



As we close in on Thanksgiving (and close down the shop), we draw your attention to the first action item. Please join us on December 12 at 8:00 AM for our winter agInnovation Northeast meeting.

And to the entire agInnovation Northeast family, happy Thanksgiving, you deserve it. We are grateful to be your friends and colleagues.

“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more.

It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow. –

Melody Beattie (1990) in *The Language of Letting Go*, Hazelden Publishing, Center City, MN.

Action items:

- The next agInnovation Northeast meeting (we too are getting used to calling NERA by its new name) is scheduled for **December 12, 2024, at 8:00 AM ET (via Zoom)**. The agenda for the meeting is available on our website. You'll note that [the agenda](#) includes a session on Chair's initiatives. Chair Wendie Cohick is seeking your input prior to the meeting on initiatives that are important to you. Please send your ideas and suggestions to [Rick and Wendie](#) by December 7. No tomes necessary!
- *Hold the date:* Steve Lommel, agInnovation chair, extends an invitation to join the next agInnovation Business Meeting, to be held virtually, on **March 5, 2025, from 2:00-4:00 PM ET**. The [September 25, 2024, agInnovation Business Meeting minutes and agenda briefs](#) are available for your review.

Reminders/Updates:

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

Informational items:

- The University of Maine is seeking a [Livestock Operations Manager](#) for the J.F. Witter Research and Teaching Center. Previous experience in dairy herd management is a required qualification.
- The University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is seeking a [Dean](#). WittKieffer is assisting the University of Maryland, nominations and inquiries can be directed to MarylandAGNRDean@wittkeiffer.com.
- The University of Idaho, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, is seeking applicants for the [J.R. Simplot Endowed Dean position](#). Priority consideration will be given to materials received by December 27, 2024.

(Buffkin/Baker is assisting with the search.)

- The [Fall 2024 NSF Virtual Grants Conference](#) will be held on December 9-12 and [registration is open](#). This is an excellent opportunity to gain insights into NSF's current issues, policies and procedures, and specific funding opportunities.
- Please share this announcement with faculty who might be interested in artificial intelligence. [The 4th Annual Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture Conference](#) (March 31-April 2, 2025, the Mill at Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS) is calling for abstracts. Deadlines are January 6, 2025, for speakers and February 14, 2025, for posters.
- The USDA and the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) recently launched a [request for proposals](#) for a suitable site host for the 2026 G20 Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists. Are any of your institutions interested in hosting?
- NIFA continues to host its "Transdisciplinary" webinar series on December 11, 2024, at 1:00 PM ET. The title of the presentation is "[Reviewing and Evaluating Transdisciplinary and Engaged Research Projects: Perspectives from Funding Programs](#)" and [registration is required](#).
- Sara Delheimer has informed us that the [December Multistate Research Fund Impacts Toolkit](#) is now available for your use. Please share this toolkit and use all the materials including the sample posts!
- *The forever green reminder*: In past newsletters, we've made a pitch for "station" photos for both the agInnovation Northeast 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: We're confident that there are times when folks ask you what does agInnovation Northeast do? Our value statement is on the front page of the website. We serve as administrators, an information commons, a co-laboratory, and as your representative. Check out "[The Value of agInnovation Northeast: What we do](#)".

The Parting Shot:



As you gather at your Thanksgiving dinner and scoop into the cranberry sauce, give thanks to the origins of your cranberries (photo: [UMass Cranberry Station](#), East Wareham, MA, photo courtesy of David Leibovitz).

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