



# Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Stations Directors

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# Who is NERA?

- 13 Land-grant Universities, “Colleges of Ag” and Ag Experiment Stations
  - CAHNR, CALS (2), CANR (2), CANRD, CAUSES, CAS, CELS, CNS, CNSFA, COLSA, and SEBS
- 1 independent state agricultural experiment station
  - (CT AES)
- Regional 1890’s LGUs
  - Ex-officio (ARD)

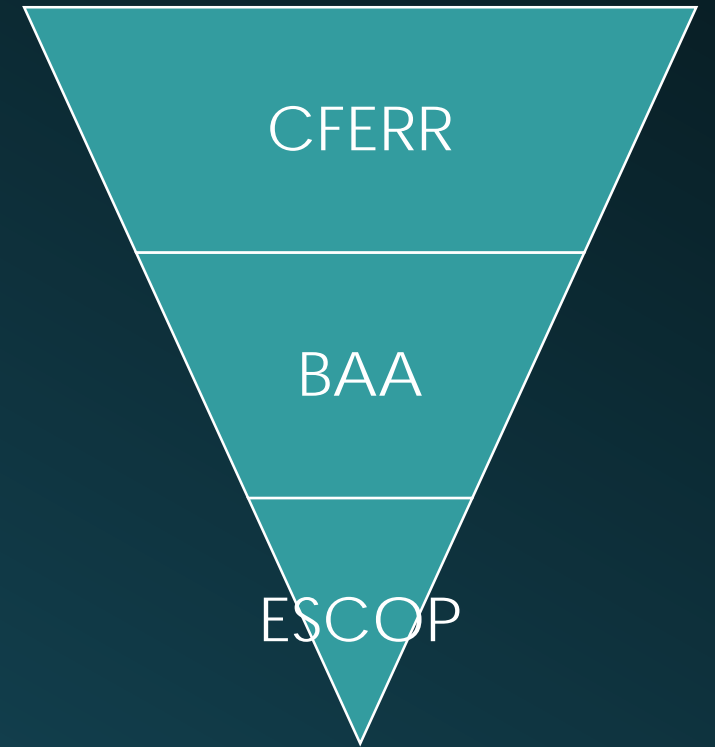


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# Who is NERA?

- 5 regions
- Experiment Station Section (ESS)
- ESCOP (Committee on Org and Policy)



# What does NERA do?

- Service providers to the directors of the NE state agricultural experiment station directors
- What services?
  - Multistate Research Fund (Hatch Regional)
    - MAC
    - NIMSS
  - Grant preparation opportunity
  - Communicate
    - NERA website
    - NERA News (biweekly newsletter)
  - Develop, plan, organize, convene, analyze, budget, assist, implement, manage, collaborate, and lead



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# What does NERA do?

- Provides Northeast ag experiment stations with a national voice
- Support national efforts that have regional impact
  - Strategic alignment
  - Communications and marketing
  - Diversity and inclusion



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# How is NERA managed?

- NERA oversight
  - Executive Committee
    - Jody Jellison (UMass)
    - Jan Nyrop (Cornell)
    - Ted Andreadis (CTAES)
    - TBD
- Management of organization operations
  - Executive Director
  - Coordinator, David Leibovitz



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# How is NERA funded?

- Institutional assessment
- Institutional MRF allocation –  $\text{OTT/Total regional MRF allocation} \times \text{NERA operational budget}$
- Total annual budget is ~ \$430,000



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What does this mean to you?

WE LIVE IN AN ERA OF  
MULTIPLE POSSIBILITIES



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# Needs?

- Drive collaboration
  - Multistate projects
  - Assist new faculty
- Diversify Land Grant portfolio
  - Strategic areas of investment
  - Venture capital
- Cost recovery augmentation
  - Farm operations



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