# WERA 1053: Urban Agriculture and Food Systems

Annual meeting of the multistate research coordinating committee and information exchange group

**Location**: Zoom

**Time**: TBD 6 hours? 11-5 ET / 10-4CT / 9-3MT / 8-2PT / 7-1AK / 6-12 HI +1hr?

**Draft Agenda**

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| **Approx Time** | **Topic** |
| **60 min** | **Welcome, Introductions**   * Welcome (Brad Gaolach * Member and Guest introductions (5 min each)   Please share your name, university, appointment type (e.g. research, Extension, education), how your appointment type relates to urban agriculture, and disciplinary area of expertise |
| **60 min (20 min each)** | **Presentations**   * NIFA update (invited) * National Research Support Project proposal (invited) * ECOP Sustainable Urban Food Systems Program Action Team – Work Plan (invited) |
| **20 min** | **Business Meeting**  Election of new officers   * Chair: sets meeting and agenda, submit report   + Paul Priyesh, University of Kentucky (was vice chair) * Vice Chair: in line for next chair, works with Chair to put together the report   + Open * Secretary: takes meeting notes   + Open   2026 meeting location: [Urban Food System Symposium](https://urbanfoodsystemssymposium.org/), Sept 14-17, Kansas City, MO |
| **10 min** | **Break** |
| **120 min** | **Group Member Updates / Presentations**  Each group member in attendance will have up to 10 minutes to present. You can use this time to have a student in present, if you wanted to offer them a professional development opportunity / CV-visible presentation to a national group. You could also use this time to share an overview of the broader work you are doing within the urban agriculture arena, before focusing in on nascent ideas/projects that are still open for collaboration and/or feedback. |
| **90 min** | **FY 2026 Plan of Work**   * What is our bigger, multi-year vision / plan? * What will we accomplish in FY 26? |