



The last two weeks have been fabulously busy with agInnovation Northeast endeavors. We hosted the first **agInnovation Northeast Graduate and Post-doctoral Forum** (a smashing success) and the **Joint Summer Session** (another winner). What's next?

"Idle to pretend that we have lost paradise. We never had it; it is still to make."

— Susan Ertz (1943) in *Anger in the Sky*. Harper and Brothers, New York, NY.

Action items:

- Many thanks to all for supporting the first agInnovation Northeast Graduate and Post-doctoral Forum. Check out [the proceedings from the meeting](#), the abstracts provide excellent insight into the breadth of work that is being undertaken at our Northeast stations.
- We appreciated your engagement at the Northeast Joint Summer Session and the agInnovation Northeast Joint Summer Session! The [minutes from the agInnovation Northeast business meeting](#) are now posted on our website. Look these over, we had a rich and robust conversation.
- We're interested to hear from you about your capacity funds allocations. Are you receiving an allocation that was similar to last year (recognizing that the allocations are being made on a quarterly basis)? If you're experiencing something different, we'd like to hear about it. Please [contact David and Rick](#).
- agInnovation, the national organization is seeking a director to assist in a visioning exercise called "Reimagining agInnovation". The effort will require some time on zoom calls as well as a "fly-in" in

August. If you're interested, please [contact David and Rick](#).

- *Continuing to request information:* We've heard from one of our station directors that a NIFA national program director reached out to the PD of a Hatch Project and shared that while the project had been approved under a different administration, the project was not aligned with current administration priorities and national interests (e.g., Executive Order...). As such, the NPL requested that the PD review and revise the project. We're interested to know if you've received similar notices. If so, would you please [share the project title, PD, and the reason for the change to Rick and David](#).

- Lewis-Burke Associates, the APLU BAA's government affairs consulting firm, will host a [Zoom conversation](#) with all agInnovation directors on Friday, June 26 at 3:30 PM ET. The meeting ID is 272 649 9338 and the passcode is NCRA2023!\$

Reminders/Updates:

- *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)*
 - July 16, August 20, October 15, November 19, December 17 (agInnovation Northeast Winter Meeting)
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Informational items:

- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is proposing a revision to the [Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance](#) and is seeking public comments on the changes. Lewis-Burke has shared a synopsis of the changes. We plan to provide comments to OMB on behalf of the region and seek your input to assist us in framing those reflections. If you have thoughts or concerns about the OMB changes, please [forward those to David and Rick](#).

- On June 3, the USDA released [updated terms & conditions related to research security, foreign ownership and control, and malign foreign talent recruitment programs](#). The APLU's Council on Research is working on an analysis of this update, and is working with universities to gather feedback. If any directors are interested in providing feedback, contact your institution's office of research.

- The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development (NERCRD) has released their [2025 Annual Report](#). Check it out.

The region has an important stake in the NERCRD; we support the NERCRD with annual off-the-top funding from the Multistate Research Fund.

- Sara Delheimer has shared the [MRF Impacts Toolkit for June 2026](#). Please share this toolkit with your communicators; use/adapt the materials and the sample posts. If you have feedback or suggestions on the new toolkit appearance, [please let Sara know](#).
 - Registration is open for the [2026 BAA Summer Leadership Meeting](#) on July 13-15 in Portland, OR.
 - *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:

- We've added a landing page for [Cohort 1 from the first Graduate and Post-doctoral Forum](#). There you'll find roster of presenters, an event program, a photo gallery, and a link to an upcoming LinkedIn page. Good stuff!

The Parting Shot:



“Rooted in curiosity, the next gen ag innovators hit the field” (agInnovation Northeast Graduate and Post-doctoral Forum attendees led by Tom Molnar on a tour of the Rutgers Hazelnut Breeding Program, photo courtesy of David Leibovitz).

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