



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We're all back at it, the fall semester is officially open. While the summer is a time to renew, the re-opening of the our universities is energizing. Undergraduate students are back in the lab and our graduate students are one-more semester closer to graduating. All good!

While we don't have a lot to share in this newsletter, there are several time sensitive issues in the action items.

“One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.” - [Malala Yousafzai addressing the United Nations Youth Assembly](#), July 12, 2013.

Action items:

- The balloting on approval of the multistate proposal, NE2231 *Collaborative Potato Breeding and Variety Development Activities to Enhance Farm Sustainability in the Eastern US* closes tomorrow. If you haven't cast your station's vote, now is a good time to do that. Please contact [David](#) if you need the voting link.
- We have issued the [FY 2023 request for funding support](#) for grant applications (up to \$10,000 per application). Please encourage your faculty to take advantage of this opportunity. As a reminder, we have two ways to fund a proposal. NERA can transfer the award amount to your institution (for some institutions this poses challenges) or you can support the proposal with your institutional funds and we'll reduce your following years assessment by a like sum.
- The [registration link](#) and [room reservation link](#) are open for the ESS/CES-NEDA meeting scheduled for September 25-28 at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront. The theme for the meeting is “Building Trust” and the joint sessions will be dedicated to professional development. High-profile presenters include David Horsager of [Trust Edge Institute](#) and Tanisi Pooran/Sarah Koegler from [The Ready](#). A draft of the meeting agenda is posted on the registration site. NERA will be meeting on the morning of September 28. The first 1.5 hr of our morning will be with NEED and follow-up on our work on the Northeast Agenda.

Reminders/Updates:

- Our newsletter scheduled for release on Labor Day, September 5, will be sent out at 5:00 PM on September 7. For our avid readers, we appreciate your support and patience.
- We've made some changes on the NERA website that will interest you. First, as an outcome to our recent town hall meeting on July 28, we've opened a [NEED/NERA Civil Rights Review Materials](#) page. Second, check a new page titled [NERA Assessments and Budget](#). This provides an explanation for how assessments are calculated and what the NERA budget pays for. Many thanks for your support!

Informational items:

- *Again:* Back in May, we shared a solicitation from ESCOP seeking nominations for researchers that are climate change experts. ESCOP Chair Chris Pritsos has re-issued the request for nominations as NIFA begins to plan a “Climate Summit” and ESCOP appoints a climate change advisory committee. Use this [link](#) to nominate one of your researchers. There is no limit to the number of nominations that you might submit.



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