

# UF/IFAS

## Acronyms

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### Introduction

UF is a large organization that has a culture ripe with terms and phrases unique to its history. IFAS is a unique entity within UF that encompasses research and extension units across the state of Florida. IFAS interacts with a variety of constituent groups all with their own language.

Within IFAS, the Extension area, as with most other agencies, uses many acronyms and abbreviations. For those who are new, it can be hard to keep up with all the terms that are used on a day-to-day basis. IFAS Extension has a unique relationship with FAMU and several of their terms are provided here.

This module is designed to provide an overview of many of the abbreviations and acronyms that are used throughout these systems. Where possible, web links have been provided for direct access to sites pertaining to the particular acronym or abbreviation. Definitions and descriptions have been added to the national/federal abbreviations and acronyms to aid your understanding. Many of the terms pertaining to the University of Florida, IFAS and local Extension have applicable links that provide additional clarification and contact information.

The IFAS A-Z Index is also a useful tool to help you locate information and resources:  
[http://ifas.ufl.edu/ifas\\_index\\_a-z.html](http://ifas.ufl.edu/ifas_index_a-z.html).

### Acronyms Presentation

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## UF/IFAS, FAMU, Acronyms and Abbreviations

<b>UF</b>	University of Florida: <a href="http://www.ufl.edu/">http://www.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>IFAS</b>	Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences: <a href="http://ifas.ufl.edu/">http://ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>4-H</b>	The Florida 4-H Youth Development Program supports UF/IFAS extension outreach efforts to youth ages 5-18 in all of Florida's 67 counties and the Seminole Tribes. National Headquarters: <a href="http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/">http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/</a> Florida Headquarters: <a href="http://florida4h.org/">http://florida4h.org/</a> National 4-H Council: <a href="http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/">http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/</a>
<b>AA</b>	Affirmative Action: <a href="http://ded.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/affirm.shtml">http://ded.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/affirm.shtml</a>
<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act <a href="http://www.ada.ufl.edu/index.htm">http://www.ada.ufl.edu/index.htm</a>
<b>AEA</b>	<b>Association of Extension Administrators:</b> A professional association for 1890 institutions. Web site: <a href="http://www.1890aea.org/">http://www.1890aea.org/</a>
<b>AES</b>	Agricultural Experiment Station
<b>AIAEE</b>	Association of International Agricultural and Extension Education: <a href="http://www.aiaee.org/">http://www.aiaee.org/</a>
<b>ANR</b>	Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Leaders: <a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/offices/pdfs/anr_leaders.pdf/">http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/offices/pdfs/anr_leaders.pdf/</a>
<b>ARD</b>	<b>Association of Research Directors:</b> Professional association for 1890 institutions to provide coordination of research initiatives. Web site: <a href="http://www.umes.edu/ard/">http://www.umes.edu/ard/</a>
<b>ASRED</b>	Association of Southern Region Extension Directors: <a href="http://asred.msstate.edu/">http://asred.msstate.edu/</a>
<b>CALS</b>	College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: <a href="http://www.cals.ufl.edu/">http://www.cals.ufl.edu/</a>

<b>CED</b>	County Extension Director
<b>CEO</b>	County Extension Offices: <a href="http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map">http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map</a>
<b>CESTA</b>	<b>College of Engineering Sciences, Technology &amp; Agriculture:</b> The land grant arm of the Florida A&M University. Web site: <a href="http://www.famu.edu/cesta">www.famu.edu/cesta</a>
<b>CREC</b>	Citrus Research & Education Center
<b>CYFERnet</b>	Children, Youth and Families Education and Research Network: <a href="http://www.cyfernet.org/">http://www.cyfernet.org/</a>
<b>DDIS</b>	Distance Diagnostic and Identification System: <a href="http://ddis.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://ddis.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>DE</b>	Distance Education: <a href="http://disted.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://disted.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>DED</b>	District Extension Director <a href="http://ded.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://ded.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>EDIS</b>	Electronic Data Information Source: <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>EFNEP</b>	Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program <a href="http://efnep.ifas.ufl.edu">http://efnep.ifas.ufl.edu</a>
<b>EHS</b>	Environmental Health & Safety: <a href="http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/">http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>EPAF</b>	Extension Professional Associations of Florida <a href="http://faep.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://faep.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>ERPDP</b>	<b>Entrepreneurial Rural Business Development Program:</b> An 1890 Land-Grant Institutions Outreach and Development Initiative (1890 REOD) implemented by Florida A & M University's (FAMU) Cooperative Extension and Outreach Program in partnership with USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) to implement sustainable business and economic development services in North Florida rural communities with the most economic need. <a href="http://www.famu.edu/ERPNet/">http://www.famu.edu/ERPNet/</a>
<b>ES237</b>	Mandated Federal report that provides a non-duplicated count of youth reached by all Extension staff/volunteers of 6 or more hours of duration.

