



We hope that you all had a great long, July 4th weekend, we did!

We're sure that you saw the passage of "The One, Big, Beautiful Bill". Check out the APLU analysis of the impact of the bill in "Action Items".

"What the people want is very simple. They want an America as good as its promise." – Barbara Jordan (1979) in *Barbara Jordan: A Self Portrait*. Doubleday, New York, NY.

Action items:

- We sent out assessment invoices on July 1. If you did not receive yours or if you have questions, [we're happy to assist](#).
- agInnovation Northeast is holding a drop-in Zoom session on July 17 at 8:00 AM. We'll be sending via email at the end of the week, an agenda and connection details.
- You might have received notice to take action on "Gain of function research reporting" per the [Executive Order 14292](#). The notice is also [posted on the NIFA website](#). As the EO and the NIFA notice indicates, gain of function research "means scientific research on a biological agent or toxin with the potential to cause disease by enhancing pathogenicity or increasing transmissibility." If you believe that you have a project that should be reported but wish to discuss, [please contact Rick](#).
- The passage of "The One, Big, Beautiful Bill" will have ramifications on the Land-grant University system. We've [posted the APLU analysis](#) of the bill on our website (under National Updates) and would offer the following observations. The bill provides \$1.125 billion over 9 years (FY 26-34) for the Research

Facilities Act. The Act also funds Specialty Crop Research at \$175 million. Alternatively, the bill eliminates SNAP-Ed funding which sunsets at the conclusion FY 25.

- *Continuing:* As we discussed during our business meeting, we have a number of Administrative Adviser (AA) slots open. Here are the projects seeking replacements (current AA is in parentheses).

[Please contact Rick and David](#) to share your interest in serving.

- NE2334: Genetic Bases for Resistance and Immunity to Avian Diseases (Robert Taylor)
- NRSP8: Genomic Capacity: Building Applied Genomic Capacity for Animal Industries (John Kirby)
- NECC2202: Formal Structure for the Minor Use Animal Drug Program (Margaret Smith)
- NECC29: Corn Improvement Conference (Margaret Smith)

- The Regional Directors have asked about the branding of your experiment station. Are any of you considering rebranding your station and using a permutation of “agInnovation” in your initiative? If so, [please share that initiative with David and Rick](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- agInnovation will be hosting Lewis-Burke Associates on August 19 from 2:00-3:30 PM ET to continue the discussion on on-going legislation and funding to the Land-grant university system. We'll forward connection details by email.

- Here's the line-up for our agInnovation Northeast virtual meetings which start at 8:00 AM: August 14, October 16, November 20, and December 11, (regularly scheduled winter virtual meeting). Agendas and connection details will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

- *Second time:* Lewis-Burke Associates (LBA), the advocacy group that supports our work and that of the APLU, has developed several informational spreadsheets that we've added to our website under Workroom>[National Updates 2025](#). These include: [FY 2026 Agricultural Appropriations: BAA Priorities](#) and [FY 2026 NIFA Accounts of Interest](#). We've also posted updates (dated June 12, 2025) the [appropriations bills](#).

- *Continuing:* If you have had grants cancelled, programs paused, or lost access to databases, we'd like to hear what program, what agency, the dollar amount of the loss, and/or the impact of the loss. We've posted to our website, a [summary that the North Central](#)

[Region](#) drafted in response to recent Executive Orders and Administrative Actions. Don't hesitate to reach out with your reflections. [We're here for you!](#) We've also created a portal for you to enter your anonymous reflections on our [agInnovation Northeast Comment Submission Form](#).

- *Last time:* To all attendees of the Northeast Joint Summer Session in Princeton, a [post-event survey is open](#) and the meeting organizers welcome your feedback. As a reminder, all meeting materials will remain housed on the agInnovation Northeast website: <https://www.aginnovation-northeast.org/2025-northeast-joint-summer-session>.
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Informational items:

- The agInnovation Executive Committee will be holding a business meeting on **Tuesday, July 15 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm ET**, during the APLU BAA Summer Leadership Meeting. A virtual option is available, and all agInnovation members are invited to attend. The [meeting agenda is posted](#), and connection details for the virtual option are as follows: <https://uada.zoom.us/j/81089494639?pwd=3vyzX4t3Y7RDB6hWwqBZvBPIQvHCQW.1> (password: 1066).
- Sarah Delheimer recently shared the Multistate Research Fund (MRF) Impacts toolkit for July 2025: <https://www.mrfimpacts.org/july-2025>. Here you'll find thumbnails of research on irrigation, blueberries, and more! Please share this toolkit and use the materials and sample posts.
- The BAA's Communications and Marketing Committee has posted the July 2025 Toolkit titled "[Protecting Plant and Animal Health](#)". Please share this toolkit and use the materials.
- DARPA is hosting the "[DARPAConnect Virtual Pop-Up Event](#)", a session meant to unlock the world of innovation and opportunity with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. (To register, click the DARPA link above.)
- *Second time:* Damona Doye and Alton Thompson are drafting a session, *Prioritizing AI Strategies and Roadmapping AI Implementation*, for the 2025 Joint agInnovation/CES-NEDA Meeting (September 15-18, 2025, St. Louis, MO). To prepare for the St. Louis session, Damona and Alton are hosting a virtual session, *Preparing for What's Next in AI for Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Research*, on July 24, 3-4:30 PM ET. Please consider registering for the virtual session here: [Extension](#)

Foundation Virtual AI Convening.

- *Second time:* We're currently in the throes of a complex legislative period that includes reconciliation ([H.R. 1 – One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#)) and appropriations (check out the LBA documents highlighted in the Action Items.) While all of you are well-versed in appropriations, the reconciliation process is less well-known. We've posted to the agInnovation Northeast website under Workroom>[Reports/Whitepapers](#), a report from the Congressional Research Service a document titled "[The Reconciliation Process: Frequently Asked Questions](#)."
 - *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.
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From the Archive:

- The context: The agInnovation Northeast website is an archive that assists with celebrating excellence. Did you ever wonder who won the Excellence in Leadership Award in 2016 or what research project was nominated for the Excellence in Multistate Research in 2021? It's listed on our website under About Us>[Excellence Awards](#).

The Parting Shot:



Storm sky, night sky, and beach bonfire, July 4th weekend. (photo from Rick Rhodes IV at the Galilee Beach Club, Narragansett, RI)

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