

agInnovation Northeast Representatives 2025-26 (updated September 24, 2025)

Regional Committees

agInnovation Northeast Executive Committee		
Jason Hubbart	Chair	2025-2026
Eric Bishop von Wettberg	Vice Chair	2025-2026
Chris Smart	Officer-at-Large	2025-2026
Vacant (formerly Wendie Cohick)	Immediate Past Chair	2025-2026
Northeast Multistate Activities Committee		
Puneet Srivastava	Chair / agInnovation Northeast Member	2023-2026
Jason White	agInnovation Northeast Member	2022-2025
Beth Gugino	agInnovation Northeast Member	2023-2026
Chris Smart	agInnovation Northeast Member	2023-2026
Bill Miller	NEED Member	2024-2027
Ali Mitchell	NEED Member	2024-2027
Liaison to NEED		
Lisa Townson		2022-
Liaison to Academic Programs Section (NE-ACOP)		
TBD		
Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development Board of Directors		
Rick Rhodes		2018-
Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center Board of Directors		
Rick Rhodes		2017-
Anton Bekkerman		2021-
Northeast Integrated Pest Management Center Steering Committee		
Alexandro Calixto (Cornell)		
National Committees		
agInnovation		
Rick Rhodes	Executive Director, Northeast (ex-officio)	
David Leibovitz	Coordinator, Northeast (ex-officio)	
Jason Hubbart	agInnovation Northeast Regional Chair	2025-2026
Eric Bishop von Wettberg	agInnovation Northeast Regional Incoming Chair	2025-2026
Vacant (formerly Wendie Cohick)	agInnovation Northeast Past Chair	2025-2026
agInnovation Budget and Legislative Committee		
Anton Bekkerman	agInnovation Northeast Delegate	
vacant	agInnovation Northeast Delegate	
agInnovation Science and Technology Committee		
Jason Hubbart	agInnovation Northeast Member	
Diane Rowland	agInnovation Northeast Member	
Lee Hecker	agInnovation Northeast Member	
APLU BAA Communications and Marketing Committee		
Rick Rhodes	Executive Vice-Chair (ex-officio)	
David Leibovitz	Assistant Executive Vice-Chair (ex-officio)	
Stacey Stearns (UConn)	Northeast Representative	
National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee		
Chris Smart	Member	
National Integrated Pest Management Coordinating Committee		
Alejandro Calixto (Cornell)	Member	
National Research Support Project (NRSP) Review Committee		
Beth Gugino (Chair 2026-2027)	agInnovation Northeast Representative	2024-