

## **Cooperative Extension Regional Scan**

### **Northeast Extension Directors**

#### **Program Issues:**

- Food Systems Initiative Underway with special emphasis on ethnic foods.
- Climate change realities for the Northeast.
- Health Literacy for consumers after Supreme Court decision.
- Childhood Obesity (one study underway; second grant proposal submitted).

#### **Organizational Issues:**

- Increased communication within the region through development of Program Leaders Network leading to improved collaboration across state lines.
- Developing mini grant structure to foster more regional competitive projects.
- Improving collaboration with research counterparts.
- Using CARET and others to effectively tell the Cooperative Extension story.
- Increased use of development officers for Extension.

#### **Personnel Changes**

- Michelle Rodgers is the Director at the University of Delaware, replacing Jan Seitz, who has retired and become a CARET delegate.
- Nick Place will be leaving the University of Maryland to become the Dean at the University of Florida effective September 15.
- Bill Hare has new responsibilities for the Agricultural Experiment Station in addition to his Extension ones at the University of the District of Columbia.
- The University of Connecticut has a director search currently underway.