



Today in Rhode Island, it's a state holiday: Columbus Day/
Indigenous Peoples Day.

As institutions built on the promise of research, education, and service, we honor both the spirit of exploration and the deeper truths of our shared history. We acknowledge that our Land-grant legacy is tied to lands once stewarded by Indigenous peoples, and we commit to building an inclusive and respectful future in agricultural science and education.

“...they took what they needed and that’s all. There’s nothing wasted. That’s quite important among the Indians: that you should respect the earth.”

– Martha George (1983) in *Come Forth Laughing* ([Suquamish Tribal Cultural Center Oral History Project](#), see 13:50 in the YouTube video).

Action items:

- agInnovation Northeast directors are invited to join our monthly call this Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 8:00 AM. The agenda and connection details will be forwarded to you by email.
- Lewis Burke Associates, our government affairs consulting firm, are hosting a continuing [Zoom conversation](#) with all agInnovation directors on October 17 at 12:00 PM ET. The meeting ID is 272 649 9338 and the passcode is NCRA2023!\$.
- With Wendie’s change in roles, we now have an opening on agInnovation’s Budget and Legislative Committee (BLC). Are any of you interested in serving on the BLC? If so, [please contact Rick](#)

[and David.](#)

Reminders/Updates:

- Our next scheduled Zoom calls will be held at 8:00 – 9:00 AM on November 20 and December 18. The December 18 gathering is the agInnovation Northeast Virtual Winter Meeting which will run from 8:00 – 9:30 AM. Agendas and connection details will be sent to you prior to the meeting.
- The [minutes and slide deck from the agInnovation Business Meeting](#) on September 18 are now posted. Check those out.
- The minutes from the agInnovation Northeast business meeting held on September 17, 2025, [have been posted](#) on the [2025 agInnovation Northeast Fall Meeting webpage](#).
- *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)
- Final: The [2025 Northeast Management Officers \(NEMO\) Conference](#) will be held on October 20-22, 2025, in Ithaca, NY at the Ithaca Downtown Conference Center.

Informational items:

- The National Impacts Database Communications Team Co-Chairs Frankie Gould (LSU AgCenter) and Sara Delheimer (Multistate Research Fund Impacts) are hosting a virtual training session on October 15 at 2:00-3:00 PM ET. The session will cover the basics of the NIDB, how submitted statements are used, and how to write effective impact statements. You or your team members can [register here](#).
- The University of Alaska, Fairbanks is hosting a seminar series titled **Circumpolar Connections: A Dialogue on Arctic Food Systems** (held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 AM ET). [Check this link](#) for a listing of speakers and to register for the program.
- *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 [homepage of agInnovation Northeast](#) runs a slide deck of 45 scrolling pictures. Is your institution represented in the slide deck? If not, [send us a picture](#) and we'll include it!

The Parting Shot:



Barn again, fall in New Hampshire. (Photo credit: Rick Rhodes)

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