



Hard to believe that spring is here and we're a bit over two months away from our Joint Summer Session with NEED. We look forward to seeing everyone in Annapolis in June.

"When your mind says you're exhausted, fried, totally tapped out, you're really only 40 percent done. You still have 60 percent left in your tank." -Dave Groggins in Jesse Itzler, 2015, *Living with a SEAL: 31 Days Training with the Toughest Man on the Planet*, Center Street Publishing, New York, NY.

Action items:

- [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 room block in the Graduate Annapolis Hotel and meeting agenda will be ready for distribution soon. We'll keep you posted!
- *There's still time.* We'd like to hear from you. [Here's a link](#) to do a short survey on the NERA Spring Meeting. Whether you attended or not, we'd value hearing from you all.

Reminders/Updates:

- The [notes/minutes](#) from the NERA Spring Meeting are posted on the NERA website. Please check those out.
- ESCOP's Diversity Catalyst Committee is soliciting nominations for the [National Experiment Station Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion awards](#) (individual and group).

Informational items:

- 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.
- The NRCS has shared their [FY2023 Equity in Conservation Outreach Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). Proposals are due by e-mail at 11:59 PM ET on **April 27, 2023**. Priorities this year include projects that: address local natural resource issues; promote potential conservation career opportunities; promote climate-smart conservation; encourage conservation in small-scale and urban agriculture; or develop conservation leadership skills and opportunities. The award ceiling is \$1,000,000; the award floor is \$100,000.
- *Tuck this one away.* In response to the extreme weather we are currently experiencing, NIFA has introduced a new program: [Rapid Response to Extreme Weather Events Across Food and Agricultural](#)

[Systems \(A1712\).](#)

- The National Animal Nutrition Project (NRSP9) is hosting a face-to-face summit “[Producing Healthy Diets with Sustainable Animal Systems](#)” at the National Academies of Science on April 12, 2023, 9 AM until 4:30 PM ET. [Registration](#) is required.



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