



There are several actionable issues in "[Action Items](#)". Check them out!

"I profoundly believe that there is always more than one 'right way' to achieve great results." - Robyn Pearce (2018) *Getting a Grip on Time Management (Second Edition)*. GettingAGrip Publishing. Pukehoke 2679, New Zealand.

Action items:

- The 2022 Northeast Joint Summer Session [registration](#) and [meeting](#) websites have gone live. Early bird registration is currently \$515 and is good through May 4. After the May 4, registration increases to \$620. You will see on the meeting website a link to the [meeting hotel](#) (the Portland Regency Spa and Hotel). The hotel requires meeting attendees to reserve rooms by phone, (207) 774-4200 (refer to Northeast Joint Summer Session) to secure the room rate of \$199/night. As we've shared, the theme for the meeting is "Innovation".
- The Experiment Station Section's Science and Technology Committee is working with NIFA to create an [interactive map](#) of all the experiment stations (main campus and off-campus, 1862 and 1890). If you click on the link, you'll see the name of each station, the creation date, the focus areas, university affiliation, and the URL for the station's website. Would you please check the entries for your station or stations? If you have corrections, please forward those to [Bret Hess](#) and carbon copy [Rick](#).
- The CMC vote is on. This past Friday and Saturday, the APLU sent out electronic ballots seeking your approval of designating the CMC a standing committee of the BAA. Each institution has multiple ballots. Please be sure to cast all your ballots. As a reminder, each institution has six votes: AHS-1, AHS-2, Academic Programs, Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension, and International Programs.

Reminders/Updates:

- As you might have heard, Carrie Castille is leaving NIFA and will be serving as the Vice President and Vice Chancellor at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture. Likewise, Parag Chitnis is taking on the VPR role at the University of Wyoming. Dionne Toombs will serve as the Acting Director of NIFA and Brent Elrod who will serve as the Acting Associate Director of Programs.
- The [minutes and supporting materials](#) from the NERA Spring Meeting are posted. Check them out!
- The Northeastern Regional Center for Rural Development has released its [2021 Annual Report](#), highlighting accomplishments and activities of the past year.

Informational items:

- NC State is seeking applications and nominations for the position of [dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences](#). For additional information please contact Steve Lommel (slommel@ncsu.edu).
- All recipients of NIFA grant, cooperative agreement, indemnity, contract, and procurement awards should be aware of an [important change to streamline entity identification and validation processes](#). Today, April 4, 2022, the Federal Government will stop using the Dun & Bradstreet Numbering System

(DUNS) that uniquely identifies entities in the System for Award Management (SAM). Moving forward, you will need to have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) created in SAM.gov.

- The Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center is supporting requests for travel awards for Extension specialists to attend the National Aquaculture Extension Conference in Portland, ME on July 13-17, 2022. If you have individuals that might be interested in the opportunity, we've posted the [request for applications](#) on the NERA website.
- Second time: The Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC) is seeking preproposals in response to their [NRAC 2023 RFA](#). NRAC has approximately \$700,000 for project funding available in the fall of 2022. Each project can be funded up to \$300,000 for a two-year period.
- The University of Maryland is seeking applicants for three new positions: [4-H Agent Associate](#), [Sea Grant Watershed Agent Associate](#), and [Coordinator, Maryland Extension](#).



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