



This newsletter features an important item from the association's spring meeting: an "Urban Ag Multistate Research Project Workshop". Check out the first action item.

"We've heard a lot about supply chains. What is local urban farming? It's supply chain resiliency." – Raj Puri (2023) at the SXSW Conference, [Rethinking Urban Ag](#), March 10-19, 2023, Austin, TX.

Action items:

- The University of the District of Columbia will be hosting a workshop dedicated to drafting of a Multistate Research Project on "Urban Agriculture" on May 23, 2023. NERA is providing support for the meeting and is offering \$1,000 travel scholarships to researchers that are interested in attending the workshop. If you have a researcher that is interested in participating, please have them contact [Rick](#).
- [Registration](#) for the 2023 Northeast Joint Summer Session in Annapolis, Maryland, June 5-7, 2023, is now open. Early bird registration is \$625 through May 8. The theme for the meeting is **Building Back Better, Together**. The [link to the room block](#) in the Graduate Annapolis Hotel is up and running as well. Last, the meeting agenda will be ready for distribution soon. We'll keep you posted!

Reminders/Updates:

- The annual meeting of agInnovation (formerly known as the Experiment Station Section) is scheduled for September 24-26 in Grand Rapids, MI. The theme for the meeting is **Catalyzing Solutions to Climate Change Impacts on Food Security through Partnerships**.
- ESCOP's Diversity Catalyst Committee has extended the deadline for submitting nominations for the [National Experiment Station Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion awards](#) (individual and group). Nominations are now due by June 30.

Informational items:

- NIFA has released the [National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program Funding Opportunity](#). Check it out.
- The Council for Food recently released a news report titled "[Where are the jobs in food and agriculture, and how to support students in getting into the workforce?](#)" It's a quick and interesting read.
- The South Dakota State University College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences is offering an exciting career opportunity as [Associate Dean of Research and Director of the SD Agricultural Experiment Station](#).
- Second time: NIFA is hosting a five-day, [Grants Support Technical Assistance Workshop](#), on May 8 through May 12, from 11 AM until 2 PM ET. The workshop will focus on accessing information about NIFA's competitive programs, grant writing tips for success, application review process and post-award

management. Different topics will be covered each day. Participants can attend all five days, or they can choose to attend sessions featuring topics of particular interest or as their schedule permits. [Registration](#) is required.



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