



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

The leaves are falling and the newsletters are getting shorter. We bring to your attention in the Reminder/Updates section that agInnovation and Cooperative Extension are hosting a “Collaboration Coffee” on November 21 dedicated to multistate activities. Check it out.

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.” – Albert Camus (1944) in *LeMalentendu (The Misunderstanding)*, Éditions Gallimard, Paris, France.

Action items:

- Thanks to you that responded the APLU survey seeking your input on capacity funds. While the APLU effort is separate from the exercise that we are doing on capacity funds best practices, they are seeking similar information that will serve as the foundation for seeking significant increases in capacity funds.
- The agInnovation apparel website is open. Check it out: [Home | agInnovation Apparel \(square.site\)](#).
- [Minutes for the agInnovation Business Meeting](#) on September 25 are now posted. Please look those over.
- With the approval by the General Counsel of the University of Rhode Island, we’ve amended our Cooperative Agreement changing the name of NERA to agInnovation Northeast. Stay tuned for changes to the website and rules of operation.

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.
- Our colleagues at LEAD21, the Land-grant University’s leadership development program, are now accepting applications for Class 21. We’ve included the [Call for Applications](#) on the NERA website.

Informational items:

- 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?
- The MRF Impacts toolkit for November 2024 is now available at: <https://www.mrfimpacts.org/november-2024>. In addition to themed posts, it includes a recently published Impact Statement on food safety and an Impact Statement for agInnovation’s 2024 Excellence in Multistate Research Award winner, a project on controlled environment technology and use. Please share this toolkit and use the materials and sample posts.
- *Second 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>.

- *Second time:* The Communications and Marketing Committee is hosting a training session for new and returning inputters to the **National Land-Grant Impacts Database (NIDB)** on October 30 at 2:00 PM ET. To attend, [register here](#).
- *Second 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.

From the Archive:

- *The context:* agInnovation Northeast is dependent on the excellent service of our business officers. To support that collaborative relationship, we've dedicated a page on our website to archive materials for the [Northeast Management Officers \(NEMO\)](#). Many thanks to NEMO!

The Parting Shot:



The University of New Hampshire pumpkin harvest team is going full speed ahead at the Kingman Research Farm. (Photo courtesy of UNH Marketing.)

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