

agInnovation Northeast

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Dr. Rick Rhodes' leadership as Executive Director of agInnovation Northeast has helped transform the culture of collaboration and alignment of agricultural experiment stations in the Northeast. Under his guidance, agInnovation Northeast has embraced innovative approaches to enhance its relevance and the effectiveness of the region's experiment stations to work better together to address increasingly complex challenges within the modern agricultural landscape. For example, Rick was instrumental in initiating and driving the efforts to develop the Northeast Agenda - a roadmap, jointly developed by agricultural experiment station and extension directors in the northeast, for the region to identify and address challenges in the region through research and lifelong education by land-grant universities. His contributions to the modernization of agInnovation Northeast's administrative and programmatic practices have paved the way for more collaborative, dynamic, and efficient operations.

At the national level, Rick has served to spearhead and support leadership of agInnovation's Communications and Marketing Committee, as well as help transition the committee to provide communications leadership for all units of APLU's Board on Agriculture Assembly. These efforts are but one example of Rick's commitment to strengthening the land-grant system through effective communication of its purpose and vision.

Dr. Rhodes' leadership is characterized by inclusivity, mentorship, and an unwavering focus on achieving excellence, and his dedication to the land-grant ideals continues to make lasting impacts on the U.S. agricultural research community and far beyond.