



As you gather to celebrate Memorial Day, please take a moment to remember and pay tribute to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Their courage and dedication remind us of the true cost of freedom, and we are eternally grateful for their service. Honor our fallen heroes by striving to build a better, stronger, and more united community.

True to form, our Memorial Day NERA News, is always short. Check out the action items and see you in Providence in a week. Many thanks for your continued support and dedication!

*“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:

- We're ready for you in Providence next week! Check out the [meeting website](#) which includes links to registration, travel information, and a draft program. Lodging reservations on the room block are now closed; please visit the meeting [lodging page](#) for more information. We're also offering an optional tour of the [Gotham Greens](#), a commercial, urban-based, production facility for leafy greens on June 3. Contact [Rick and Dave](#) if you're interested in attending the tour.
- *A continuing ask:* We are seeking Administrative Advisers (AA) for several projects as our NERA ranks evolve. Many thanks to the AAs that are rotating off projects. Projects that are seeking AAs include: NE2201 *Mycobacterial Diseases of Animals*; NE2249 *Sustainable and Inclusive Rural Economic Development to Enhance Housing, Health, Entrepreneurship, and Equity*; and NRSP8 *Genomic Capacity: Building Applied Genomic Capacity for Animal Industries*. If you're interested, please contact [Rick](#).

Reminders/Updates:

- *Hold the date:* the [2024 BAA Summer Leadership Meeting](#) (formerly known as Joint COPS) will be held in Providence, RI on July 16-18, 2024. During this meeting, agInnovation will host a hybrid business session on July 16 from 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM ET.

Informational items:

- South Dakota State University's Agricultural Experiment Station is seeking an innovative [Manager of Foundation Seed Stock](#) to lead their dedicated team in shaping the future of agriculture. This position is

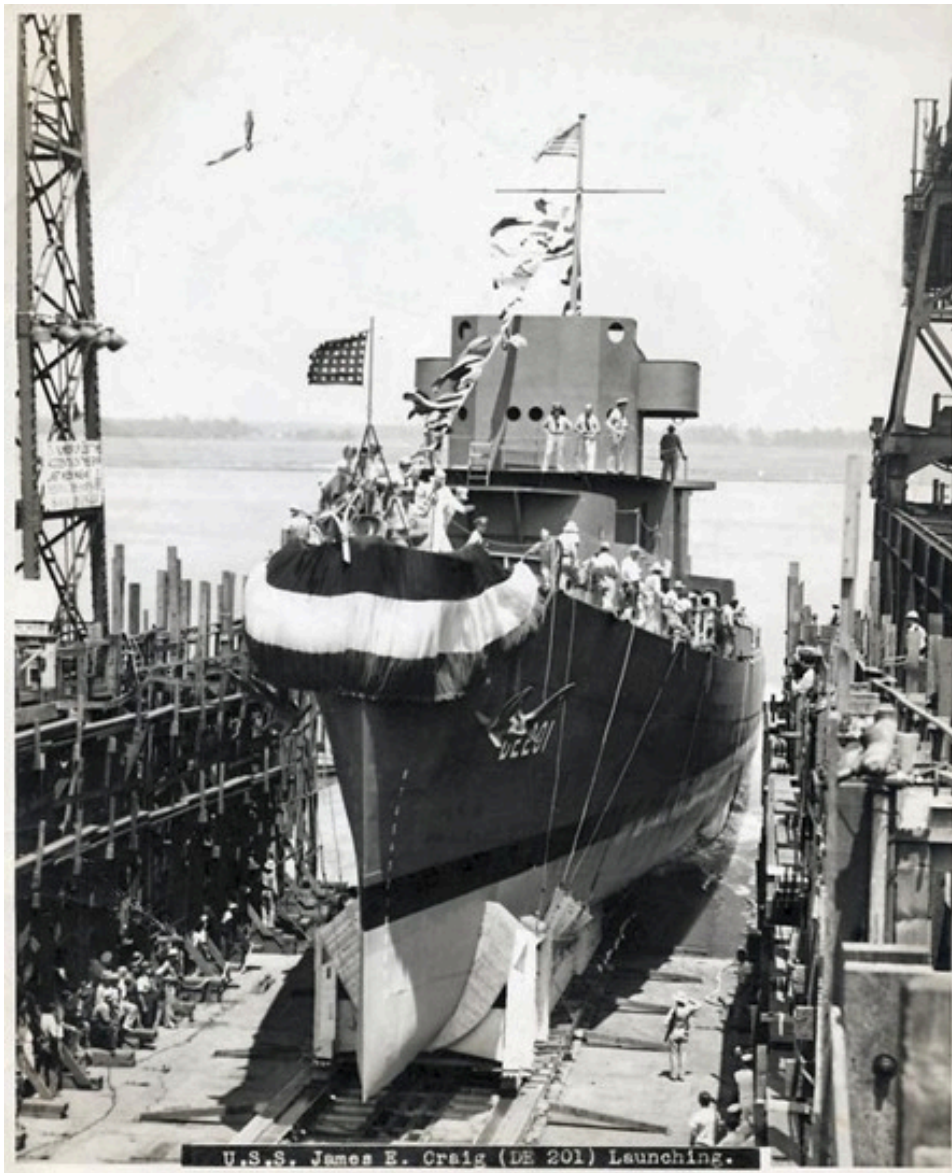
located in Brookings, South Dakota and is a 12-month, full-time, benefits-eligible position.

