

Active Plant Releases

The Cape May PMC has cooperated with other agencies and organizations in the release of :

- ◆ 'Atlantic' Coastal Panicgrass
- ◆ 'Avalon' Saltmeadow Cordgrass
- ◆ 'Cape' American Beachgrass
- ◆ 'Carthage' Switchgrass
- ◆ 'Coastal New England germplasm Indian grass
- ◆ 'Dune Crest germplasm' Coastal Bluestem
- ◆ 'Emerald Sea' Shore Juniper
- ◆ 'High Tide germplasm' switchgrass
- ◆ 'Ocean View' Beachplum
- ◆ Suther Prairie (North Carolina ecotypes)
Big and Little Bluestem, Indiangrass
- ◆ Timber germplasm switchgrass (biofuel)
- ◆ 'Wildwood' Bayberry

Future Releases

- ◆ Chesapeake Bay ecotype of Giant cordgrass
- ◆ Southern New England ecotypes of:
 - ◆ Big and Little Bluestem
 - ◆ Prairie and Silky willows (NC ecotypes)
 - ◆ Sea Oats-cold tolerant strain for NJ, MD, DE

Locate and Obtain Plant Material

The Cape May PMC propagates, tests and selects plants suited for conservation practices in the northern Coastal Plain and Southern New England area. The plants are then released to the commercial nursery industry who make breeder and foundation material available to the public.

A list of plant and seed vendors is available from the PMC or online at:

<http://www.nj.nrcs.usda.gov/plants.html>

Opportunities to Participate

NRCS Field Offices, District Employees, Partners and Volunteers: We need your help!

The Cape May PMC serves a nine-state area extending from Massachusetts to North Carolina. The plant development process used by the Cape May PMC relies on the cooperation of our conservation partners to locate native plant stands; collect materials and ship them to Cape May; locate suitable plant testing sites; record plant performance data; and publish new scientific findings. Call the Cape May PMC for more details about how you can help.

Tours Available

Visitors are always welcome at the PMC. The center is open Monday through Friday. Please call the PMC to schedule your visit.

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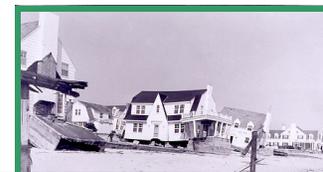
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Cape May Plant Materials Center



*Cape May PMC products are
helping people help the land
through better plants and science*

The Plant Materials Process

The National Plant Materials Program, managed by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), is a network of 27 Plant Material Centers (PMC) located throughout the United States. The first leader of the plant materials program, Dr. Franklin J. Crider, claimed that nature has evolved a plant for almost every growing condition. Plant Material Centers build upon Dr. Crider's premise and test plants to find those suited for specific conditions.

Plant Material Centers partner with Federal and State agencies, universities, and nonprofit organizations to:

- ◆ Assemble plants or seed from service area
- ◆ Evaluate initial performance
- ◆ Determine method of increase for release
- ◆ Document production procedures
- ◆ Evaluate cultural management techniques
- ◆ Test under actual use conditions
- ◆ Release new plants with cooperators
- ◆ Produce high quality, certified seed/plants and make available to commercial growers and nurseries. (See "Locate and Obtain Plant Material" in this brochure.)



*For more about plants
and the Cape May PMC visit*

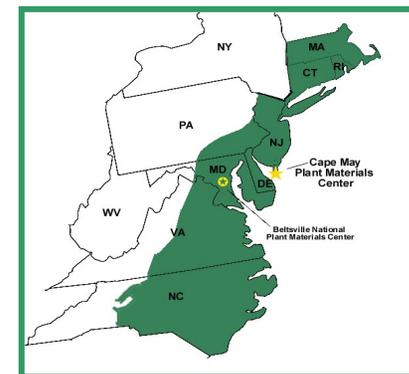
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Plant Solutions for the Coastal Plain

The Cape May PMC serves a wide variety of land users in a nine-state area extending from Massachusetts to North Carolina.



The primary objective of the Cape May PMC is to select plants to solve resource problems that are adapted to the coastal plain and southern New England ecosystems. The location of the Cape May facility is strategic for accomplishing this purpose.



The Cape May PMC develops plants and technologies:

**For use in USDA conservation programs,
such as the Conservation Reserve Program,**



**Wildlife Habitat
Incentives Program,
Wetlands Reserve
Program, and
Environmental Quality
Incentives Program.**



To address issues related to human activity,



**such as soil
compaction,
soil health,
storm water
management,
and water
quality.**



To restore native plant communities.



**To stabilize
sand dunes
and prevent
shoreline
erosion.**

