



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

While the country is dominated by a heat dome, it places in strong relief the importance of the work of your faculty, students, staff, and you. Stay the course and continue to do great things! Speaking of great things, Rick had the opportunity to attend last week the Research Symposium organized by the Student Association at the Geneva Experiment Station. Hearing what the students were doing was direct evidence that we have excellent people in the agInnovation pipeline.

We rarely use an unattributed quote. For this week we'll break from tradition and go the "unattributed" or "widely attributed to various sources" route. We thought this quote was particularly germane to climate change and encapsulates the principles of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children."-

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Action items:

- Last week we mailed to the directors, a ballot on the [FY2025 NERA budget](#). The balloting closes on Friday, June 28. If this doesn't ring a bell, please contact [Rick and David](#).
- The [2024 BAA Summer Leadership Meeting](#) (formerly known as Joint COPS) will be held in Providence, RI on July 16-18, 2024. During this meeting, agInnovation will host a hybrid business session on July 16 from 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM ET. For those that might be attending, welcome back to Providence!
- The [2024 agInnovation Fall Meeting](#) will be held in Raleigh, NC on September 22-25, 2024. The theme for the meeting is "Reimagining the Land-grant University-Industry Relationship". As a heads up, [registration](#) is live, an [agenda](#) is posted, and [room reservations](#) are available. We look forward to seeing you in NC!

Reminders/Updates:

- Former NERA chair, Carol Thornber (URI), has been appointed as the Dean of the School of the Environment at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Congratulations to Carol! (You can find Carol on LinkedIn.)
- The [minutes from the NERA business meeting](#) have been posted on the NERA website. We will approve those minutes at our next face-to-face meeting in Raleigh, NC during the agInnovation Fall Meeting.
- *A continuing ask:* We are seeking Administrative Advisers (AA) for several projects as our NERA ranks evolve. Many thanks to the AAs that are rotating off projects. Projects that are seeking AAs include: NE2201 *Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals* and NRSP8 *Genomic Capacity: Building Applied Genomic Capacity for Animal Industries*. If you're interested, please contact [Rick](#).

Informational items:

- The Communications and Marketing Committee has shared their June Communications Toolkit. The toolkit theme is "[Avian Influenza](#)".
- The North Dakota State University College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources is seeking applicants for its Associate Dean position. Visit the [NDSU system website](#) for more information and to apply.
- *And again:* NIFA has shared a call for applications in response to the [National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Program Funding Opportunity](#). Proposals are due on August, 13, 2024.
- *And again:* The Bezos Earth Fund has issued an RFP around the topic of [AI for Climate and Nature Grand Challenge](#). This is part of a \$100 million initiative. Phase 1 submissions are due on July 30 and the RFP is targeting US based 501(c)3 entities and global academic institutions. As a heads up, the first round of funding is targeted to address sustainable proteins (feed the world and not wreck the planet), power grid optimization, and biodiversity conservation.
- *And again:* The University of Florida/IFAS is recruiting a new **Dean** for the [College of Agricultural and Life Sciences](#) to join their [leadership team](#). Details can be found at: [University of Florida - Details - Dean and Professor, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences \(ufl.edu\)](#).
- *And again:* The [2024 Research Center Administrator's Society](#) is meeting in Lincoln, NE on September 8-11, 2024.
- *And again:* The Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC) is seeking preproposals. The [RFA for NRAC 2025 Preproposals](#) is posted on the NRAC website. Preproposals are due on July 5, 2024. Please share this information with faculty that might have interest in applying.
- *The forever green reminder:* In past NERA newsletters, we've made a pitch for "station" photos for both the NERA website and **The Parting Shot**. At the spring meeting we discussed institutions having image libraries. The image libraries are rich archives of photos. We encourage you to share shots from your libraries as well as other image sources. Please [forward pictures to us](#) with a caption and a photo credit.

From the Archive:

- *The context:* NERA uses photos that you send us on our [scrolling banner on the home page](#). Check out the 42 photos currently posted. While you and your colleagues look marvelous, we're always on the hunt for more photos. Check you out!

The Parting Shot:



Cornell AgriTech administrators (can you find Anna Katherine Mansfield and Chris Smart?) graduate students, undergraduates, faculty, post-docs, staff, and Rick at the 2024 Research Symposium organized by Student Association at the Geneva Experiment Station (photo courtesy of Cornell AgriTech staff).



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