



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

Many thanks to you all for joining the NERA business meeting on August 10. We were thrilled with your attendance and engagement! The minutes from the meeting are now posted on the NERA website.

Hopefully the brevity of this newsletter reflects the calm before the storm.

“The best way to lift one’s self up is to help someone else.” – Booker T. Washington in (1901) *The Story of My Life and Work: An Autobiography by Booker T. Washington*, J.L Nichols and Company, Toronto, ONT, Naperville, IL and Atlanta, GA.

Action items:

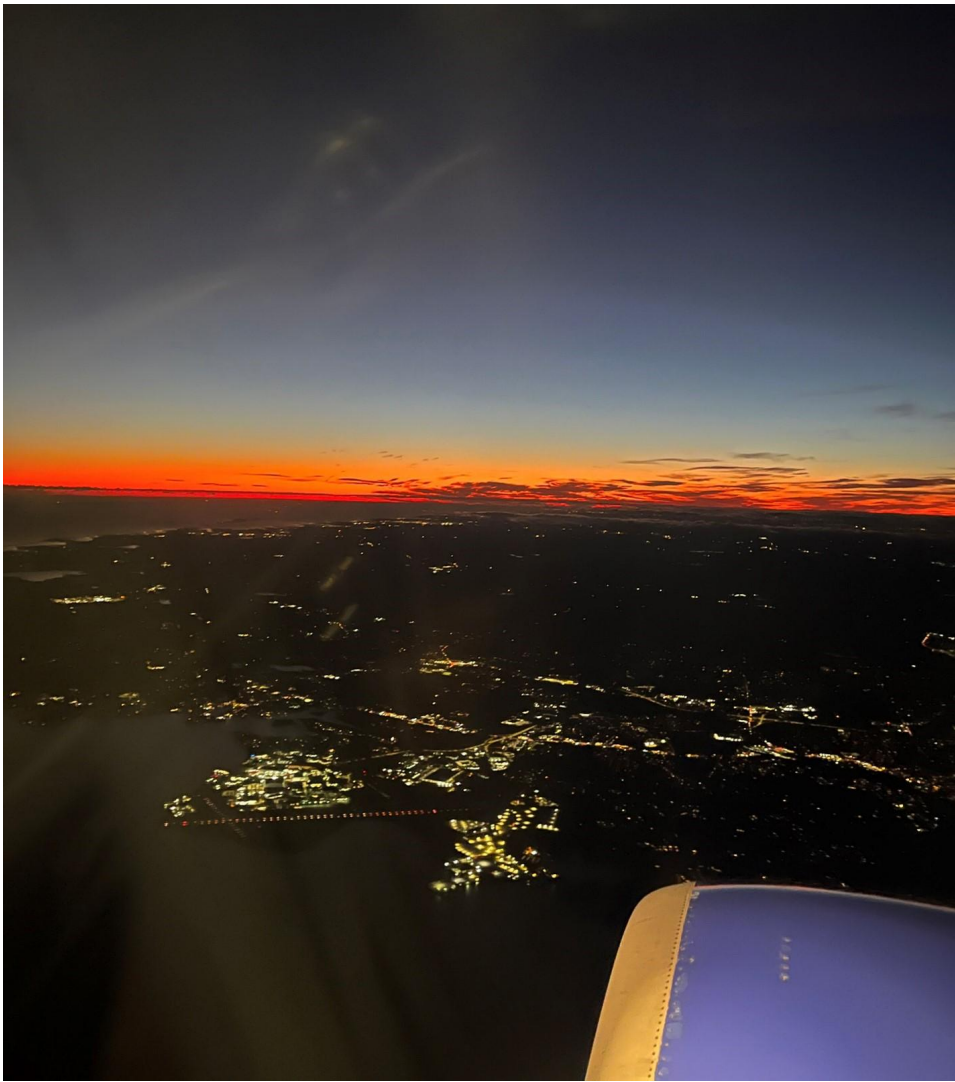
- The [minutes for the NERA Business Meeting](#) on August 10, 2023, are posted on the NERA website.
- During the August 10 meeting, the Association approved the [budget for FY2024](#) (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024). The approved budget is posted on the NERA website. As a heads up, assessment notices will be going out in the next week.
- We encourage you to join the **agInnovation Rebrand Webinar on Thursday, September 7 at 4:00 pm ET**. [Registration](#) is required to join the webinar.

Reminders/Updates:

- Registration is now open for the agInnovation Fall Meeting Fall Meeting 2023, *Catalyzing Solutions to Climate Change Impacts on Food Security through Partnerships*, in Grand Rapids, MI, September 24-26. Visit the [conference website](#) for all details. As a heads-up, registration closes on September 13 and the room block is open until September 5.
- We’ll be sending a brief survey to gather feedback on suggestions for engagement with NIFA and the new NIFA Director, Dr. Manjit Misra. Stay tuned.

Informational items:

- Second time: Penn State Extension is seeking a [Director of Extension and Associate Dean](#). Penn State Extension is administratively housed within The College of Agricultural Sciences, which is also home to nine academic departments.
- We hope you’ve have noticed that we’ve added a photo at the end of the newsletter that either captures “local flavor” or is indicative of current events. If you have a picture that you’d like to share with the NERA News followers, please send those to us with a caption and photographer acknowledgement.



"There's no place like home." Rhode Island sunset. (Photo by Rick Rhodes.)

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