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**GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER – TEENS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**  
**World Food Prize NJ Youth Institute at Rutgers University**

Are you interested in global issues related to food security or issues such as sustainable agriculture, human rights, plant science and foreign aid? Would you like to take an active role in identifying solutions to food security issues? If so, become a student leader in the global fight against hunger!

Rutgers University will host the first New Jersey Youth Institute of the World Food Prize on March 4, 2016 in New Brunswick. The NJ Youth Institute is hosted by the State University of New Jersey with the generous support of the Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, New Jersey FFA, New Jersey 4-H, and Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

This program is open to any NJ teen (in grades 8-12 as of September 2015) interested in food security issues. This is a great opportunity for NJ teens to apply the skills and knowledge they have gained with their academic skills.

At this day-long event, participating students will have the opportunity to:

- Present research and recommendations on how to solve key global challenges in a speech and small group discussions with statewide experts;
- Connect with student leaders from across NJ to share ideas, identify solutions, and build lasting friendships;
- Interact with global leaders in science, industry and policy;
- Take part in educational sessions and interactive tours at Rutgers University to explore current research and issues in international development and life sciences; and
- Meet innovative researchers, professors and college students in New Jersey working to end hunger

To participate in the New Jersey Youth Institute, students research a global issue and write a three page paper under the supervision of a teacher or mentor. Each teacher or mentor must register their participating students online and submit each student's research paper online by February 1, 2016.

The World Food Prize Board of Reviewers will evaluate papers. There is no cost to participate in the Youth Institute and lunch will be provided the day of the event. Both student and teacher/mentor participants must organize their own transportation to and from the event on the G.H.Cook Campus in New Brunswick, NJ.

Visit the NJ Youth Institute of the World Food Prize webpage for more information (instructions, sample papers, evaluation rubric and registration): <http://www.worldfoodprize.org/newjersey>

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station - Cooperative Extension. 4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13 (one year out of high school), on an age-appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, marital status, domestic partnership status, military service, veteran status and any other category protected by law.

For more information about the New Jersey 4-H Youth Development Program visit the website at <http://nj4h.rutgers.edu>. Like us on Facebook – New Jersey 4-H. For questions about the NJ Youth Institute of the World Food Prize contact the Dr. Laura Lawson, State Coordinator by email ([ljlawson@sebs.rutgers.edu](mailto:ljlawson@sebs.rutgers.edu)) or by phone (848-932-8010).

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