

- Welcome, introductions, agenda review: The meeting was conducted virtually from Grand Junction, CO and began with a welcome, introductions, and agenda review: the meeting started with a general welcome to the group as well as reviewing the agenda. Introductions were done with the whole group, which included NC-140 members, postdocs, graduate students, and nursery growers who attended. The 2021 meeting will be held in Grand Junction, CO. The 2022 meeting will be held in Auburn, AL. An update of the NC-140 website was also provided.
- Administrative Update: Richard Marini provided an administrative update to outline the process for renewing the project, as well as changes to the AFRI program and staffing/hiring status at USDA.
- Multistate trial updates: Trial coordinators provided updates on 11 current multistate trials as well as 5 trials being planned. The coordinator of each trial, involving 4 to 24 states, develops a protocol which includes details of the experimental design and data to be collected. Each year the cooperators send data to the coordinator for statistical analyses and summarization. After 5 and 10 years, the data are published in a peer reviewed journal. With this approach the rootstock x site interaction allows development of recommendations for each region of the country.
- State reports: Each committee member provided an update on multistate trials as well as related research projects.
- Renewal planning: Members volunteered to serve on several committees to write various aspects of the project renewal. Five objectives were identified and subobjectives will be added to some of the objectives. A chairperson will lead the development and writing of each objective. The renewal chair will schedule regular conference calls and zoom meetings during the spring and summer to discuss progress on the renewal process.