



Every two weeks we share our take on Northeast action items, reminders and updates. That's done in the spirit of keeping us connected and driving innovation across the region. Innovation doesn't happen in isolation. It's rooted in curiosity, collaboration, and community. Thanks for being part of the community!

And thanks for your good wishes!

"Collaboration has no hierarchy. The Sun collaborates with soil to bring flowers on the earth." - Amit Ray (2016) in *Enlightenment: Step by Step*. Inner Light Publishing, Decatur GA.

Action items:

- Mark your calendars. We've shifted the date of the **agInnovation Northeast monthly zoom call** from August 20 to **August 21** at 8:00 AM ET. Stay tuned!
- We submitted [comments on behalf of the region](#) to the Federal Register in response to the Office of Management and Budget proposed changes to Uniform Guidance. Some 500K comments were submitted. Last week, [STAT reported](#) that 95% of the comments were in opposition to the new proposed rule. We'll keep you posted as this evolves.
- During our June agInnovation Northeast business meeting, the association passed the FY2027 budget. To that end, in the next week we will be forwarding to you, your '27 organizational assessment notice. Please be on the lookout!

Reminders/Updates:

- In late June, Senator John Boozman, chair of the Senate Committee on Ag, Nutrition and Forestry released a discussion draft of the Farm Bill. The discussion draft is the complementary piece to the [Farm, Food,](#)

[and National Security Act of 2026](#) which passed in the House in April. Here's the [full legislative text of the Senate draft](#) (careful it's 900 pages long) and [Title summary](#) (the title that we're most concerned with is Title VII). The quick summary of the summary? The Senate draft largely reflects the [requests of the APLU](#).

- *Save the dates:*
 - agInnovation Annual Meeting, Grand Junction, CO, September 21-25, 2026 (hosted by Colorado State University)
 - agInnovation Northeast virtual meeting dates (2026, all begin at 8:00 AM)
 - **August 21** (*this meeting was originally scheduled for August 20*), October 15, November 19, December 17 (agInnovation Northeast Winter Meeting).

Informational items:

- Sara Delheimer has shared a new multistate research fund impact statement for [SCC80: Strengthening the Future of Plant Breeding](#). While this is a southern coordinating committee, the participation is from across the country, a big community!
- [Register now!](#) The Northeast Management Officers annual meeting will be held October 26-28, 2026 at Hotel Champlain in Burlington, Vermont. This is one of the two premier annual meeting opportunities for administrative officers, the other being NERAOC. Early bird registration ends on July 31. [Visit the meeting website](#) for more information about the event.
- Save the date: APLU has announced that next year's CARET/BAA Washington Conference will be held March 1-4, 2027. Further details about the meeting will be released in the coming months.
- *The forever green reminder:* In past newsletters, we've made a pitch for "station" photos for both the agInnovation Northeast website and The Parting Shot. 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:

- While we profiled the Northeast Agenda in the last issue, [check out our home page](#). You'll see the announcement of the release of the 2026 Northeast Agenda. Give it a read!

The Parting Shot:

OK, it's not a Station photo...



The world community came together during the past three weeks to play a game. Spain emerged as the winner of the FIFA World Cup (photo courtesy of ABC News). What does this tell us about what we can do together?

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