



Thanks for being part of the agInnovation Northeast community. Each edition of this newsletter underscores a shared purpose that unites our Northeast experiment stations: to deliver science-driven innovation through collaboration. We look forward to seeing the agInnovation Northeast directors in St. Louis for the [Joint agInnovation/Cooperative Extension Meeting](#)!

We call your attention to the “save the dates” notice in the action items.

“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller, ~1920, from Joseph P. Lash (1980) in *Helen and Teacher: The Story of Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan Macy*. Delacorte Press, New York, NY.

Action items:

- The [agenda and supporting materials](#) for the agInnovation Northeast Business Meeting are posted on our website. Please check those out! Importantly, we share the background reading that prepares you for Jason Hubbart’s conversation, “Rethinking the Research Enterprise” and Beth Gugino’s session “Northeast Ag Tech Corridor, ENGINE Grant.”
- *Save the dates:* We have dates and destinations!
 - agInnovation Northeast Spring Meeting, Geneva, NY, March 16-18, 2026 (hosted by Cornell AgriTech)
 - Joint Summer Session (agInnovation Northeast and NEED), Shelburne, VT, June 1-3, 2026 (hosted by the University of

Vermont)

- agInnovation Annual Meeting, Grand Junction, CO, September 21-25, 2026 (hosted by Colorado State University)

- Continuing: Please share with us any problems that your investigators encounter while initiating multistate projects in NRS. This includes deferral or rejection decisions. Please [contact Rick](#) or enter the issue anonymously on our [agInnovation Northeast Comment Submission Form](#).
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Reminders/Updates:

- At the beginning of August, the USDA opened a 30-day public comment period in response to the Department's reorganization plan. (Late in August, the 30-day comment period was extended through September 30, 2025.) The Executive Committee recommended submission of comments from the region. We drafted comments based on a template from the North Central region and the Budget and Legislative Committee and shared a Northeast perspective. The [letter is posted](#) on our website under the Workroom>[agInnovation Northeast Key Correspondence](#) pulldown menu (see Letter on Reorganization to Secretary Brooke Rollins from agInnovation Northeast, August 31, 2025).
 - *Again:* We hear you! Several directors asked for our monthly call to be moved (it conflicted with NEED's standing call). Our next scheduled Zoom calls will be held at 8:00 AM on October 16, November 20, and December 18. Agendas and connection details will be sent to you prior to the meeting.
 - *Again:* The [2025 Northeast Management Officers \(NEMO\) Conference](#) will be held from October 20-22, 2025, in Ithaca, NY at the Ithaca Downtown Conference Center. You can register, book your room, and download the agenda on the conference website. Registration closes on Friday, 9/19.
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Informational items:

- The National Academies has released a report entitled [Fulfilling the Public Mission of the Land Grant System: Building Platforms for Collaboration and Impact](#). The report explores the structures and platforms necessary to support sustainable collaboration with partners inside and outside the Land-Grant system. This release is a follow-up to the virtual meeting held by the National Academies on June 12-13.
- *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.

From the Archive:

- *The context:* The agInnovation website retains an archive of “[Key Correspondence](#)” of the Association. It’s the site where we post letters of support and advice to key agencies. It’s the location for posting the region’s input on the USDA’s plan to relocate (as shared in today’s Reminders and Updates).

The Parting Shot:



From hypothesis to harvest: apples proving science tastes sweet!
(photo courtesy of Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station,
New Haven).

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