



Today, we celebrate Veterans Day. As I've written in the past, my Dad was a World War II Navy veteran, who imbued into my brother, sister, and me, a deep solemnity for this day. It's a good time to honor and thank those who've served.

We draw your attention to the first two action items. It's official, we're now agInnovation Northeast. We'll be holding our first meeting as agInnovation Northeast on December 12.

Last, we've just rolled through a chaotic election season. It's too early to make any bold predictions on the impact that a new batch of elected officials, from the White House to Congress, will have on us. The easy prediction is "change will be coming." As details unfold and are shared with us, we'll keep you posted.

"We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause." – President Ronald Reagan (1985) from [Remarks at the Veteran's Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery](#), November 11, 1985. Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, Simi Valley, CA.

### Action items:

- It's official, we're now agInnovation Northeast. That change comes upon the recommendation of the directors and upon the approval of the name change in the Cooperative Agreement that agInnovation Northeast (formerly NERA) has with the University of Rhode Island. The action step: stay tuned as we make the transition in name change.
- **Save the date:** We will be holding our **winter agInnovation Northeast zoom meeting on December 12 at 8:00 AM ET**. Details to follow.

### Reminders/Updates:

- agInnovation and Cooperative Extension are hosting a collaboration coffee with NIFA on November 21, 2024, at 12 PM ET. (This event was formerly called LGU-2-U.) The topic for the call on the 21st is "Everything You Need to Know About Multistate Projects/Committees". To join the Zoom meeting, [click here](#). The meeting ID is

848 5873 7575 and the passcode is west.

- The agInnovation apparel site is open. Check out: [Home | agInnovation Apparel \(square.site\)](#).
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### Informational items:

- The [NIFA Climate Change Priority Team](#) has just released the [FY 2024 Accomplishments and Action Agenda Report](#). You'll see the report highlights broad climate-change funding opportunities and projects spearheaded by NIFA's partners (including the [National Climate Change Roadmap](#) that was led by Gene Kelly and supported by agInnovation.)
  - The Department of Agronomy, Horticulture, and Plant Science at South Dakota State University is seeking a visionary and dynamic leader to serve as the [Department Head](#).
  - The Communications and Marketing Committee has released the [November Communications Toolkit](#). The theme this month is "Public and Land-grant Universities Aid Southeast Farmers, Families, and Communities in Hurricane Recovery and Support Producers Year-round." Please give this a look.
  - *Second time:* University of Maryland Eastern Shore colleague, [Lila Karki](#), is currently seeking Ph.D. programs for two of his M.S. students (ag economics/resource economics). Would you please share this opportunity with your colleagues in ag economics/resource economics?
  - *Last time:* The NSF is seeking reviewers for the FY25 [Graduate Research Fellowship Program](#). Reviewers are asked to review, on average, 20 applications between December and early January. Reviewers also attend a virtual panel on one day, assigned according to field of expertise, in mid-January 2025. Register your interest at <https://nsgrfpreviewers.org>.
  - *Last time:* NIFA is hosting the fourth installment of their **Grant Applicant/Awardee Technical Assistance Virtual Workshop** on November 14 at 12:00 PM ET. This session will discuss differences between competitive and capacity funding and resolving common user issues in REEport and the NIFA Reporting System. Here's the [link to register](#).
  - *The forever green reminder:* In past NERA newsletters, we've made a pitch for "station" photos for both the NERA 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.
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### From the Archive:

- The context: agInnovation Northeast is dependent on participation of its membership. So, who are the members of the organization? We keep a list of members in our [Directory](#). Check it out. Are you and your associates listed correctly? If not, please [contact David](#) and blame Rick.

## **The Parting Shot:**



It was a good day to honor the valor and the sacrifices of our troops at the American Cemetery, Omaha Beach, Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France.(Photo courtesy of Rick Rhodes.)



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