

# Report and Recommendations

## NORTHEAST MULTISTATE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

December 7, 2023

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM, NERA Business Meeting

Members: Matt Wilson (WVU-Chair), Puneet Srivastava (Maryland), Jason White (CT-New Haven), Blair Siegfried (Penn State), Cindy Fitch (WVU/NEED), Ali Mitchell (NEED) [Non-voting, ex officio: Rick Rhodes (NERA), David Leibovitz (NERA)]

### Decisions requiring NERA Approval

#### Northeast Administrative Adviser Assignments

- NE2101: *Eastern White Pine Health and Responses to Environmental Changes*
  - Volunteer: George Criner, Associate Dean/Director, Maine.
- NRSP 11: *Building Collaborative Research Networks to Advance the Science of Soil Fertility: Fertilizer Recommendation Support Tool (FRST)*, 10/2023 – 09/2028 [New project, Nathan Slaton, University of Arkansas, Lead AA]
  - Seeking nominations

#### Multistate Activities Committee Membership

- Puneet Srivastava (Maryland), renewed term and serve as chair, 2023-2026.
- Chris Smart (Cornell AgriTech), new term, 2023-2026.

### Informational Items (no NERA action required)

#### Status of Projects that Terminated on September 30, 2023

- NE1832 renewed as NE2332: *Biological control of Arthropod Pests and Weeds*, 10/2023 – 09/2028, AA: Jason White – Connecticut-New Haven
- NE1833 renewed as NE2333: *Biological Improvement of Chestnut through Technologies that Address Management of the Species and its Pathogens and Pests*, 10/2023 – 09/2028, AA: Brad Hillman – Rutgers
- NE1834 renewed as NE2334: *Genetic Bases for Resistance and Immunity to Avian Diseases*, 10/2023 – 09/2028, AA: Robert Taylor – West Virginia
- NE1835 renewed as NE2335: *Resource Optimization in Controlled Environment Agriculture*, 10/2023 – 09/2028, AA: Puneet Srivastava - Maryland
- NE1836 renewed as NE2336: *Improving Quality and Reducing Losses in Specialty Fruit and Vegetable Crops through Storage Technologies*, 10/2023 – 09/2028, AA: Chris Watkins – Cornell
- NE1838 renewed as NE2338: *Weed Emergence in a Changing Climate*, 10/2023 – 09/2023, AA: Margaret Smith – Cornell
- NE1839: *Development and Evaluation of Broccoli Adapted to the Eastern US*. Project was not renewed.
- NECC29 renewed as NECC29: *Corn Improvement Conference*, 10/2023 – 09/2028, AA: Margaret Smith – Cornell
- NECC1812 renewed as NECC2312: *Northeast Coordinating Committee on Soil Testing*, 10/2023 – 09/2023, AA: Rick Rhodes – NERA

### **Mid-term Review Projects in FFY2024**

- NE2140: *Sustainable Management of Nematodes in Plant and Soil Health Systems* (AA: Anton Bekkerman – New Hampshire)
- NE2101: *Eastern White Pine Health and Responses to Environmental Changes* (AA: TBD)
- NECC2103: *High Tunnel Specialty Crop Production* (AA: Anton Bekkerman – New Hampshire)
- NEERA2104: *Northeast Region Technical Committee on Integrated Pest Management* (AA: Margaret Smith – Cornell)

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- NE1938: *Carbon Dynamics and Hydromorphology in Depressional Wetland Systems*, to be determined.
- NE1939: *Improving the Health Span of Aging Adults through Diet and Physical Activity*, project is renewing, proposal currently under external peer review.
- NE1941: *Environmental Impacts of Equine Operations*, project is renewing.
- NE1942: *Enhancing Poultry Production Systems through Emerging Technologies and Husbandry Practices*, project is renewing, technical team is currently drafting full proposal.
- NE1943: *Biology, Ecology & Management of Emerging Disease Vectors*, project is renewing.
- NECC1901: *Integrating Genomics and Breeding for Improved Aquaculture Production of Molluscan Shellfish*, to be determined.