



This supplemental newsletter shares several items that did not make our Monday morning deadline and an ask from you. The “ask” is described in “action items.”

“But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb.” – Nelson Mandela, 1994 *in* Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela. Back Bay Books, Little, Brown and Company, Boston, MA.

### Action items:

- The APLU hosted a webinar, *Agricultural Research Infrastructure Advocacy*, on Monday. The webinar shared the intent of the APLU to advance a \$11.5 billion request for research infrastructure support. The NERA Executive Committee is drafting a document expressing reflections on the effort. We’re also seeking your input and perspectives on this initiative.

### Informational items:

- The APLU has released their [2020 Annual Report](#). You might find it interesting reading.
- The ARS is seeking a seasoned shellfish quantitative geneticist to support the research and breeding programs located in Kingston, Rhode Island. The job announcement is posted on [USA Jobs](#)(announcement #ARS-D21Y-10996245-SC.)
- The co-chairs of the National Impact Database, Steve Loring and Karla Trautman shared an end-of-year summary of the NIDB. That [summary](#) is posted on the NERA website.
- The National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR, NERA is a member) has released its annual report. The [report](#) is posted on the NERA website.
- The [Multistate Research Fund Impacts](#) group has shared their [2020 Annual Report](#).
- ARS and NIFA are conducting an online survey through February 11, 2021, on animal production research, education and extension priorities. This survey seeks to identify and rank important issues related to animal production, and ask for input on impacts of current ARS and NIFA programs as well as future direction of the research, education and extension programs. Here’s the link to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/99JLJW8>.

National listening sessions on the Food Animal Production Program will be held on January 27 and 28, 2021, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM EST each day. Here’s how to connect on January 27:

- <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1605825871?pwd=VFp1RFY2bVM0OTBrSkQ3R002KytRdz09>

Meeting ID: 160 582 5871

Passcode: 074539

Here's how to connect on January 28:

- <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1609179839?pwd=Q2M5NW81VG9TemhJWEpjS1YxUHQ5UT09>

Meeting ID: 160 917 9839

Passcode: 286258



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