



agInnovation Northeast (“used-to-be” NERA) will be meeting virtually this Thursday at 8:00 AM ET. For details, see the first action item.

Rather than trying to predict how the change in government will impact higher education and agricultural research, we believe that our work transcends aisles; stay the course and meet our mission mandate.

“I don't stop when I'm tired. I stop when I'm done.” – David Goggins (2018) in *Can't Hurt Me*, Lioncrest Publishing, Carson City, NV.

Action items:

- Our next agInnovation Northeast meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2024, at 8:00 AM ET. The [agenda for the meeting](#) is available on the agInnovation Northeast website. See you on Thursday!
- In keeping with our name change, we've also migrated the domain of our organizational website. We're now: www.aginnovation-northeast.org. Bookmark us!

Reminders/Updates:

- USDA NIFA has shared FY 2025 liaison assignments for agInnovation and its regional associations. The new NIFA liaisons for agInnovation Northeast will be [Kal Kalavacharla](#) and [Susan Moser](#). We look forward to working together over the upcoming year! Many thanks to Kevin Kephart and Rubella Goswami for their service in those roles, as they rotate into new assignments.
- The agInnovation apparel site is open. Check out: [Home | agInnovation Apparel \(square.site\)](#).

Informational items:

- The 2025 CARET/BAA Washington Conference (formerly known as CARET-AHS) is slated for February 23-26, 2025, at the historic Watergate Hotel. Registration will open on Monday, December 16, and [room reservations can be secured here](#).
- The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center is searching for a [Vice Chancellor for Research](#). The Vice Chancellor assists the Chancellor-Dean of the College of Agricultural, Human, and Environmental Sciences in promoting the research mission of the Center and the College.
- The Communications and Marketing Committee has released the December 2024 Toolkit: [Connecting Colleges of Agriculture and Colleges of Health and Human Sciences are Vital to Improve Public Health](#). Please share widely!
- *Hold the date*: Steve Lommel, agInnovation chair, extends an invitation to join the next agInnovation Business Meeting, to be held virtually, on **March 5, 2025, from 2:00-4:00 PM ET**.

- Our colleagues at the Association for Communications Excellence (ACE) are hosting a webinar on December 12 at 3:00 PM ET featuring Jim Pritchett (Vice President for Engagement and Extension, Colorado State University) on **Brainstorming Strategies to Cultivate Trust**. [Click here to join the session](#). As a teaser, Jim will be presenting on issues that arose from the publication of a paper titled [The animal agriculture industry, US universities and the obstruction of climate understanding and policy](#), V. Morris and J. Jacquet, February 26, 2024, [Climatic Science](#), 177:41.
- *Second time*: Please share this announcement with faculty who might be interested in artificial intelligence. [The 4th Annual Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture Conference](#) (March 31-April 2, 2025, the Mill at Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS) is calling for abstracts. Deadlines are January 6, 2025, for speakers and February 14, 2025, for posters.
- The National Academies (NASEM) have two calls out seeking experts on [The Future of Drought in the United States](#) and the [Status of Insects in North America](#). Both of these links include the expertise areas sought by the NASEM staff. We encourage you to nominate your scientists. If any of you would value being nominated, we're happy to put that together for you. Please [contact Rick](#) if you're interested in being nominated.
- *The forever green reminder*: In past newsletters, we've made a pitch for "station" photos for both the agInnovation Northeast website and **The Parting Shot**. At the spring meeting we discussed institutions having image libraries. The image libraries are rich archives of photos. We encourage you to share shots from your libraries as well as other image sources. Please [forward pictures to us](#) with a caption and a photo credit.

From the Archive:

- The context: As we implement the Northeast Agenda and create the regional voice, we've dedicated a page of our website to the [Northeast Regional Voice](#). Here, we're posting stories created by a very talented group of institutional communicators led by Stacey Stearns (University of Connecticut). We love the stories from Land-grant institutions across the region!

The Parting Shot:



Winter is coming. (Photo courtesy of Penn State University)

agInnovation Northeast

www.nerasaes.org

35 Campus Avenue

Green Hall room 115

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI 02881

Executive Director, Dr. Richard C. Rhodes III: (401) 874-2468

Coordinator, [David Leibovitz](#): (401) 874-4801

agInnovation Northeast and its member institutions are committed to the principles of affirmative action, diversity, and inclusion.

Please do not reply directly to this MailChimp message.