

To: 2015 Northeast Joint Summer Planning Subcommittee

First of all, THANKS to UDC Dean Dr. Sabine O'Hara who has agreed to join this planning team.

Please be reminded that the Call to discuss the theme/topics for the 2015 summer meeting is Monday, Jan. 26, 10:00-11:00AM.

The call in number is 712-432-1212 and meeting code 981846097#.

Dr. Bull and Dr. Faustman had brainstormed and come up with the following list to jumpstart the discussion on Monday. Please feel free to send your ideas/comments to everyone so we can capture them all.

1. An Economic Analysis of Agriculture in the Northeast U.S. - R. Lopez (UConn)-great topic to start
  - a. This recently completed project was funded by Farm Credit
2. Challenging Issues for Extension and Research: Best Practices-good, appropriate, do break out sessions;  
Need time for groups to meet
  - a. Medical marijuana
  - b. industrial hemp-separate from medical marijuana
  - b. GMO labeling initiatives and informing our states as a neutral science resource
  - c. Approaches for helping new/entering farmers
  - d. Community-based, commercially licensed kitchens for food processors/producers  
urban ag to list
  - e. New food crops/opportunities
    - i. Hops
    - ii. Canola
3. Defining the audience (in rank order) for the Summer CARET/AHS/NEED/NERA meeting

Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> Day 1 larger group-

8:00am start with Rigo-

10:00 report from Cornerstone, NIFA;

11:00 time to discuss issues lead by one or two dean/directors then open to discuss-overview that everyone hears

1:30pm break out sessions—speed presentation (5 min, invite discussion, one solid piece of advice in respect to project)-purpose to engage-draw on community of expertise for best results for project--not results-initiatives how to work together going forward-build collaborative networks under way as follow up-focus on topic-board and concrete-maybe two breakouts and then come together-end day with 30 minute discussion on reason to meet and are we on goals

Pathways for starting food production pathways in urban settings

Sustainable economic development for new and entering farmers-include exotic crops; new food crops; id who will be discussion leaders and then id presenters

4 topics-Gallery walk technique-each group produces something written and then pasted on wall and then everyone can read and talk

1 session of breakout-then extended break 45 min-and then come back to another group-and finish around 5pm

Do we want breakouts to report back

Climate hub discussion-part of report out in morning

Day 2 separate group meetings or combined meetings-until 2pm end time

- a. What is the purpose of the summer meeting is it being met, should we continue? Driving force initially was research and extension then CARET expressed interest; CARET sees value to meeting; costly mtg in time and resources so need to ensure outcomes