- The American Samoa Community College, a U.S. Land-grant institution, invites applications for a full-time [Forestry Researcher](#). The position is a two-year contract, renewable upon satisfactory performance, and housed within the College's Agriculture, Community and Natural Resources Division. Responsibilities include both research and extension (non-formal education), as well as support for the College's instructional programs.
- *And again:* The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) has issued a national call for authors, public comment, and technical inputs for the Sixth National Climate Assessment (NCA6). More information about the effort is available on the [USGCRP](#) website and in the [Federal Register](#).
- *And again:* The [2024 Research Center Administrator's Society](#) is meeting in Lincoln, NE on September 8-11, 2024.
- *And again:* The Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC) is seeking preproposals. The [RFA for NRAC 2025 Preproposals](#) is posted on the NRAC website. Please share this information with faculty that might have interest in applying.
- *And again:* Please consider nominating an individual or a team from your institution for an [agInnovation Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion award](#). We know that there are many deserving individuals and teams in the Northeast that offer the best in DEI programming. The same holds for nominating a scientist for a new agInnovation honor, the [Agricultural Research Innovation Award of Excellence](#).
- *The forever green reminder:* In past NERA newsletters, we've made a pitch for "station" photos for both the NERA website and **The Parting Shot**. At the spring meeting we discussed institutions having image libraries. The image libraries are rich archives of photos. 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:* NERA has created an archive of relevant [reports and white papers](#). Check out the resource. You'll find listed by the date of publication such pearls as The National Climate Change Roadmap (agInnovation's research strategy for addressing an existential threat) or Phil Pardey and Julian Alston's publication in the *Federal Reserve*. (This is the publication that cites that approximately 75% of all publicly funded ag R&D is performed by the state agricultural experiment stations.)

The Parting Shot:



If you look closely at the deck of the U.S.S James E. Craig, DE201, you can see Rick's namesake and Dad, Richard C. Rhodes, Jr. The Craig was being launched on July 22, 1943, in Charleston, SC and is bound for the Pacific. (Tom Lane photo, courtesy of NavSource)

 Follow @NERASAES on Twitter

Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (NERA)

www.nerasaes.org

35 Campus Avenue

Green Hall room 115

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI 02881

Executive Director, Dr. Richard C. Rhodes III: (401) 874-2468

Coordinator, David Leibovitz: (401) 874-4801

NERA and its member institutions are committed to the principles of affirmative action, diversity, and inclusion.

Please do not reply directly to this MailChimp message.