<b>FACAA</b>	Florida Association of County Agricultural Agents: <a href="http://facao.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://facao.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>FAE4-HA</b>	Florida Association of Extension 4-H Agents: <a href="http://fae4-ha.ifas.ufl.edu">http://fae4-ha.ifas.ufl.edu</a>
<b>FAES</b>	Florida Agricultural Experiment Station: <a href="http://research.ifas.ufl.edu/index.asp/">http://research.ifas.ufl.edu/index.asp/</a>
<b>FAMS</b>	Florida Agricultural Mediation Service: <a href="http://fams.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://fams.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>FAWN</b>	Florida Automated Weather Network: <a href="http://fawn.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://fawn.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>FCES</b>	Florida Cooperative Extension Service: <a href="http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/">http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>FCS</b>	Family and Consumer Sciences
<b>FEAFCS</b>	Florida Association of Family and Consumer Sciences: <a href="http://feafcs.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://feafcs.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>FNP</b>	Florida Family Nutrition Program: <a href="http://fnp.ifas.ufl.edu">http://fnp.ifas.ufl.edu</a>
<b>FYN</b>	Florida Yards and Neighborhoods Program: <a href="http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu">http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu</a>
<b>HCE</b>	Florida Association for Home and Community Educators: <a href="http://fyas.ifas.ufl.edu/areas/fahce/index.htm">http://fyas.ifas.ufl.edu/areas/fahce/index.htm</a>
<b>ICS</b>	IFAS Communication Services: <a href="http://ics.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://ics.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>IP</b>	UF/IFAS International Programs: <a href="http://international.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://international.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
<b>IPDN</b>	International Plant Diagnostic Network: <a href="http://www.intpdn.org/">http://www.intpdn.org/</a>
<b>IPM</b>	Integrated Pest Management <a href="http://ipm.ifas.ufl.edu">http://ipm.ifas.ufl.edu</a>
<b>ISIS</b>	University of Florida -- Integrated Student Information System: <a href="https://www.isis.ufl.edu/">https://www.isis.ufl.edu/</a>

IT	UF/IFAS Information Technology: <a href="http://infotech.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://infotech.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
JOE	Journal of Extension: <a href="http://joe.org/">http://joe.org/</a>
KASA	Knowledge, Skills, Attitudes, and/or Aspirations (types of outcomes)
LEAD-IFAS	Leadership Enhancement and Administrative Development for IFAS
MG	Master Gardener (volunteer program) <a href="http://www.gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/">http://www.gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/</a>
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MREC	Mid-Florida Research & Education Center
myUFL	UF PeopleSoft Portal: <a href="http://my.ufl.edu">http://my.ufl.edu</a>
NRLI	Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute: <a href="http://nrli.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://nrli.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
NPDN	National Plant Diagnostic Network: <a href="http://www.npdn.org/">http://www.npdn.org/</a>
OCI	UF/IFAS Office of Conferences and Institutes: <a href="http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
PDEC	Program Development and Evaluation Center: <a href="http://pdec.ifas.ufl.edu/">http://pdec.ifas.ufl.edu/</a>
PL	Program Leader
PLN	Southern Region Program Leadership Network: <a href="http://srpln.msstate.edu/">http://srpln.msstate.edu/</a>
PIT	Program Implementation Team
POA	<b>Plan of Action:</b> Florida Extension's logic model format used by Focus Teams to describe their situation, the programs designed to meet the situation, and the objectives of the program.

