



The [Spring meeting](#) is set and ready to go in Arlington, VA, March 5-7, 2018. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Action items:

- As the NERA Spring Meeting is in conjunction with CARET/AHS, we don't have access to the meeting registrants. If you're going to join us at the spring meeting, would you please RSVP to David Leibovitz (david_leibovitz@uri.edu) by March 1st. Thanks!
- We have several items on the [NERA Spring Meeting agenda](#) for which we are seeking your input. Those include nominations for the ESS Award for Excellence in Multistate Research. If you're an AA of a highly performing project, please consider nominating the project. The 2018 Call of Nominations can be found at <http://escop.info/about/>. Next week we'll be sending out the mid-term reviews for NRSPs 4, 6, and 9 and the renewal for NRSP8. We have a slot on the spring agenda to discuss NRSPs.

Reminders/Updates:

- The ESS fall meeting planning committee is convening. Are there any burning topics that you'd like to see addressed at the annual Experiment Station Directors meeting in Lincoln, NE on October 1-3, 2018? If so, please forward to [Rick](#) and we'll share those with the planning group.
- The request for nominations for the National Experiment Station Section Diversity and Inclusion Award is posted on the ESCOP website, under the banner of **ESS Awards or Recognitions** (<http://escop.info/about/>). This is a new award and recognizes individuals, teams or organizations that go beyond simply meeting EEO/AA program requirements. Please consider submitting a nomination.

Informational items:

- NC IR-4 is seeking a regional coordinator to oversee and coordinate the activities of field cooperators (FRDs) who conduct Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) field residue trials and efficacy/crop safety trials for IR-4. This is a position that is offered through Michigan State. Click this link to apply: <http://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/498542/specialist-researchfixed-term#.WnsOUwyPYzE.email>.
- The West Virginia University Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design in collaboration with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and WVU Institute of Water Security and Science seeks applications for the position of Chesapeake Bay Science Advisor. The full

position description is posted on the NERA website at <http://www.nerasaes.org/employment>. The announcement is also accessible on the WVU website at: <https://wvu.taleo.net/careersection/faculty/jobdetail.ftl?job=07780&tz=GMT-05%3A00>.

- The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development is sharing an announcement with some recently published papers authored by members of the USDA-NIFA-funded Enhancing Food Security in the Northeast (EFSNE) project, led by the NERCRD. [Click here to view the announcement with links to the papers.](#)



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