



Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors

We're back on-line, many thanks to all the NERA "well-wishers"! In the meantime, here's to the hope that you all are taking some time off to re-charge.

Today is a holiday in Rhode Island, Victory Day. It celebrates the end of World War II and closure of the Pacific Theatre. And from Rick: My Dad was a Navy sailor in the Pacific when President Harry Truman announced the end of the war on August 14, 1945. Today, for me, is one of respect, contemplation, and thanks.

"This day is a new beginning in the history of freedom on this earth. Our global victory has come from the courage and stamina and spirit of free men and women united in determination to fight." - President Harry S. Truman in the proclamation to [Victory; Day of Prayer](#), August 16, 1945.

Action items:

- The [registration link](#) for the ESS/CES-NEDA meeting scheduled for September 25-28 at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront. The theme for the meeting is "Building Trust" and the joint sessions will be dedicated to professional development. High-profile presenters include David Horsager of [Trust Edge Institute](#) and Tanisi Pooran/Sarah Kogler from [The Ready](#). A draft of the meeting agenda is posted on the registration site. NERA will be meeting on the morning of September 28. We expect the room block link to open this week. Once that opens, we'll forward a link to NERA members.

Reminders/Updates:

- The notices of the annual NERA assessments went out this week (our apologies for the COVID delay). Many thanks for your continuing support!
- We're currently building a "NIFA Civil Rights Review" resource for posting on the NERA website. The items on the resource were shared during our "Conversation on Civil Rights Reviews" on July 28 at 3:00 PM ET. Once the site is built, we'll share a link and add other items as they become available.

Informational items:

- NIFA will be demonstrating "Critical Issues Management", a component of the new reporting system (NRS) on August 18 at 2:00 PM ET. [Registration](#) is required.
- *Again:* Back in May, we shared a solicitation from ESCOP seeking nominations for researchers that are climate change experts. ESCOP Chair Chris Pritsos has re-issued the request for nominations as NIFA begins to plan a "Climate Summit" and ESCOP appoints a climate change advisory committee. Use this [link](#) to nominate one of your researchers. There is no limit to the number of nominations that you might submit.



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