

Northeast Extension Directors (NEED)
Report to ECOP – July 2011
Larry S. Katz, Chair

Personnel Changes

- Dave Miller, West Virginia University, retired June 30, 2011.
- Roger Adams, University of Connecticut, retired July 1, 2011.
- Glen Applebee, Cornell University is doing a phased retirement.
- Jan Seitz, University of Delaware, has announced retirement effective April 1, 2012.
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, has announced that Stephen Herbert will be the director of UMass Extension. Nancy Garrabrants and Bob Schrader will both move to Associate Director, Center for Agriculture.

Food Systems

Faculty has been identified to develop a strong CAP's grant proposal around the area of specialty crops that builds on the competitive advantage of the Northeast states.

- Engaging the Northeast land-grant universities and other potential partners in defining a comprehensive proposal that combines strengths in local food systems, ethic and other niche markets, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), global food security, sustainability, and human nutrition.
- The proposal should have a strong component on the human dimensions associations with adoption of local food systems.
- The team should also consider supply chain issues, agro-tourism possibilities, rural development, network science, demographic shifts, food deserts, and urban-rural connections.
- The proposal should be developed with extension as the lead but include strong research and/or resident education objectives.

Program Leaders Network

The Program Leaders Network is planning a face-to-face meeting in 2012 and is moving forward to:

- Provide greater program coordination and regional direction among institutions.
- Encourage multi-state and multi-discipline programming including development of joint competitive grant applications and other funding.
- Facilitate two-way (state and federal) communication in all areas of program leadership and development.
 - 4-H- Youth Development
 - Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - Family and Community Health Sciences

Development Officers

Development officers have been identified in the Northeast and will be attending the Northeast Summer Meeting, a first for the NEED. In addition to meeting as a group, they will meet with Directors and Administrators. By attending the joint meeting, it is hoped that they will learn more about CES.

NEED Meeting Dates

- Monthly teleconference meetings 4th Wednesday
- Northeast Summer Meeting, July 10-12, 2011, Mystic, Connecticut
- NEED at APLU Annual Meeting, November 15, 2011, San Francisco, California
- NEED at NEDA Meeting, March 12, 2012
- 2012 Joint Summer Meeting – North Central and Northeast, TBA

NEED Officers

- Chair – Larry S. Katz, Rutgers University
- Past Chair – Paul Bonaparte-Krogh, University of New Hampshire
- Secretary – Helene Dillard, Cornell University