



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

In the aftermath of the July 4th week, we hope that you had opportunities to rest, relax, and recharge. If you're attending Joint COPS next week, we look forward to seeing you. Otherwise, we'll see you all during the NERA Business Meeting on August 10 at 8:30 AM!

"Freedom lies in being bold."

- Robert Frost cited by Phillip Hamburger in "Television: Men of Faith", *The New Yorker Magazine*, December 13, 1952, The New Yorker Magazine Inc., NY.

Action items:

- The [minutes for the NERA Business Meeting](#) held in Annapolis on June 7 are posted on the NERA website. Please check those out. If you have corrections please [share them with us](#). We've also posted the presentations from the Northeast Joint Summer Session on the [NERA website](#).
- We hope that you noticed that we've added a photo at the end of the newsletter that either captures "local flavor" or is indicative of current events. If you have a photo that you'd like to share with the NERA News followers, [please send those to us](#) with a caption and photographer acknowledgement.

Reminders/Updates:

- *Hold the date:* We've scheduled a **virtual NERA Business meeting on August 10 at 8:30 AM**. The primary item on the agenda is a discussion of the NERA budget. The good news is that we have a healthy carry forward per the direction of the Association and we don't expect any changes in fiscal year 2024 assessments. We'll forward connection information and a detailed agenda by email at the end of July.
- In the last newsletter, we solicited your input on the Northeast Agenda, both the [Executive Summary](#) and [Northeast Agenda Full Report](#). If you have any final comments, reflections, or edits, please send those to [Rick](#).

Informational items:

- The Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment at the University of Massachusetts is seeking an [Associate Director for Operations and Communications](#).
- North Dakota State University is searching for a [Director for the Williston Research Extension Center](#). Screening will begin on July 26, 2023.
- Researchers at North Dakota State University are seeking response from undergraduates regarding motivation for choosing soil science, their experiences with soil science courses, their understanding of the role of the USDA-NRCS educational and training missions, and employment opportunities for students once they graduate. Here's the link to the survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/sgr3RWWHZC>. Please pass this on to appropriate department heads/chairs and student affairs offices.
- *Last time:* The 2023 Joint COPs Summer Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2023 - July 20, 2023, at the

Loew's Kansas City Hotel, Kansas City, MO. As a heads up, the [New Administrator's Orientation](#) is being held concurrently with Joint COPS.

- *Hold the date:* 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.***



“Independence Day is celebrated in New York City with fireworks near the Empire State Building on July 4.”
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