<b>POW</b>	Plan of Work
<b>REC</b>	Research and Education Center: <a href="http://research.ifas.ufl.edu/recs.asp">http://research.ifas.ufl.edu/recs.asp</a> <a href="http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map/#rec_rds">http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/map/#rec_rds</a>
<b>ROA</b>	Report of Accomplishments
<b>RSA</b>	Regional Specialized Agent
<b>SART</b>	<b>Florida State Agricultural Response Team:</b> A multi agency coordination group consisting of governmental and private entities dedicated to all-hazard disaster preparedness, planning, response, and recovery for the animal and agriculture sectors in Florida. <a href="http://www.flsart.org/">http://www.flsart.org/</a>
<b>SHARE</b>	Special Help for Agricultural Research and Education program: <a href="http://share.ifas.ufl.edu">http://share.ifas.ufl.edu</a>
<b>SMART</b>	Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timed (in regards to Extension educational objectives)
<b>SMMART</b>	Specific, Measurable, Meaningful, Assigned, Realistic, Timed) – a modified version of the original SMART objectives used by UF/IFAS Extension <a href="http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/FY824">http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/FY824</a>
<b>SPDN</b>	Southern Plant Diagnostic Network: <a href="http://www.sepdn.org">http://www.sepdn.org</a>
<b>SRDC</b>	Southern Rural Development Center: <a href="http://srdc.msstate.edu">http://srdc.msstate.edu</a>
<b>TAR</b>	Travel Authorization Request: <a href="http://forms.ifas.ufl.edu/travel.htm">http://forms.ifas.ufl.edu/travel.htm</a>
<b>TREC</b>	Tropical Research Education Center

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## State of Florida Government Terms

For a list of all major state government agencies, go to <http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/FGILS/agencies.html>. Web access to Florida state government: <http://www.myflorida.com/>

<b>DPI</b>	Division of Plant Industry: <a href="http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/">http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/</a>
<b>EOC</b>	State Emergency Operations Center: <a href="http://www.floridadisaster.org/eoc">http://www.floridadisaster.org/eoc</a>
<b>FDACS</b>	Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services: <a href="http://doacs.state.fl.us/">http://doacs.state.fl.us/</a>
<b>FDCA</b>	Florida Department of Community Affairs: <a href="http://www.dca.state.fl.us/">http://www.dca.state.fl.us/</a>
<b>FDPR</b>	Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation: <a href="http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/">http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/</a>
<b>FDCF</b>	Florida Department of Children and Families: <a href="http://www.state.fl.us/cf_web/">http://www.state.fl.us/cf_web/</a>
<b>FDCC</b>	Florida Department of Citrus: <a href="http://www.floridajuice.com/">http://www.floridajuice.com/</a>
<b>FDEA</b>	Florida Department of Elder Affairs: <a href="http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/">http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/</a>
<b>FDEM</b>	Florida Department of Emergency Management: <a href="http://www.floridadisaster.org/">http://www.floridadisaster.org/</a>
<b>FDEP</b>	Florida Department of Environmental Protection: <a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/">http://www.dep.state.fl.us/</a>

<b>FDOE</b>	Florida Department of Education: <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/">http://www.fldoe.org/</a>
<b>FDOH</b>	Florida Department of Health: <a href="http://www.doh.state.fl.us/">http://www.doh.state.fl.us/</a>
<b>FDOT</b>	Florida Department of Transportation: <a href="http://www.dot.state.fl.us/">http://www.dot.state.fl.us/</a>
<b>FHCA</b>	Florida Agency for Health Care Administration: <a href="http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/">http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/</a>
<b>FWC</b>	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission: <a href="http://myfwc.com/">http://myfwc.com/</a>
<b>Volunteer Florida</b>	Volunteer Florida: The Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service <a href="http://www.volunteerflorida.org">www.volunteerflorida.org</a>

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## Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

**APLU**

**Association of Public and Land-grant Universities:** A voluntary, non-profit association of public universities, the nation's land-grant institutions and many state university systems. NASULGC has compiled numerous educational links that are very beneficial. Formerly known as the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC). Web site: <http://www.aplu.org/>



