

Subject: Notes from February 10 NE Joint Session Conference Call

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Members of the 2015 Northeast Joint Summer Session Planning Committee,

Following are my notes from the February 10th conference call. Please let me know if my understanding of the discussion is inaccurate:

1. Participants: Jon Wraith, Lisa Townson, Dan Lerner, Cameron Faustman, Eddie Gouge, Nancy Bull and Dan Rossi
2. Host Update
 - No significant changes were reported; Marge Joy could not participate due to adverse weather conditions
 - Information will be shared as changes develop
3. Program Planning Subcommittee Update
 - Overall Theme – no comments
 - Expected Outcomes – revise third bullet to reflect peer-to-peer learning
 - General Session
 - An Economic Analysis of Agriculture in the Northeast U.S. – No changes
 - Updates from NE Climate Hub, NIFA and Cornerstone – No changes; times seem appropriate
 - Challenging Issues for Northeast Extension and Research: Best Practices
 - § Revise the title of the general session just prior to lunch to better reflect the idea that these are cutting edge or potentially controversial issues that Extension and Research may face
 - § Allow additional time for presentations on the issues
 - § NEED and NERA will spend more time on identifying the appropriate issues
 - Defining the Audience for the Joint Summer Session – No changes
 - Section and Joint Section Meetings
 - There was some question about the usefulness of joint section meetings
 - The agenda for such meetings require careful planning
 - NEED and NERA will consider potential agenda items for a joint meeting
4. Other Issues
 - We will send out another reminder to potential participants about the date and location of the Joint Session
 - Information about registration will be sent as soon as it is finalized
5. Next Meeting
 - Rubie will conduct a Doodle poll for another Committee conference call in late March or early April
 - The call will occur after NEED and NERA have time to discuss the program and following another meeting of the Program Planning Subcommittee

Thanks,

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