

New Hampshire
*Department of Agriculture,
Markets, and Food*

Shawn N. Jasper, Commissioner



September 21, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food, to amend a Cooperative Project Agreement with the University of New Hampshire Office of Sponsored Research, (VC #315187 B083), Dover, NH, for the Evaluating synthetic and organic fungicides for the management of blueberry leaf rust in New Hampshire by extending the completion date from October 31, 2026 to October 31, 2027, with no change to the price limitation of \$52,549, effective upon Governor and Council approval. The original Cooperative Project Agreement was approved by the Governor and Council on July 10, 2024, item #24. 100% Other Funds (Integrated Pest Management)

EXPLANATION

The *Evaluating synthetic and organic fungicides for the management of blueberry leaf rust in New Hampshire* grant is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2026. Given pause in project activity, due to a change in project director, the Department is requesting approval of this amendment to the agreement to provide the University of New Hampshire, Office of Sponsored Research additional time to complete the agreed scope of services. The extension of the grant completion date is necessary to allow the University of New Hampshire, Office of Sponsored Research to complete the necessary due diligence for the project. Based on information from University of New Hampshire Office of Sponsored Research, the Department of Agriculture, Markets, and Food is confident that the project will be completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn N. Jasper
Commissioner

AMENDMENT #01 to
COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT
between the
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, **Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food**
and the
University of New Hampshire of the UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Cooperative Project Agreement, approved by the State of New Hampshire Governor and Executive Council on 7/10/24, item # 24, for the Project titled **"Evaluating synthetic and organic fungicides for the management of blueberry leaf rust in New Hampshire,"** Campus Project Director, **Kelly McAdam**, is and all subsequent properly approved amendments are hereby modified by mutual consent of both parties for the reason(s) described below:

Purpose of Amendment (Choose all applicable items):

- ☒ Extend the Project Agreement and Project Period end date, at no additional cost to the State.
- ☐ Provide additional funding from the State for expansion of the Scope of Work under the Cooperative Project Agreement.
- ☒ Other: Change Campus Project Director

Therefore, the Cooperative Project Agreement is and/or its subsequent properly approved amendments are amended as follows (Complete only the applicable items):

- Article A. is revised to replace the State Department name of _____ with _____ and/or USNH campus from _____ to _____.
- Article B. is revised to replace the Project End Date of 10/31/26 with the revised Project End Date of 10/31/27, and Exhibit A, article B is revised to replace the Project Period of **Upon Governor and Council Approval – 10/31/26** with **Upon Governor and Council Approval – 10/31/27**.
- Article C. is amended to expand Exhibit A by including the proposal titled, "_____", dated _____.
- Article D. is amended to change the State Project Administrator to _____ and/or the Campus Project Administrator to _____.
- Article E. is amended to change the State Project Director to _____ and/or the Campus Project Director to **Xiaochen Yuan**.
- Article F. is amended to add funds in the amount of \$ _____ and will read:

Total State funds in the amount of \$ _____ have been allotted and are available for payment of allowable costs incurred under this Project Agreement. State will not reimburse Campus for costs exceeding the amount specified in this paragraph.
- Article F. is amended to change the cost share requirement and will read:

Campus will cost-share _____ % of total costs during the amended term of this Project Agreement.
- Article F. is amended to change the source of Federal funds paid to Campus and will read:

Federal funds paid to Campus under this Project Agreement as amended are from Grant/Contract/Cooperative Agreement No. _____ from _____ under CFDA# _____. Federal regulations required to be passed through to Campus as part of this Project Agreement, and in accordance with the Master Agreement for Cooperative Projects between the State of New

Hampshire and the University System of New Hampshire dated November 13, 2002, are attached to this document as **revised** Exhibit B, the content of which is incorporated herein as a part of this Project Agreement.

- Article G. is exercised to amend Article(s) _____ of the Master Agreement for Cooperative Projects between the State of New Hampshire and the University System of New Hampshire dated November 13, 2002, as follows:

Article _____ is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Article _____ is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

- Article H. is amended such that:

- ☐ State has chosen **not to take** possession of equipment purchased under this Project Agreement.
- ☐ State has chosen **to take** possession of equipment purchased under this Project Agreement and will issue instructions for the disposition of such equipment within 90 days of the Project Agreement's end-date. Any expenses incurred by Campus in carrying out State's requested disposition will be fully reimbursed by State.

- ☐ Exhibit A is amended as attached.

- ☐ Exhibit B is amended as attached.

All other terms and conditions of the Cooperative Project Agreement remain unchanged.

This Amendment, all previous Amendments, the Cooperative Project Agreement, and the Master Agreement constitute the entire agreement between State and Campus regarding the Cooperative Project Agreement, and supersede and replace any previously existing arrangements, oral and written; further changes herein must be made by written amendment and executed for the parties by their authorized officials.

This Amendment and all obligations of the parties hereunder shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire or other authorized officials approve this Amendment to the Cooperative Project Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the following parties agree to this **Amendment #01** to the Cooperative Project Agreement.

By An Authorized Official of:
University of New Hampshire

Name: Gretchen Swain

Title: Grant and Contract Administrator II

Signature and Date: Gretchen Swain Digitally signed by Gretchen Swain
Date: 2026.09.21 15:17:13 -0400

By An Authorized Official of: the New
Hampshire Office of the Attorney General

Name: Vasilios Manthos - Attorney

Title:

Signature and Date: *Vasilios Manthos* 9/29/26

By An Authorized Official of:
**Department of Agriculture, Markets &
Food**

Name: Shawn N. Jasper

Title: Commissioner

Signature and Date: *Shawn N. Jasper* 9/22/26

By An Authorized Official of: the New
Hampshire Governor & Executive Council

Name:

Title:

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