

<b>agInnovation Northeast Representatives 2025-26 (updated April 15, 2026)</b>		
<b>Regional Committees</b>		
<b>agInnovation Northeast Executive Committee</b>		
Jason Hubbart	Chair	2025-2026
Chris Smart	Vice Chair	2025-2026
Beth Gugino	Officer-at-Large	2025-2026
Vacant (formerly Wendie Cohick)	Immediate Past Chair	2025-2026
<b>Northeast Multistate Activities Committee</b>		
Puneet Srivastava	Chair / agInnovation Northeast Member	2023-2026
Beth Gugino	agInnovation Northeast Member	2023-2026
Chris Smart	agInnovation Northeast Member	2023-2026
Lee Hecker	agInnovation Northeast Member	2026-2029
Bill Miller	NEED Member	2024-2027
Ali Mitchell	NEED Member	2024-2027
<b>Liaison to NEED</b>		
Lisa Townson		2022-
<b>Liaison to Academic Programs Section (NE-ACOP)</b>		
TBD		
<b>Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development Board of Directors</b>		
Rick Rhodes		2018-
<b>Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center Board of Directors</b>		
Rick Rhodes		2017-
Anton Bekkerman		2021-
<b>Northeast Integrated Pest Management Center Steering Committee</b>		
Alexandro Calixto (Cornell)		
<b>National Committees</b>		
<b>agInnovation</b>		
Rick Rhodes	Executive Director, Northeast (ex-officio)	
David Leibovitz	Coordinator, Northeast (ex-officio)	
Jason Hubbart	agInnovation Northeast Regional Chair	2025-2026
Chris Smart	agInnovation Northeast Regional Incoming Chair	2025-2026
Vacant (formerly Wendie Cohick)	agInnovation Northeast Past Chair	2025-2026
<b>agInnovation Budget and Legislative Committee</b>		
Anton Bekkerman	agInnovation Northeast Delegate	
Chris Smart	agInnovation Northeast Delegate	
<b>agInnovation Science and Technology Committee</b>		
Jason Hubbart	agInnovation Northeast Member	
Diane Rowland	agInnovation Northeast Member	
Lee Hecker	agInnovation Northeast Member	
<b>APLU BAA Communications and Marketing Committee</b>		
Rick Rhodes	Executive Vice-Chair (ex-officio)	
David Leibovitz	Assistant Executive Vice-Chair (ex-officio)	
Stacey Stearns (UConn)	Northeast Representative	
<b>National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee</b>		
Chris Smart	Member	
<b>National Integrated Pest Management Coordinating Committee</b>		
Alejandro Calixto (Cornell)	Member	
<b>National Research Support Project (NRSP) Review Committee</b>		
Beth Gugino (Chair 2026-2027)	agInnovation Northeast Representative	2024-