



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

As we emerge from the long weekend, I'm hoping that you are reading this on Tuesday morning versus Monday evening. In doing a quick scan of the region, many states are resuming "business as usual" with a close eye on the CDC recommendations. We are all looking forward to the resumption of normal, albeit the "next-gen" normal.

This newsletter is mercifully brief. With that in mind, please pause a moment and reflect upon the cost of freedom and thank those that paid the cost with their lives.

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

- *In* John McCrae and Andrew Macphail. (1919). *In Flanders Fields, and other poems: With an essay in character*. W. Briggs, Toronto, Ontario.

Action items:

- If you'd like to flip some pages, the Office of Management and Budget has released [The President's Budget](#). You'll see on page 46 of the "[Budget of the U.S. Government](#)" that the summary tables identify \$40 billion to be allocated over a period of ten years for investing in R&D, including upgrading and funding America's research infrastructure. The system still needs congressional champions, but this is a high level placeholder for campus infrastructure investments. Last, the release of the President's budget officially starts the appropriations season. More to come.
- *Continue to hold the date:* Hold the date for the Virtual Joint NEED/NERA/CARET/AHS summer meeting. Here's the framework that the Executive Committees of NEED and NERA agreed upon:
 - Monday, June 21, 1-2:30 PM (NERA and NEED meet separately.) Northeast Research Communication Network: NERA directors and communicators meet together.
 - Wednesday, June 23, 3-4:30 PM. Integrated Multistate Projects conversation.
 - Thursday, June 24, 3-4:30 PM. Action steps/CARET/AHS initiatives.

Reminders/Updates:

- *Continue to hold the date:* The Experiment Station Section is planning on holding its annual meeting face-to-face in Squaw Valley, CA on September 27-30, 2021. The theme will be “Disruptive Innovation.” More to come!

Informational items:

- The ARS is seeking a Research Leader position for the Crop Improvement and Protection Research Unit in Salinas, CA. The position is open now and closes on June 24, 2021. Details and directions on how to apply can be found at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/602625900>.
- The NIH Director’s New Innovator Award Program intends to supports early stage investigators of exceptional creativity who propose highly innovative research projects with the potential to produce a major impact on broad, important areas relevant to the mission of NIH. The NIH is committing \$52 million for approximately 35 awards in FY 2022. Check out the full [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#).
- *Spread the word:* NIFA has multiple vacancies for Data Analysts (Biological Science Specialists; GS 13) in Kansas City. (The GS-13 salary for Kansas City is \$93,081 to \$121,006 per year.). Applications will be accepted until June 10, 2021. To apply: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/602870000>.



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