

Northeast Farm Management Committee Report
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The Northeast Farm Management Committee met in Bar Harbor, Maine on June 14, 2001 following the Northeast Agricultural Economics Meetings. The committee had been asked to participate in a Risk Management Education project at the Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) at the University of Minnesota, to help build a new "Specialty Crops Section" for the National Ag Risk Education Library. Travel was paid by the project.

Kevin Klair and Chris Mikesell from CFFM attended the meeting to learn what fact sheets, articles, curriculum, presentations, and software programs that are currently in print for specialty crops in the northeast region. After a discussion as to what materials were available and how they should be organized in the library, some time was spent discussing what new materials should be developed to fill any voids that became apparent.

The University of Delaware has submitted a proposal to become the Northeast Regional Office for Risk Management Education. The proposal that was submitted to CSREES was discussed, including a provision for "block grants" for each 1862 and 1890 Land Grant University to continue their risk management education activities that were begun under previous RME funding. Approximately \$125,000 will be available for block grants in September of 2001, and additional (approx) \$250,000 will also be available for competitive grants in the fall of 2001. In subsequent years, all funds will be on a competitive basis.

Dr. Don West, National Program Leader for Farm Management gave a summary of CSREES activities over the past year. After a round robin of 'state reports' and discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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