

**[Revised version from Feb. 10 Planning Committee Call]**  
**2015 Northeast Joint Summer Session**

Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel, Portsmouth, NH  
 July 6-8, 2015

**“Agriculture as an Agent for Sustainable Economic Development in the Northeast”**

**Expected Outcomes:**

- Improving how we do business in our institutions
- Assisting planning and strategizing activities individually or with other states, or together as a region
- Learning from one another, as we encounter and deal with issues differently
- Making productive use of time that will lead to follow-up actions after the meeting
- Increasing visibility for issues of importance in the region
- Developing policy decisions
- Creating opportunities to pull groups together to work on grant proposals
- Providing CARET a better understanding of work done across Extension & Research

**Agenda:**

Date	Location	Event
<b>July 6, Monday:</b>		
8:00am – 3:30pm		Optional Tours
3:30pm – 5:30pm		Registration
5:30pm		Reception and Welcome Remarks
7:00pm		Dinner on your own
<b>July 7, Tuesday</b>		
7:00 am		Breakfast and Registration
8:00 am		Welcome and Introduction to the Session
8:15 am		<i>An Economic Analysis of Agriculture in the Northeast U.S. – Rigoberto Lopez, Professor and Department Head, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut</i>
		Q & A
9:30 am		Northeast Climate Hub Update
10:00 am		Break
10:15 am		NIFA Update
10:45 am		Cornerstone Update
11:15 am		<i>Challenging Issues for Northeast Extension and Research: Best</i>

		<i>Practices</i>
12:00 pm		Lunch – CARET, NEED and NERA Awards Presentation
1:30 pm		Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group A – Medical Marijuana</li> <li>• Group B – Industrial Hemp</li> <li>• Group C – GMO Labeling</li> <li>• Group D – Supporting New Farming and Food Enterprises in an Urban Context</li> </ul>
2:45 pm		Gallery Walk
3:30 pm		<i>Defining the Audience for the Joint Summer Session</i> – What is the purpose of the summer session, is it being met, should we continue?
4:30 pm		Adjourn for the Day
5:00 pm		Dinner [at hotel or another venue]
<b>July 8, Wednesday</b>		
7:00 am		Breakfast
8:00 am		Section Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AHS</li> <li>• CARET</li> <li>• NEED</li> <li>• NERA</li> </ul>
9:00 am		Joint NEED-NERA Meeting Joint AHS-CARET Meeting
10:00 am		Break
10:15 am		Section Meetings or Joint Meetings
12:00 pm		Working Lunch
Adjourn		Thanks and have a safe return!