1862s	<b>Land-Grant Institutions Established by the Passage of the First Morrill Act (1862)</b> : The Morrill Act was intended to provide a broad segment of the population with a practical education that had direct relevance to their daily lives.
1890s	<b>1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities and Tuskegee University:</b> Historically black land-grant colleges and universities. Through the Act of August 30, 1890, (the Second Morrill Act), and several other authorities, these institutions are eligible to receive Federal funds for agricultural research, extension and teaching.
1994s	<b>Native American Institutions</b> which received land-grant status in 1994 as a provision in the Elementary and Secondary Education Reauthorization Act, titled "The Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994."
AHS	<b>Administrative Heads of Agriculture Section:</b> A unit of the NASULGC Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources, Board on Agriculture. Members are the chief administrators of the member universities' agricultural programs.
APS	<b>Academic Programs Section:</b> A unit of the NASULGC Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources, Board on Agriculture. Members are the designated administrators of academic programs at the colleges of agriculture of all the states and territories.
ACOP	<b>Academic Committee on Organization and Policy:</b> The representative governing body of the Academic Programs Section.
CARET	<b>Council on Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching:</b> A NASULGC affiliated national grassroots organization of lay persons from the constituencies served by the and-grant colleges of agriculture. Each state and territory may designate up to three CARET members who work closely with their respective agricultural programs. They offer guidance and support for programs in agricultural research, extension, and teaching.
CFERR	<b>Commission on Food, Environment, and Renewable Resources:</b> The NASULGC unit that monitors programs and develops policy positions in the areas of agriculture, human sciences, natural resources, oceans and atmosphere, ecological sciences, and veterinary medicine.

<b>CES</b>	<b>Cooperative Extension Section:</b> A unit of the NASULGC Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources, Board on Agriculture. Members are designated administrators of the cooperative extension services of all the states and territories.
<b>ECOP</b>	<b>Extension Committee on Organization and Policy:</b> The representative government body of the Cooperative Extension Section.
<b>ESCOP</b>	<b>Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy:</b> The representative governing body of the Experiment Station Section.
<b>ESS</b>	<b>Experiment Station Section:</b> A unit of the NASULGC Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources, Board on Agriculture. Members are the designated administrators of the experiment stations of all the states and territories.
<b>IAS</b>	<b>International Agriculture Section:</b> A unit of the NASULGC Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources, Board on Agriculture. Members are the designated administrators of international agriculture programs at the colleges of agriculture of all the states and territories.
<b>ICOP</b>	<b>International Committee on Organization and Policy:</b> The representative governing body of the International Agriculture Section.
<b>PLC</b>	<b>Program Leadership Committee:</b> A standing committee of ECOP whose function it is to create an ad hoc structure in the committee for specific needs, to plan and facilitate interdisciplinary Extension programs, and respond to national and international critical issues in cooperation with CSREES-USDA; and to establish and coordinate task forces to develop content and educational plan for new initiatives.
<b>PDC</b>	<b>Personnel and Organizational Development Committee:</b> A standing committee of ECOP whose function it is to initiate and promote a national system for maintaining competence among all employees of CES.

Source: National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, Acronyms 2008

## Joint Council of Extension Professionals

<b>JCEP</b>	<b>Joint Council of Extension Professionals:</b> A partnership of professional Extension organizations that focuses on strengthening the efforts of the member organizations and promotes communication, cooperation, and professionalism among all Extension educators. JCEP is comprised of the president, president-elect and past president of NEAFCS, NACAA, NAE4-HA, and ESP, plus a representative of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP) and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES). Web site: <a href="http://www.jcep.org/">http://www.jcep.org/</a>
<b>ESP</b>	<b>Epsilon Sigma Phi:</b> Professional association that is dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Cooperative Extension System and developing the Extension profession and the professional. Web site: <a href="http://espnational.org/">http://espnational.org/</a>
<b>NEAFCS</b>	<b>National Extension Association of Family &amp; Consumer Sciences:</b> A professional organization that promotes, strengthens and advocates the Extension family and consumer science profession through professional improvement, communication, and personal growth of its members. It also serves to promote the professional image of Extension. Web site: <a href="http://www.neafcs.org/">http://www.neafcs.org/</a>
<b>NACAA</b>	<b>National Association of County Agricultural Agents:</b> A professional organization that promotes, strengthens and advocates the Extension agricultural/natural resource and related professions through professional improvement, communication, and personal growth of its members. It also serves to promote the professional image of Extension. Web site: <a href="http://www.nacaa.com/">http://www.nacaa.com/</a>
<b>NAE4-HA</b>	<b>National Association of Extension 4-H Agents:</b> A professional organization that promotes, strengthens and advocates the Extension 4-H youth development profession through professional improvement, communication, and personal growth of its members. It also serves to promote the professional image of Extension. Web site: <a href="http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/">http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/</a>

