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We hope you're enjoying your summer. If you're looking for summer reading, consider the first action item.

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Action items:

- *Science Breakthroughs to Advance Food and Agricultural Research by 2030* (aka Breakthroughs 2030) has been released by the National Academies of Science. It's a good read and is posted on the NERA website, <http://www.nerasaes.org/reports-white-papers>.
- As you've read, the Communications and Marketing Committee's project has pivoted to support the Farm Bill passed in the House. If you have comments, concerns, or reflections on the CMC, the CMC's project, or its primary contractors, kglobal or Cornerstone, please forward those to Rick ([rcr3@uri.edu](mailto:rcr3@uri.edu)).

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Reminders/Updates:

- Registration for the 2018 Fall ESS/AES/ARD meeting in Lincoln, NE (October 1-3) is now open. You can register on-line at <https://www.regonline.com/2018EES>. (A preliminary agenda is also available on the registration site.) For hotel information and registration go to: [http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-EXP-20181001/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-EXP-20181001/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG).

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Informational items:

- Save the Date: The Joint Summer Meeting is slated to be held in Washington, DC (host institution is the University of the District of Columbia) from June 2 – 5, 2019.
- The University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture is seeking applicants for the **Associate Research and Extension Director** for the Metro Extension District. The job description is posted on the NERA website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/employment>).
- NIFA is currently recruiting for the position of **Deputy Director of the Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition**. The position is currently posted on USA Jobs (<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/504733300>) and on the NIFA website (<https://nifa.usda.gov/career-opportunities>). The job announcement number is AG-22-2018-0064.
- The Western IPM Center (<http://westernipm.org/>) is seeking a new **Director**. The online position is available at [http://ucanr.edu/Jobs/Jobs\\_990/?jobnum=1406](http://ucanr.edu/Jobs/Jobs_990/?jobnum=1406).

- The University of Connecticut seeks nominations and applications for the position of **Dean of the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources and Director of the Connecticut Cooperative Extension System and the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station**. The job description is posted on the NERA website (<http://www.nerasaes.org/employment>).



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