



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We bring your attention to the first action item. NERA will be meeting virtually on December 7, 2023 at 8:00 AM ET.

In the meantime, Happy Halloween! And for Halloween, we offer “favorite horror flick quotes from a single scene”.

“Wendy, I’m home...” and then moments later “Here’s Johnny...” spoken by Jack Nicholson as Jack Torrance in *The Shining*. Stanley Kubrick (1980). *The Shining*, United States: Warner Brothers.

Action items:

- *Mark your calendar:* NERA will be holding its virtual quarterly business meeting on **December 7, 2023, at 8:00-9:30 AM**. We’ll be sending meeting details by mid-November and look forward to seeing you in early December!
- We forwarded by email the proposed agInnovation budget for calendar year 2024. We also provide a link here to the [CY 2024 budget explanation and budget](#). Please look this over. Each of our NERA stations will have an opportunity to ring in on the agInnovation assessment and budget during the week November 27.

Reminders/Updates:

- agInnovation’s Diversity Catalyst Committee is hosting a webinar on November 16 at 4:00 PM ET titled **A Lived Experience: Tribal Relations and Natural Resource Stewardship**. The webinar will be presented by [Jennifer Ballinger](#), a Tribal Relations Specialist with the Forest Service. [Registration](#) is free and all are invited!
- [The National Academies is seeking suggestions](#) for experts to participate in a new study on platforms that support collaboration on high-quality science, education, and extension among land-grant institutions, especially those that support the active participation of historically Black colleges and universities and Tribal colleges, along with non-land grant partners. The deadline for submitting nominations is November 10, 2023. This is a follow-on to the NASEM effort in 2022, [Enhancing Coordination and Collaboration Across the Land-Grant System](#).
- The [Specialty Crop Research Initiative](#) (SCRI) [Request for Pre-Applications](#) is out. The closing date for the program is December 8, 2023, and there is \$75,440,000 in estimated funding.
- Sara Delheimer has shared the [Multistate Research Fund Impacts Communications Themes for November](#). Please share those themes with your communicators.
- The National Science Foundation is hosting their [Virtual Grants Conference](#) December 4-7, 2023. Registration is free and opens on Wednesday November 8 at 12 PM ET. (As a heads up, there’s a link

on the conference website to get notified when the registration goes live.)

- *Mark your calendars:* agInnovation (formerly known as the Experiment Station Section) will be holding a virtual business meeting on **December 12, 2023, from 4:00-5:00 PM ET**. Among other agenda items, the results of the assessment referendum and budget proposal will be announced.
- *Second time:* The Multistate Research Fund (MRF) Impacts program encourages the NERA community to [sign up for its quarterly newsletter](#). Visit the [MRF Impacts website](#) to view impact statements cataloged by station and by multistate activity, and to view monthly communications toolkits.

Informational items:

- The [2023 AAAS Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Lecture](#) will be held both in person and virtually on November 15 from 5:00-6:30 PM. Joe Cornelius, CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Ag One, will be presenting.
- The Northeast Climate Hub is seeking a [USFS Tribal Climate Equity Fellow](#). Applications are due on January 5, 2024.
- Kansas State University is searching for a [Head of the Department of Grain Science and Industry](#). This is a 12-month position.
- [LEAD21](#), the system's leadership training operation, is seeking applications for Class 21. Applications are due on November 15, 2023. Here's a link for the [instructions to apply](#).
- *The continuing ask:* We've added a photo at the end of the newsletter that either captures "local flavor" or is indicative of current events. If you have a picture that you'd like to share with the NERA News followers, please send those to us with a caption and photographer acknowledgement.



New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station: sweetpotato trial. (Yes, that's a 10 pound sweetpotato!
Photo courtesy of Anton Bekkerman.)



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