<b>ANREP</b>	<b>Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals:</b> A professional organization that promotes, strengthens and advocates the Extension natural resource profession through professional improvement, communication, and personal growth of its members. It also serves to promote the professional image of Extension. Web site: <a href="http://anrep.org/">http://anrep.org/</a>
<b>NACDEP</b>	<b>National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals:</b> A professional organization that promotes, strengthens and advocates the Extension community and economic development profession through professional improvement, communication, and personal growth of its members. It also serves to promote the professional image of Extension. Web site: <a href="http://nacdep.net/">http://nacdep.net/</a>

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<h2 data-bbox="207 1199 737 1241">U.S. Department of Agriculture</h2> <p data-bbox="207 1251 1414 1283">For a comprehensive USDA/CREES Glossary, go to: <a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/glossary.html">http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/glossary.html</a></p>	
<b>USDA</b>	<p data-bbox="334 1360 1425 1518"><b>United States Department of Agriculture:</b> The third-largest civilian Department of the U.S. Government, overseeing a variety of agencies, government corporations, and other entities that employ more than 100,000 people at over 15,000 locations in all 50 States and 80 countries.</p> <p data-bbox="334 1528 607 1560"><a href="http://www.usda.gov/">http://www.usda.gov/</a></p>
<b>CSREES</b>	<p data-bbox="334 1617 1425 1854"><b>Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service:</b> Unites the research, higher education, and extension education and outreach resources of USDA. CSREES contributions are strengthened by a broad spectrum of public and private partnerships, including other USDA agencies, Federal and State government departments, nonprofit organizations, and private sector entities. CSREES is also the Federal component of the Cooperative Extension System. Replaced with National Institute of Food and Agriculture (see NIFA) in October</p>

	<p>2009.</p> <p><a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/">http://www.csrees.usda.gov/</a></p>
<b>CYFAR</b>	<p><b>National Children, Youth, and Families at Risk:</b> CSREES community-based program for at-risk children and their families.</p> <p><a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/cyfar/cyfar.html">http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/cyfar/cyfar.html</a></p>
<b>AFRI</b>	<p><b>Agriculture and Food Research Initiative:</b> In 2008 a new competitive grant program, administered by CSREES, and was created to provide funding for fundamental and applied research, extension, and education to address food and agricultural sciences.</p> <p>Information:</p> <p><a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/reporting/stakeholder/an_stakeholder_afri.html">http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/reporting/stakeholder/an_stakeholder_afri.html</a>  <a href="http://www.ers.usda.gov/FarmBill/2008/Titles/TitleVIIResearch.htm#research">http://www.ers.usda.gov/FarmBill/2008/Titles/TitleVIIResearch.htm#research</a></p>
<b>AMS</b>	<p><b>Agricultural Marketing Service:</b> USDA agency providing standardization, grading and market news for specific commodities and overseeing marketing agreements and orders.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/">http://www.ams.usda.gov/</a></p>
<b>APHIS</b>	<p><b>Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service:</b> USDA agency providing leadership in ensuring the health and care of animals and plants.</p> <p><a href="http://www.aphis.usda.gov/">http://www.aphis.usda.gov/</a></p>
<b>ARS</b>	<p><b>Agricultural Research Service:</b> The principal in-house research agency of USDA.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ars.usda.gov/">http://www.ars.usda.gov/</a></p>
<b>ASCR</b>	<p><b>Office of Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights:</b> Focal point for USDA Secretary of Agriculture in EEO/Civil Rights matters.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ascr.usda.gov">http://www.ascr.usda.gov</a></p>
<b>BCP</b>	<p><b>Rural Business and Cooperative Programs:</b> USDA agency that provides assistance for business development. Formerly Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)</p> <p><a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/</a></p>
<b>CCC</b>	<p><b>Commodity Credit Corporation:</b> A federally owned and operated corporation within USDA created to stabilize, support, and protect agricultural prices and farm income through loans, purchases, payments, and other operations.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp/">http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp/</a></p>
<b>CES</b>	<p><b>Cooperative Extension System</b> (some refer to “Service”): A national, publicly funded, non-formal educational system that links the educational and research resources and activities of USDA; land-grant universities in every state, territory, and the District of Columbia; and</p>

