



Happy 4th! We have a number of action items, please check them out.

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- The “One Ask” (\$200 million increase to support AFRI, Hatch, Smith-Lever, Mc-Stennis, Evans-Allen and 1890 Extension) has been made. Please share kglobal’s supporting video widely (<http://agisamerica.org/feature/redefining-american-agriculture-for-the-21st-century/>) and forward to your stakeholders and constituencies the opportunity to respond to the call to action at AgAction.org.
- We are continuing to seek your post-meeting reflections. What did you like/value and what didn’t you like? Please send those to me at rcr3@uri.edu. Those comments will assist the planning for our next meeting.
- The Communications and Marketing Committee is seeking a new representative from the Experiment Station Section. The CMC meets quarterly by phone and once, face-to-face, during AHS-CARET in early March. This a great opportunity for the Northeast to contribute; anyone interested?
- Bill Brown from UT-K has asked how many of you have a link to the Land-Grant Impact Database (<https://landgrantimpacts.tamu.edu/>) on your station, college or institutional website?
- The RFP for NERA Planning Grants is posted to the website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/planning-grants>). Please distribute this broadly.
- The RFP for NEED/NERA Seed Grant Proposals is posted to the website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/planning-grants>). Please distribute this broadly.

Reminders:

- We’ve posted to the NERA website, NIFA’s guidance for “prior approval” of equipment purchased on capacity funds. See the Fact Sheet (2017) at <http://www.nerasaes.org/reports-white-papers>.

Informational items:

- We’ve posted to the Adviser Tools section of the website a list of institutions that allocate a portion of their capacity funds using a competitive process. The list includes links to institutional strategies or descriptions of the allocation strategies. Check it out here: http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/895599_7c3a1e5304a3485f8e32266e5a40a091.pdf
- Hold the date: The [2018 Joint Summer Meeting \(NEED/NERA/AHS/CARET\) is scheduled for June 4-6](#) in Bethany Beach, Delaware. The University of Delaware and Delaware State University will be our hosts!
- The RFA for NRAC preproposals has been released. If your faculty are interested, the preproposal RFA can be found at <https://agresearch.umd.edu/nrac>.
- Sonny Ramaswamy shares that NIFA has created the AFRI Funded Projects Webpage, which will be updated daily. The AFRI awards are by state and the three most recent fiscal years awarded (2015 – 2017). In addition, you have the option of viewing a brief or full award overview. The webpage can be accessed via <https://nifa.usda.gov/afri-funded-projects-state>.

- Colorado State has an opening for a non-tenure track instructor to teach introductory horticulture and plant propagation, and to assist with undergraduate student recruitment efforts. See <http://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/46011>.
- The University of Connecticut seeks a non-tenure track Extension educator (vegetable specialist, Assistant or Associate rank) within the Department of Extension, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, University of Connecticut. See the job description at http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/895599_499c6fb3cb524d2b966259aa87d7ab8c.pdf.
- Last call for NE-SARE “Preproposals for Research and Education, Professional Development and (new this year) Research for Novel Approaches. ”The RFP is posted on <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/15cf40b6a8009792>, these are due on July 6th.



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