



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

The summer solstice always marks transition. As we enter a new season and a new fiscal year, we share a few reminders below. During this summer, hopefully, you all will have the opportunity to disconnect and chillax. Find some time to go for a hike or a bike ride or watch an old movie...

“Negative Ghost Rider, the pattern is full.” - the original movie, **Top Gun** (1986). The quote is from the control tower to Maverick, a US Navy pilot (played by Tom Cruise) flying an F-14, who has requested a tower flyby. Maverick disregards the negative response.

Action items:

- We'll be sending out a survey shortly to seek your reflections on the Joint Summer Meeting. If you attended, we would be very appreciative if you submitted a survey response.
- **Mark your calendar.** The next NERA quarterly meeting will be held face-to-face on Wednesday, September 28 from 8:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Our regional meeting is in conjunction with the 2022 Joint ESS/CES-NEDA Meeting at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront in Baltimore, Maryland on September 25-28.
- *Ongoing:* We continue to seek pictures that typify research activities on your campus. Please send your photos to [David](#) and we'll run those on the scrolling banner on the NERA website.

Reminders/Updates:

- During the upcoming year, NERA coordinator David Leibovitz will be serving as a member of LEAD 21's Class 18. As opportunities arise, please assist, and engage Dave on his leadership development journey. Many thanks for your support!
- The [minutes for the NERA business meeting](#) are posted on the NERA website. Check those out.

Informational items:

- The University of Connecticut is seeking applicants for the position of [Associate Dean for Extension](#). The application period closes on August 24, 2022.
- Joint COPS will be held as a face-to-face meeting in Washington, DC on July 19-21. The theme of the meeting is “Moving into the New Normal”. You can find the agenda and registration [here](#).
- *Again:* Long-time North Central Executive Director Jeff Jacobsen will be retiring at the end of the calendar year. The region is currently seeking Jeff's replacement. NCRA Chair, Hector Santiago-Anadón is heading the search. Information about the position and the application portal can be found on the University of Nebraska employment website: [Executive Director - North Central Regional Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, position F_220091](#).



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