



We're a week away from the opening of the [2025 Northeast Joint Summer Session](#) and looking forward to seeing all of you that will be attending!

While we've previously used the quote below, it's fitting to repeat it today, Memorial Day. It's a good day to honor those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom.

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below."

– John McCrae from *In Flanders Fields* (1915). (The poem is in the public domain.)

Action items:

- See you in Princeton, NJ for the [2025 Northeast Joint Summer Session](#).
- During our agInnovation Northeast Zoom call on May 15, agInnovation Northeast directors expressed an interest in having a means to submit questions, concerns, feedback, feedback, or reflections to the Executive Director. We've posted a portal for you to enter your reflections on our [agInnovation Northeast Comment Submission Form](#). If you have specific destinations for your submitted items, please note that in your comments.
- We drafted and posted a document that provides [talking points on the value of capacity funds](#). Use those! Rick will be presenting the talking points to the Budget and Legislative Committee tomorrow.
- *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!](#) If you'd prefer to share thoughts anonymously or outside of email, see the second Action Item.

Reminders/Updates:

- The notes from the agInnovation Northeast Zoom call on [May 15, 2025 are posted](#) on our website.
 - Here's a list of upcoming agInnovation Northeast virtual meetings which start at 8:00 AM: July 17, 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.
 - As a heads up to all the Northeast Business Officers, the ASAP system will now require you to include a justification for each payment. The good news? You're limited to 300 characters. Here's the Treasury slide deck on ["What's New in ASAP: Payment Justification"](#).
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Informational items:

- The Economic Research Service recently posted a report titled ["Agricultural and Food Research and Development Expenditures in the United States"](#). The interesting finding in the report? Private ag industries R&D funding now exceeds public investment in ag R&D. The updating on investment by foreign countries in ag R&D is currently paused. We have also posted a paper by Phil Pardey on ["Revitalizing the Slow Magic of US Agri-Food Research"](#), a paper published in 2023.
 - The Communications and Marketing Committee has shared their June 2025 Communications Toolkit, [Combatting Destructive Invasive Species](#). Check it out!
 - The September 15-18 Joint agInnovation/ECOP/NEDA Meeting has been moved from Milwaukee, WI to St. Louis, MO. We'll share the meeting details with you as they become available.
 - *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:* Did you ever wonder "who was on what committees?" If so, [check our page dedicated to that topic](#). If we've missed something or the information looks stale, [please let us know](#).

The Parting Shot:



“Echoes of sacrifice, freedom rests here”, the American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France (photo: Rick Rhodes).

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