



## VEGETABLE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY INC.

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Melissa Vinch  
Research Contract/Grant specialist  
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
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2nd Floor, East Wing  
Piscataway, NJ 08854-3925

Dear Ms. Vinch:

The Vegetable Growers' Association of New Jersey has awarded the following grants to individuals at Rutgers:

**PI:** Joseph Ingerson-Mahar and (Co-PI) Kristina Holmstrom

**Project Title:** The use of flowering pepper plants for early pepper weevil detection and bait and kill trapping

**Award Amount:** \$ 4747.00

**PI:** Andrew Wyenandt and (Co-PI) Donald Kobayashi

**Project Title:** Surveying New Jersey vegetable farms for important bacterial pathogens and copper resistance.

**Award Amount:** \$5000.00

**PI:** Kristian Holmstrom and (Co-PI) Joseph Ingerson-Mahar

**Project Title:** Evaluating Silk Spray Rotations of an OMRI Approved Spinosyn and Nucleopolyhedrovirus for Managing Corn Earworm in Organic Sweet Corn

**Award Amount:** \$ 3406.00

**PI:** Jim Simon and (Co-PI) William Sciarappa

**Project Title:** Promotion of Rutgers Habanero Peppers for the Fresh & Hot Sauce Markets in New Jersey

**Award Amount:** \$5,530.00

Recipients are required to prepare a Summary of Accomplishments for NJAES and VGANJ for posting on the VGANJ website and to present results at New Jersey grower educational events including the 2022 Annual Vegetable Growers Convention and Trade Show.

**No Facilities and Administrative Costs (Indirect Costs or Overhead) are to be taken from these grants.**

Copies of all award grants are attached for your information.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John P. Banscher". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

John Banscher  
President

CC: Joe Cronin  
Elaine Griffin  
Jennifer Matthews