



Many thanks to all of you that rang in on the Northeast Agenda Purpose, Mission and Vision survey. As you'll see below, we extended the closing date of the survey until tomorrow. For those that would like to make a last-minute, last call contribution, go for it!

"The food and agriculture sector is extensive, interconnected, diverse, and complex. Designated as critical infrastructure and primarily owned and operated by private sector and non Federal entities, food and agriculture systems and supply chains are vulnerable to disruption and damage from domestic and global threats... The evolving threat environment requires the sector and its essential workforce to better prepare for and respond to incidents with broad impacts on our national and economic security." - President Joseph Biden (November 10, 2022) in "[National Security Memorandum on Strengthening the Security and Resilience of United States Food and Agriculture](#)", National Security Memorandum, NSM-16.

Action items:

- **Last call:** Following up on Northeast Agenda conversations that we had in Portland and Baltimore, Erica Mirich is seeking the assistance of all NERA members to share your thoughts on the collective efforts of NEED and NERA. We ask that you complete a short survey, [Northeast Agenda: Purpose, Mission and Vision](#), by Tuesday, November 15.
- We tuned in to the NIFA Listening Sessions and are currently drafting the NERA "needs and wants". If you have a specific ask that you would like to have included in our response to NIFA, please forward your suggestions to [us](#).
- Today's quote came from President Biden's recent National Security Memorandum. We believe that the memo is worth a read and constitutes yet another reason for investing in our nation's agricultural and food system research.

Reminders/Updates:

- *Save the dates:* ESS Chair Matt Wilson is planning to host a virtual, mid-year ESCOP meeting on **December 7, 2022, at 4:00 PM ET** and an Experiment Station Section meeting on **March 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM ET**. One of the ESS/ESCOP chair's initiatives is "director engagement". Stay tuned for the opportunity to register for the gatherings.

Informational items:

- The Department of Animal Science at the University of Connecticut is soliciting applications for the position of [Assistant Professor of Reproductive Physiology](#). This will be a 9-month, 60% research and

40% teaching tenure track position.

- The Kansas State University College of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension seeks nominations for the position of Director/Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Programs. Visit the [K-State website](#) for more information and to apply.
- LSU is searching for a [Vice President for Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture](#). Greenwood/Asher & Associates, LLC is assisting Louisiana State University in this search. The position announcement is posted on the NERA website.
- The University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is seeking applicants for a number of positions which are posted on the [NERA website](#).
- The North Central regional associations of Experiment Station (NCRA) and Cooperative Extension (NCEA) Directors are continuing the [LGU2U](#) Initiative, a series of virtual sessions that intend to reinforce and enhance the unique relationship between LGUs and NIFA. The NERA community is invited to join the upcoming **LGU2U: Funding and Programming** session on **November 17 at 2:00 pm ET**. [Registration](#) on or before November 15 is required.



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