



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We are three weeks away from the 2022 Northeast Joint Summer Session in Portland, Maine. We are thrilled to be meeting face-to-face for the first time in over two years. We look forward to seeing you in Portland, Maine June 5-7.

“The future is already here – it’s just not evenly distributed.” - William Gibson in The Economist, December 4, 2003, Cities & Health, 4:2, 152, DOI: [10.1080/23748834.2020.1807704](https://doi.org/10.1080/23748834.2020.1807704).

### Action items:

- Please register for the 2022 Northeast Joint Summer Session Meeting. Here are links to the [registration](#) and [meeting](#) websites. 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 or University of Maine group) to secure the room rate of \$199/night. As we have shared previously, the theme for the meeting is “Innovation”. During the Joint Summer Session, we will be holding the quarterly NERA Business Meeting on June 7 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The business meeting agenda and supporting materials can be found on the NERA website under [Workroom: Agenda/Minutes](#).
- We recently sent to the NERA directors a solicitation from ESCOP chair Chris Pritsos, seeking nominations for climate change research experts. In short, ESCOP is creating a roster of climate change experts to assist and advise both ESCOP and NIFA on issues and opportunities revolving around the challenges of global climate change. Your office of the Executive Director endorses this initiative and looks forward to a contingent of Northeast scientists serving as advisors. If you did not see the solicitation from Chris, we are happy to forward that you. Please contact [Rick](#).
- The postdoctoral fellows that were supported by NEED and NERA have published their report “[Ecosystem Services in Working Lands: Practice and Policy of the U.S. Northeast](#)” and it's available free from the Extension Foundation. The Extension Foundation is also hosting an Ecosystem Service webinar on May 24, 2-3 PM ET. The webinar will be presented by our two fellows, Alicia Coleman and Mario Machado, and they will be discussing their report and findings. Here's the link to [register for the webinar](#).
- We are again seeking pictures that typify research activities on your campus. We'll run those on the scrolling banner on the NERA website. Please send your photos to [David](#).

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### Reminders/Updates:

- NEED Executive Director, Ali Mitchell, and Rick [submitted comments](#) on the [preliminary findings](#) of the National Academies Blue Ribbon Committee on [Enhancing Coordination Between Land-grant Universities and Colleges](#). While there were no surprises in the preliminary findings of the Blue Ribbon Committee, we are looking forward to the roadmap that the committee will (hopefully) develop. As further results become available, we will share those with you.
- Thanks for suggesting prospective participants on Alexis Nazario-Negron's expanded NIFA Reporting

System working group. NERA's representatives to the working group will include: [Diane French](#) (Rutgers), [Lynn Grabowski](#) (UConn), and [Blair Siegfried](#) (Penn State).

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### Informational items:

- The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics is holding a panel discussion on [Building the Capacity to Invest in Rural Prosperity](#). Presenters will include Stephan Goetz and Jason Entsminger from the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development on May 27 from 12-1 PM ET. This webinar is the first in a series of events aimed at integrating findings from the [RRDCs' Rural Development Listening Sessions Initiative](#).
- The National Academies are hosting a series of conversations about climate including one on [Adaptations by Agriculture](#) on May 19, 3-4 ET. [Registration](#) is required.
- The Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (CVMB) is seeking an Associate Director of Equine Clinical Services. For full consideration, application materials are requested by June 6, 2022. [Click here](#) to view the full position announcement.
- *Second time:* Chris Hamilton from the North Central region is hosting a NIMSS Virtual Training on Wednesday, May 25 at 2 pm ET. The session is open to all regions and will provide an overview of NIMSS, including a demonstration of functions. That will be followed by an open Q&A to address specific needs of the audience. If you or your staff are interested in joining, please contact [Rick](#) and he'll send a link to the Zoom meeting.
- *Last time:* The Executive Directors are collecting input on the Farm Bill. We've been asked for examples of "a USDA funded project with an impactful result" and the "top example of an ongoing project where you see promising results." If you have brief descriptions of projects that you'd like to share, [we're](#) listening!



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