



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

It's Memorial Day, the unofficial beginning of summer, an indicator of the pending Northeast Joint Summer Session and, most importantly, a time to remember our military members who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Indeed, today is about patriotism, remembrance, and gratitude.

And to that end, we've kept this newsletter mercifully brief...

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below."

– John McCrae from *In Flanders Fields* (1915). (The poem is in the public domain.)

Action items:

- [Registration](#) is still open for the 2023 Northeast Joint Summer Session in Annapolis, Maryland, June 5-7, 2023, and the theme for the meeting is **Building Back Better, Together**. While the room block in the Graduate Annapolis Hotel is filled, we have overflow capacity in the [Hilton Garden Inn](#). If you need a room, please contact [David](#). The joint meeting agenda is posted on the [2023 Northeast Joint Summer Session website](#) and on the [NERA website](#). The NERA Executive Committee has also posted the [NERA Business Meeting agenda](#), to be held on June 7. Please take a look at these materials.
- Last call: Several weeks ago, we forwarded a note from ESCOP's ad hoc Agricultural Research Infrastructure committee seeking your input on the Research Facilities Act. The poll is still open, and we ask that you take a few minutes (3 minutes tops!) to complete the survey. Here's the link: [Ag Infrastructure Survey](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- This item falls into an update that's a good piece of news. The NEED/NERA Ecosystem Services and Markets post-doctoral fellows, Drs. Mario Machado and Alicia Coleman, have transformed their scholarship that NEED and NERA jointly funded ([Ecosystem Services in Working Lands Practice and Policy of the U.S. Northeast](#)) into refereed journal article in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* (see [Incentivizing the production of ecosystem services on working lands: The opportunities and challenges of funding "nature's contributions to people" in the U.S. Northeast](#)). You'll note that NEED and NERA are acknowledged as the funders as are the NEED and NERA advisory members. From our perspective, it's gratifying to assist new scholars on their early career paths. Many thanks to NEED and NERA!

Informational items:

- For those of you that are true NERA News aficionados, you might have recognized the opening of this newsletter; it's almost identical to the opener that we used for our 2022 Memorial Day newsletter. That speaks to me on two fronts. From a professional perspective, early summer is a time that we've always gathered. I look forward to us gathering in a week. On a personal front, Memorial Day was always important in our house. I've shared that my Dad was a World War II Navy veteran. While he rarely talked about the war, he was fiercely patriotic and imbued in us, as kids, a deep respect and gratitude for U.S.

military personnel who gave their lives in the line of duty. To that end, I share my gratitude to those who died in the line of duty to ensure the freedom that we all enjoy. Thanks Dad!

- *Last call:* The Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC) is seeking pre-proposals. The [RFA for 2024 preproposals](#) is posted on the NRAC website. The submission deadline is June 23, 2023.
- *Last call:* 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.
- *Continuing:* The National Science Foundation (NSF) requests input to inform the development of a roadmap for its newly established Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships (TIP) Directorate, in accordance with the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022. For more information, check the Federal Register "[Request for Information on Developing a Roadmap for the Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships](#)." Comments are due on July 27, 2023.
- *Continuing:* 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**.



The Lone Sailor, a 1987 bronze statue, is a tribute to the men and women who have served, are serving, or will serve in the Navy. The sculpture was created by Stanley Bleifield for the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. When I have visited this memorial, I see my Dad...

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