Ontario, CA (235 attendees) (February 13-15); was interviewed about white pine and symptoms caused by injury from Hurricane Sandy and road salt spray by John Burgeson of the Connecticut Post (February 21); participated in a webinar, "Boxwood Blight Update," sponsored by ANLA and reported on research at CAES (216 attendees) (February 25); gave a presentation



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titled “Downy mildew of impatiens” and answered questions about boxwood blight at Shemin Nursery in Greenwich (45 attendees) (February 28).

**DR. WADE H. ELMER** presented the talk titled “Update on emerging diseases and new fungicides for spring crops” at the CAES-UCONN Bedding Plant Meeting held in Tolland (43 attendees) (February 14); and presented the talk titled “Update on emerging diseases and new fungicides for spring crops” at the CAES-UCONN Bedding Plant Meeting held in Torrington (45 attendees) (February 20).

**DR. YONGHAO LI** attended the CT Greenhouse Growers Association Winter Symposium in Manchester (January 4); and staffed the Station booth at the CT Tree Protective Association Winter Meeting in Plantsville (January 17).

**DR. ROBERT E. MARRA** hosted a day-long visit by four agricultural biotechnology scientists from Kazakhstan in the Johnson-Horsfall Atrium (February 7); and participated in a webinar, “Boxwood Blight Update,” sponsored by ANLA and reported on research at CAES (216 attendees) (February 25).

## CAES HOSTS AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY SCIENTISTS FROM KAZAKHSTAN

On Thursday, February 7, The Experiment Station and Dr. Robert Marra hosted a day-long visit by four agricultural biotechnology scientists from Kazakhstan, as part of a tour of the United States organized through the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program. Two interpreters accompanied the scientists. The group was hosted locally by Mr. Brock Hotaling, Executive Director of the International Visitors Committee of Connecticut.

CAES was the last destination for the scientists, who had visited agricultural biotechnology centers at the University of California at Davis, Iowa State University in Ames, and Monsanto in St. Louis, Missouri. A visit to the University of Connecticut Agricultural Biotechnology Laboratory was canceled due to the snowstorm.

The Johnson-Horsfall Atrium was the principal venue for the meeting. Dr. Marra introduced the history and mission of CAES, and discussed his research, focusing on boxwood blight and Ramorum blight, use of molecular biology in the diagnosis of plant diseases, and identification of the associated pathogens through phylogenetic analysis. The scientists also met with Dr. Neil Schultes, who talked about transgenic plants in U.S. agriculture and the C4 rice project; Dr. Donald Aylor, who talked about the aerobiology of corn pollen dispersal; Dr. James LaMondia, who talked about his work developing tobacco and strawberry crops for disease resistance; Dr. Victoria Smith, who discussed CAES regulatory and survey responsibilities for invasive pests and diseases, and their impact on international trade; and Dr. Jason White, who explained the state and federal programs for monitoring chemical contamination of food.





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**DR. CAROLE CHEAH** gave a short presentation on biological control projects on hemlock woolly adelgid and mile-a-minute weed to students and professors from Central Connecticut State University at the Valley Laboratory, Windsor, (12 students) (February 25).

**DR. RICHARD COWLES** spoke at New England Grows on the subject of "Insecticides and Pollinators," Boston, MA, (500 attendees) (February 7); met with and planned upcoming field trials for managing bed bugs with Rainbow Pest Control, Minnetonka, MN, (5 attendees); discussed emerald ash borer with a roundtable discussion, Minnetonka, MN, (25 attendees) (February 11); presented "Environmental Toxicity and Systemics for Trees," at an EAB forum for municipal managers and arborists, Hopkins, MN, (250 attendees) (February 12); provided an update on the Connecticut Christmas Tree Growers Association project, "Genetic Improvement of True Firs", (5 attendees) (February 13); presented a webinar on "Chemical Control of Spotted Wing Drosophila," to New York State extension personnel and fruit growers, (60 attendees) (February 14); spoke about "Invasive Insects" at the Hartford Flower and Garden Show, (15 attendees) (February 22); discussed "Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Chemical Control and Spotted Wing Drosophila" with ecology students from Central Connecticut State University, Windsor (12 students) (February 25); and participated with conference calls to revise the National Plant Board Japanese Beetle Harmonization Agreement, (February 8 and 22).

**DR. JAMES A. LAMONDIA** spoke to scientific visitors from Kazakhstan about breeding for plant resistance to pathogens and pests in tobacco and strawberry (February 7); welcomed growers to the Annual Tobacco Research Meeting and spoke about research topics and recent developments at the Station, spoke about research on management of tobacco pathogens including poty viruses, black shank, target spot and blue mold fungicide resistance, and spoke about the CORESTA pesticide residue program and strategies to reduce pesticide residues in wrapper leaves (110 attendees) (February 20); met with growers, Victor Triolo, and Farm Managers Jim Preste and Rich Cecharelli to discuss planning and goals for hops research at the Valley Lab (February 21); participated in a Boxwood Blight Update Webinar conducted by the ANLA to speak about host range and management of the boxwood blight pathogen (200 participants) (February 25); and conducted a tour of the Valley Laboratory and spoke about the Experiment Station and plant pathology research to Dr. Barbara Nicholson and students from Central Connecticut State University (12 students) (February 25).

