

The NERCRD's Role in Regional Food Systems Development

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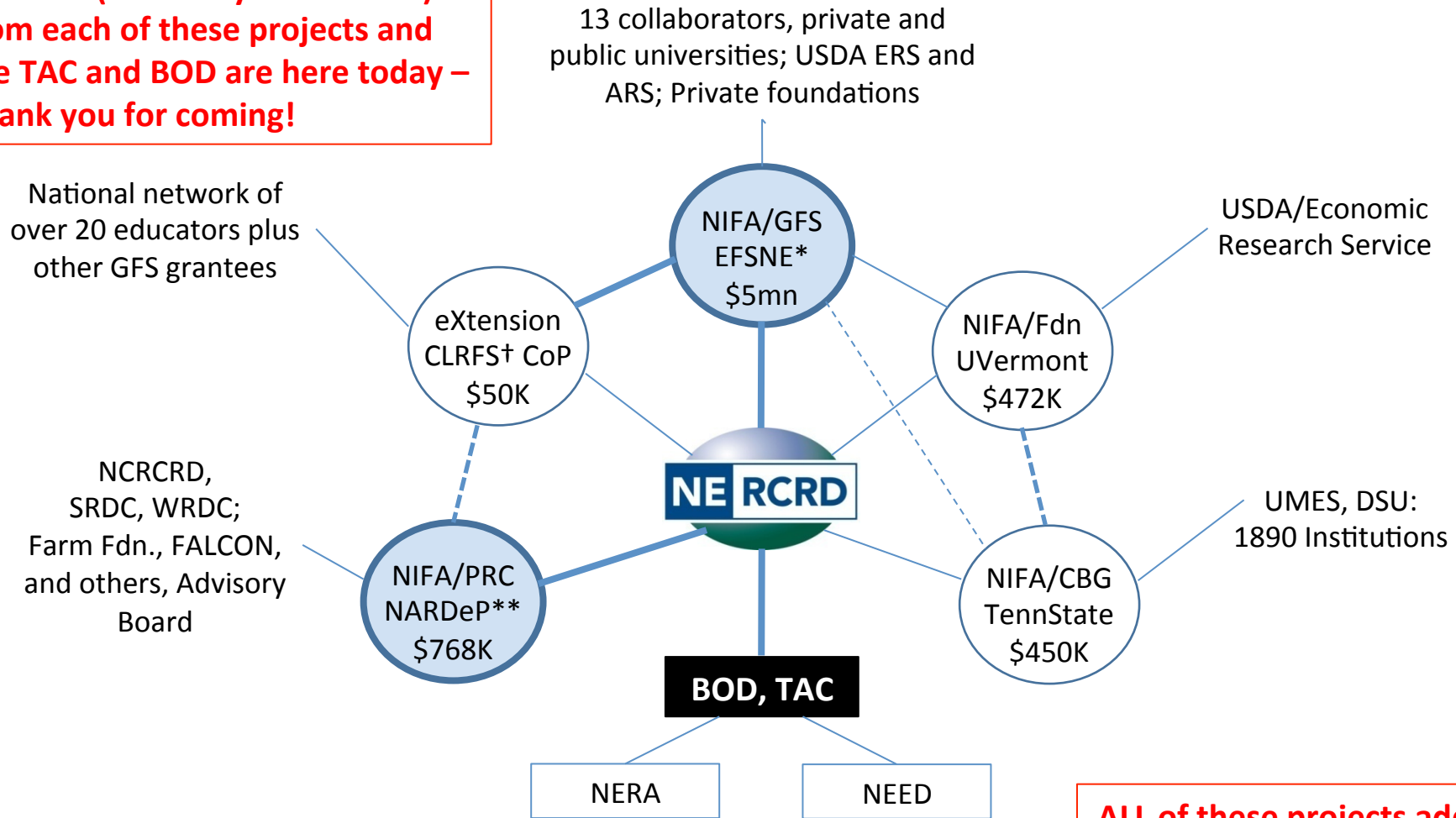
Our Mission and Focus Areas

- The Center supports Land Grant Universities in the Northeast region in carrying out their rural development missions
- Four Focus Areas:
 - Local and regional food systems development
 - Jobs, self-employment and entrepreneurship
 - Balanced use of natural resources
 - Capacity building within Extension
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2013 NERCRD Food System development research, practice and policy network

Partners (too many to mention) from each of these projects and the TAC and BOD are here today – Thank you for coming!



ALL of these projects address some aspect of regional food systems development.

