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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to Celebrate the Opening of the Newly Renovated Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

NEW HAVEN, CT - The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) is pleased to announce that it will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its newly renovated and constructed addition to the Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 11th, 2015 at 11:00 am at the entrance to the Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory, located on the campus of CAES, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, 06511.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy is scheduled to be on hand to offer a few remarks regarding the Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory and to assist in the ribbon-cutting. Also in attendance will be former CAES Director, Dr. Paul E. Waggoner, for whom the Laboratory is dedicated; Mr. Pasquale Salemi, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services, Division of Construction Services; and Mr. Terry Jones, Vice-President of the Experiment Station Board of Control.

"This reopening will only encourage even more scientific advances made here over the past decades. The state-of-the-art technologies and laboratories used are further evidence of how Connecticut is moving forward into the future."

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Ag Experiment Station Director Dr. Theodore Andreadis welcomes Governor Dannel P. Malloy to the Ribbon cutting event.

“We are happy to introduce the re-opening of this historic building where many scientific advances have been made over the course of the last 80 years,” said Dr. Theodore Andreadis, Director of CAES, “The state-of-the art laboratories will provide an ideal venue for our staff to address the many challenges before us utilizing the latest technologies.”

Melody Currey, Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services said, “The Department of Administrative Services and the team at the Division of Construction Services are proud to be part of this ribbon-cutting event. Improving and renovating state facilities for today ensures that we have the right people and equipment in place to tackle whatever the future may bring. It’s been a wonderful partnership between the Agricultural Experiment Station and the DAS team to complete this construction project with my thanks going to everyone involved in the completion of this new facility.”



DAS Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi thanks the contractors, architects, engineers and Division of Construction Services team for their efforts on the project.

The renovation and addition to the existing to the Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory constructed in 1932 provides CAES with a 27,000 square foot state-of-the-art, LEED certified energy efficient



and a high performance building and office space. It houses the Departments of Entomology and Plant Pathology & Ecology along with diagnostic laboratory services for Connecticut residents and businesses. The total budget for the building project was \$13.8 million.

About The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

To put science to work for society, The Connecticut Agricultural General Assembly chartered The Station to investigate plants and their pests, insects, soil, and water. Inspired by Samuel W. Johnson, professor of agricultural chemistry at Yale University, and established in 1875, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station is the first in America and remains a separate state agency. Initially located at Wesleyan University and later at Yale, The Station moved to this site in 1882. The first building erected now houses the Osborne Library, named for the Station Scientist who discovered the first vitamin, A. The Jones Auditorium commemorates The Station scientist who invented hybrid corn. Under the direction of its Board of Control, Station scientists today investigate insects and diseases that damage trees and crops; analyze for food safety, water quality, and soil properties; study the genetics and biochemistry of plants; and experiment with new crops and changing forests. They also investigate mosquitoes and ticks that spread disease organisms that cause encephalitis and Lyme disease in humans.