**DR. TODD L. MERVOSH** gave research talks "Pre and post budbreak applications of indaziflam in field-grown conifers" and "Indaziflam granules and dimethenamid-p sprays for container-grown ornamentals" (co-author **DR. JOHN F. AHRENS** for both papers) (40 attendees), presented a poster on "Biological control program for mile-a-minute weed (*Persicaria perfoliata*) in Connecticut" (co-authors **DR. CAROLE CHEAH** and Donna Ellis of UConn-Storrs), served as a judge of the student poster contest, delivered a eulogy with slide show of **DR. JOHN AHRENS** at the business meeting, and began serving as Public Relations Representative for the Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS) at the combined annual meetings of NEWSS and the Weed Science Society of America in Baltimore, MD (520 attendees) (February 4 – 7); taught a program sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension on weeds and weed management in rights-of-way in Concord, NH (20 attendees) (February 12); spoke about "Weeds and invasive plants" at the Connecticut Flower & Garden Show in Hartford (30 attendees) (February 22); and presented research on management of Japanese stiltgrass and mile-a-minute weed at a workshop held at Westfield State Univ. in Westfield, MA (25 attendees) (February 25).





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## TOBACCO RESEARCH MEETINGS HELD AT THE VALLEY LABORATORY

One hundred and ten people attended morning or afternoon sessions of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's annual Tobacco Research Meeting held at the Valley Laboratory Gordon Taylor Conference Room on February 20, 2013. Dr. James LaMondia welcomed growers and spoke about research topics and recent developments at the Station. The meeting addressed a wide variety of issues of concern to growers. James LaMondia spoke about research on management of tobacco pathogens including poty viruses, black shank, target spot and blue mold fungicide resistance. Thomas Rathier spoke about the responsible agronomic practices in tobacco. James LaMondia spoke about the CORESTA pesticide residue program and strategies to reduce pesticide residues in wrapper leaves. Gary Keough of the New England Agricultural Statistics Service provided updates on the CT Valley tobacco crop statistics. Ross Eddy of the Farm Services Administration provided updates on FSA services to growers. Jane Canepa-Morrison, Michelle Salvias, Nathaniel Child and Jim Preste assisted with much of the behind the scenes work for the meeting. The meeting qualified for pesticide applicator re-certification credit in Connecticut, Massachusetts and North Carolina and 71 persons received credit. The meeting was dedicated to Dr. John F. Ahrens.





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The late **DR. JOHN F. AHRENS** (1929 - 2012) was remembered at the combined annual meetings of the Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS) and the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) in Baltimore, MD (February 4 - 7). John was an active member since 1957 and served as President of both societies. He was a Distinguished Member of NEWSS and a Fellow of WSSA.



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## JOURNAL ARTICLES APPROVED FEBRUARY 2013

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- Mervosh, Todd L., Carole A. Cheah, and D. R. Ellis.** Biological control program for mile-a-minute weed (*Persicaria perfoliata*) in Connecticut. Proceedings, Northeastern Weed Science Society, Vol. 67 and Weed Science Society of America Abstracts, Vol. 53. (2013).
- Mervosh, Todd L. and John F. Ahrens.** Indaziflam granules and dimethenamid-p sprays for container-grown ornamentals. Proceedings, Northeastern Weed Science Society, Vol. 67 and Weed Science Society of America Abstracts, Vol. 53. (2013).

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

### SNOW TOTALS FROM BLIZZARD 2013, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2013

- New Haven, CT—38”  
Hamden, CT—38”  
Windsor, CT—28”  
Griswold, CT—24”

### DR. JOHN F. ANDERSON AWARDED THE JOHN N. BELKIN AWARD

The American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) has recognized **DR. JOHN F. ANDERSON** for his scientific accomplishments, dedication, and exemplary contribution to research in the field of mosquito biology and public health. The prestigious John N. Belkin Award was presented to Dr. Anderson in a special ceremony on February 25, 2013 during the Annual meeting of the AMCA in New Jersey. This is great recognition for not only Dr. Anderson’s research, but the Agricultural Experiment Station as well. Please join me in offering your congratulations for an award well earned.



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## SCENES FROM THE BLIZZARD OF 2013



The view from the Valley Laboratory's fire escape facing the farmhouse, (north). Photo by James Preste.



Car parked in front of Valley Laboratory's garage (north of the laboratory). Photo by Christina Preste.



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Children of Farm Manager, James Preste, standing in the snow in the farmhouse yard, Masen Preste (6yrs) on left, Canaan Preste (4yrs) on right. Photo by Christina Preste.



Large amounts of snow sliding down the roof of Jones Auditorium in New Haven. This chunk tore off part of the snow guard. Photo by Katherine Dugas.

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Entrance to The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven on Huntington Street



Main Laboratories, New Haven



Lockwood Farm, Hamden



Griswold Research Center, Griswold



Valley Laboratory, Windsor

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