*Enhancing Food Security in the Northeast; projects led by the NERCRD as PD are shaded

**National Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Center (funded April 2012)

†Community, Local and Regional Food Systems community of practice

FALCON=First Americans Land Grant Consortium; GFS=Global Food Security; PRC=Policy Research Center; CBG=Capacity Building Grant (1890s)

Example of a NERCRD-Led Collaboration: Northeast AFRI-GFS Project, Enhancing Food Security in the Northeast Through Regional Food Systems Development

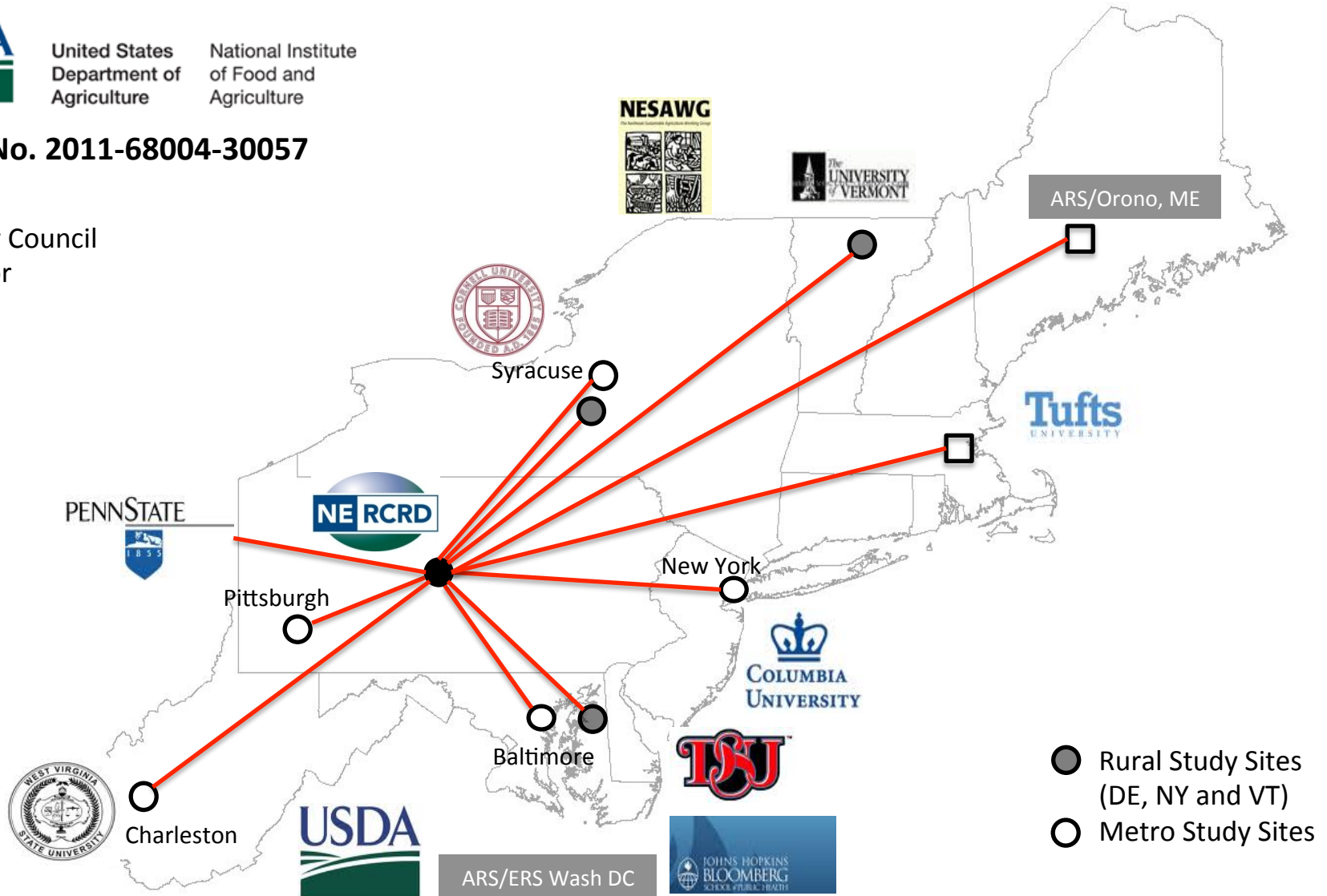


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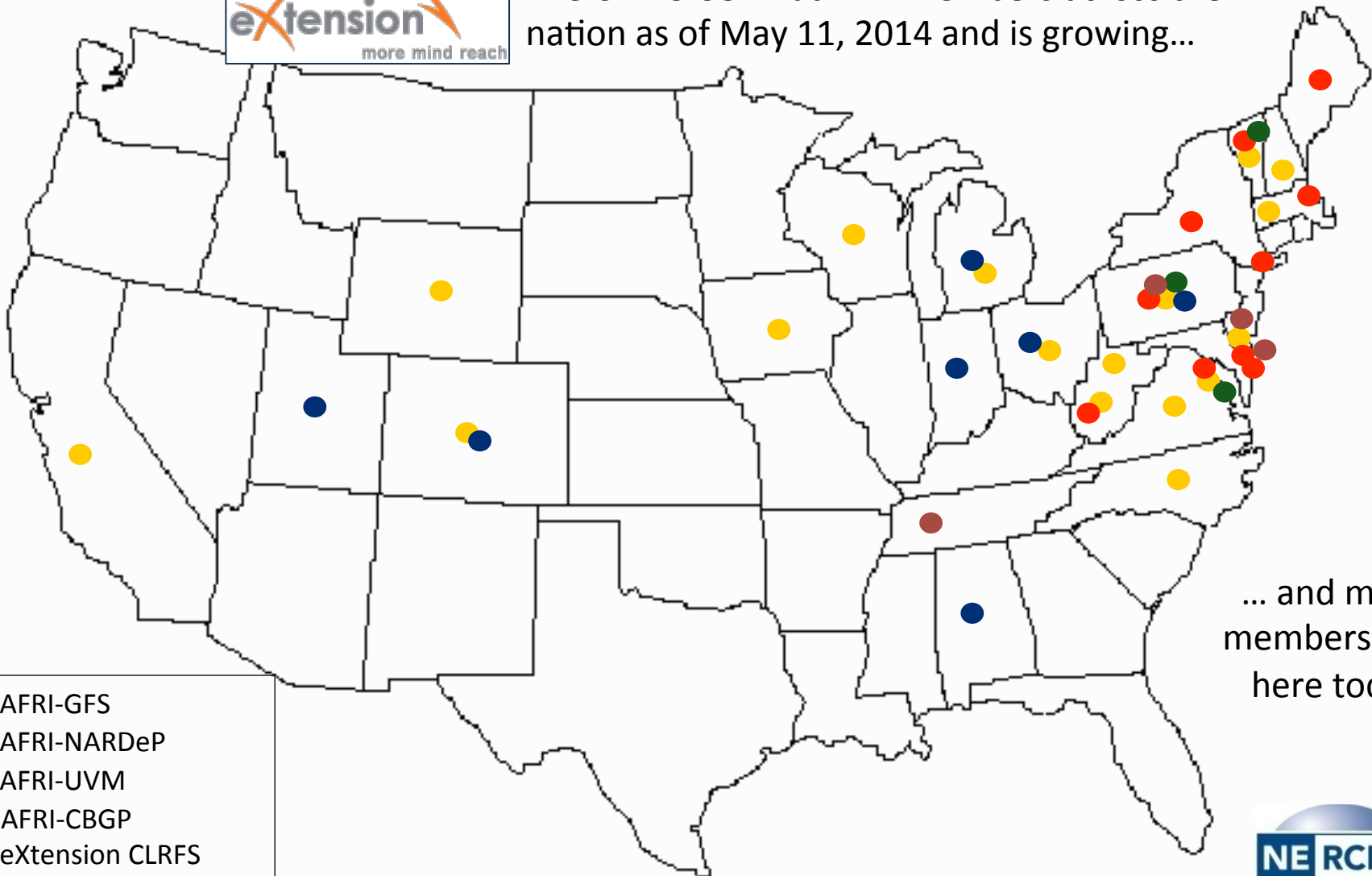
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NERCRD Grants and Food Systems Network



The CLRFS COP had 272 members across the nation as of May 11, 2014 and is growing...



... and many members are here today.



For further information, please refer to the flyer in your registration packet...

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Your center for connecting with others in the region

The Northeast Center has a long history of bringing groups together for collaborations. With partners at each land-grant university and several private institutions in the region, we can help you connect with research and extension staff outside of your network. If you have an idea for a regional project in one of our primary focus areas, we can assist with anything from idea development to grant submission. Here are some recent examples of collaborations we have facilitated:

- **“What Works” Conference Series:** The Center has now sponsored three conferences on food systems and entrepreneurship, bringing people together from across the region and beyond to share ideas. The 2014 conference is sponsored in conjunction with the National Value Added Agriculture Conference.



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