



agInnovation Northeast Business Meeting

agInnovation Annual Meeting
Grand Junction Convention Center

Grand Junction, CO

September 22, 2026

Agenda (v2)

Tuesday, September 22 [Grand Junction Convention Center, Adobe Room]

7:30 am – 8:30 am	<i>Breakfast at the Grand Junction Convention Center</i>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<i>ClearPath, Clean Energy, and Agriculture (all agInnovation) – Elizabeth Stulberg, Program Director, Agriculture Innovation, ClearPath</i>
9:00 am – 9:15 am	<i>Call to Order and Introductions – Chris Smart, Chair</i> • Introductions • Agenda modification (Additions/Deletions) and Approval • Approval of the minutes of June 3, 2026, agInnovation Northeast Business Meeting • Officer-at-large election • agInnovation Science and Technology Committee member selection • Chair's reflections
9:15 am – 9:45 am	<i>Multistate Activities Committee – Puneet Srivastava, MAC chair</i> Items requiring agInnovation NE approval • NE_TEMP2603: Advancing High Tunnel Specialty Crop Production • NE_TEMP2605: Eastern White Pine as an Iconic North American Tree: Evolving Dynamics and Future Opportunities • NE_TEMP2640: Effective Management of Nematodes in Plant and Soil Health Systems • NE_TEMP2650: Building a Resilient Equine Economy: Sustainable Pathways for Horses and Communities Administrative Advisor openings ○ NE2334: Avian Diseases, formerly Chris Ashwell ○ NECC2202: Minor Use Animal Drug, formerly Margaret Smith ○ NECC29: Corn Improvement Conference, formerly Margaret Smith

	○ NE2206: Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Agriculture, formerly Josh Kohut ○ NRSP13: Artificial Intelligence for Agricultural Autonomy, formerly Josh Kohut, Chris Smart nominated Informational items
9:45 am – 10:00 am	<i>Evaluation of the Office of the Executive Director – Chris Smart</i>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<i>Break</i>
10:15am – 10:30 am	<i>The Executive Director Search Update – Chris Smart, ED Search Committee chair</i>
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<i>agInnovation Northeast: Informing the National Agenda – Rick Rhodes and Anton Bekkerman, incoming chair agInnovation</i>
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<i>agInnovation Issues Discussion – Rick Rhodes, Executive Director</i> • Late Winter Meeting/ED Candidate Interviews • Grad/Postdoc Forum • agInnovation Annual Meeting, NE is the host • Government affairs, elections, and our operations • agInnovation Business Meeting preparation • Northeast issues • What's on your mind?
12:00 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>
	Future Meetings • APLU Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 15-17, 2026 • agInnovation Northeast Winter Virtual Meeting, Virtual, December 17, 2026 • agInnovation Northeast Late Winter Meeting, University Park, PA, TBD • 2nd Graduate Student and Postdoc Forum, Cape May, NJ, May 4-6, 2027 • Joint Summer Session, Cape May, NJ, May 5-7, 2027 • agInnovation Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 26-30, 2027