

NORTHEASTERN REGION

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For the past four years Matt Wilson has provided leadership energetically, thoughtfully, and thoroughly. His contributions to NERA, agInnovation, and the Land-grant system are conspicuous on regional and national levels.

During Matt's tenure as the Associate Dean for Research and Associate Director, he effectively led and managed capacity funded research, directed new research initiatives, and was instrumental in advancing the West Virginia University research agenda.

Matt extended his talents at the regional level and he took on progressively more roles in NERA. He served as the Administrative Advisor on numerous multistate projects and was the lead architect of a regional planning group that drafted the first urban agriculture multistate research project in the national portfolio of multistate projects. Matt chaired NERA's Multistate Activities Committee (MAC), led NERA as chair and served for three years on NERA's Executive Committee providing an even-keeled, practical approach to the deliberations of the region.

Matt lent his leadership capacities nationally, serving as the chair of the Experiment Station Section and ESCOP. Along with being instrumental in rebranding the Experiment Station Section to agInnovation, Matt promoted a strategic communications agenda working closely with institutional communicators and the Association for Communications Excellence. He also worked as a key member of the National Research Support Project Review Committee, co-chaired the Ag Research Infrastructure group, and established the agInnovation Finance Committee.

Matt earned his B.S. degree in Animal Science from Purdue University, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Physiology of Reproduction from Iowa State University.