



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

Happy Labor Day, we hope that you're reading this newsletter as you relax on the last, long weekend that marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of a new semester.

Labor Day was intended to be a celebration of the working person and originated during one of this country's most dismal chapters in labor history: unsafe working conditions, long hours, child labor, and poor pay. Now is a perfect time to reflect on the contributions that our labor and trade organizations make toward our collective operations. Thanks to all!

"How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives. What we do with this hour, and that one, is what we are doing. A schedule defends from chaos and whim. It is a net for catching days. It is a scaffolding on which a worker can stand and labor with both hands at sections of time." – Annie Dillard in *The Writing Life* (1989), Harper Collins, New York.

### Action items:

- The Planning Committee for the [2021 Experiment Station Section Meeting](#) in Olympic Valley, CA on September 27-30, 2021 is offering a hybrid option. The cost of registration is \$300 and here's the link to [register for the virtual meeting](#). The Planning Committee has also extended the regular registration fee (\$550) for the 2021 Fall ESS Meeting. If you are able and willing to attend, you may still [register for the face-to-face meeting](#). Registration to attend in person is available until Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. After this date, only virtual registration will be available. The discounted group rate for hotel rooms is no longer available. However, if you are interested in attending in person, please contact Jennifer Tippetts ([Jennifer.tippetts@waesd.org](mailto:Jennifer.tippetts@waesd.org)) for help with a room reservation.
- NERA will be meeting face-to-face during the ESS meeting on **September 28 at 12:00-2:30 PM EDT**. We will be offering a virtual opportunity for those of you who will not be travelling to Olympic Valley. The meeting agenda and a link will be sent you to you at the end of this week.
- The National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced that it will offer an **NSF Proposal and Award Policy Update Webinar** to the research community on **Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 2:00 – 3:00pm EDT**. [Registration](#) is required, however, there is no cost to participate.
- Please cast your station's vote on the "NERA Decision Needed Ballot" by September 10. As a quick reminder, the issue that you're voting on is off-the-top funding support for the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development (NERCRD).

## Reminders/Updates:

- *Continuing ask:* With the fall approaching, we are again seeking new pictures from your station to be shown on our scrolling banner on the NERA website. Please send those to [Dave](#).
- Jason White (CTAES) will join the Multistate Activities Committee in September as Eric Wommack rotates off the MAC and accepts the chairpersonship of NERA.

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## Informational items:

- Oregon State University is actively recruiting candidates for the [Director of the North Willamette Research and Extension Center](#) (NWREC) in Aurora, Oregon.
- Montana State University is seeking an [Assistant Professor in Animal Science](#) to be located at MSU's Northern Ag Research Center in Havre, MT.



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