	approximately 3,150 county administrative units. This unique Federal, state and local partnership focuses on practical solutions to critical issues affecting people's daily lives.
<b>CNPP</b>	<b>Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion:</b> USDA agency that oversees nutrition, dietary guidelines, healthy diets, food and nutrition information, and the Food Guide Pyramid. <a href="http://www.usda.gov/cnpp/">http://www.usda.gov/cnpp/</a>
<b>EFNEP</b>	<b>Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program:</b> Unique program operating in all 50 states and US territories that helps individuals and families learn sound nutritional practices. <a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/food/efnep/efnep.html/">http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/food/efnep/efnep.html/</a>
<b>ERS</b>	<b>Economic Research Service:</b> Provides information and analysis on agriculture, food, natural resources and rural America. <a href="http://www.ers.usda.gov/">http://www.ers.usda.gov/</a>
<b>FAS</b>	<b>Foreign Agricultural Service:</b> USDA agency that represents the diverse interests of farmers and the food and agricultural sector abroad. <a href="http://www.fas.usda.gov/">http://www.fas.usda.gov/</a>
<b>FNS</b>	<b>Food and Nutrition Service:</b> USDA agency that administers the Food Stamp Program, the Food Distribution Program, the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program, the WIC program, and Community Food Security. <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/">http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/</a>
<b>FRTEP</b>	<b>Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program:</b> An Extension program providing assistance and education in agriculture, community development, family living, and societal issues facing Native Americans. (Separate from the Tribal Colleges Extension Program which provides funding to the twenty-nine 1994 institutions to conduct Extension programs.) Formerly known as the Extension Indian Reservation Program.
<b>FS</b>	<b>Forest Service:</b> USDA agency that administers the lands and resources of the National Forest System. <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/">http://www.fs.fed.us/</a>
<b>FSA</b>	<b>Farm Service Agency:</b> USDA agency with the mission to help farmers conserve land and water resources, provide credit to new or disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and help farm operations recover from the effects of disaster. This was formerly known as the ASCS and FmHA agencies. <a href="http://www.fsa.usda.gov/">http://www.fsa.usda.gov/</a>

<b>FSIS</b>	<b>Food Safety and Inspection Service:</b> USDA agency with the mission to protect consumers by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, and accurately labeled. <a href="http://www.fsis.usda.gov/index.htm">http://www.fsis.usda.gov/index.htm</a>
<b>GIPSA</b>	<b>Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration:</b> Administrative arm of USDA's standards, directives and rulemaking. <a href="http://www.usda.gov/gipsa">http://www.usda.gov/gipsa</a>
<b>HCFP</b>	<b>Rural Development Housing &amp; Community Facilities Programs:</b> USDA agency that administers rural housing assistance. Formerly Rural Housing Service (RHS) <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/</a>
<b>NAL</b>	<b>National Agricultural Library:</b> Part of the Agricultural Research Service, NAL is a major international source for agriculture and related information and is one of four national libraries in the U.S. <a href="http://www.nal.usda.gov/">http://www.nal.usda.gov/</a>
<b>NAREE</b>	<b>The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board:</b> Established by the FAIR Act of 1996, this Board is charged with reviewing long-term and short-term national policies and priorities relating to agricultural research, extension, education, and economics. <a href="http://nareeeab.ree.usda.gov/">http://nareeeab.ree.usda.gov/</a>
<b>NASS</b>	<b>National Agricultural Statistics Service:</b> Administers USDA's program for collecting and publishing timely national and state agricultural statistics. <a href="http://www.nass.usda.gov/">http://www.nass.usda.gov/</a>
<b>NIFA</b>	<b>National Institute of Food and Agriculture:</b> Agency created in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (aka 2008 Farm Bill) that is planned to consolidate all federally-funded agricultural research. Replaces CSREES, effective Oct. 1, 2009. <a href="http://www.ers.usda.gov/FarmBill/2008/Titles/TitleVIIResearch.htm#researchmanagement/">http://www.ers.usda.gov/FarmBill/2008/Titles/TitleVIIResearch.htm#researchmanagement/</a>
<b>NIFSI</b>	<b>National Integrated Food Safety Initiative:</b> Competitive grants program that focuses on multistate, multi-institutional, multidisciplinary, and multifunctional approaches to addressing the priority issues in food safety. <a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/in_focus/childcare_if_nifsi.html/">http://www.csrees.usda.gov/nea/family/in_focus/childcare_if_nifsi.html/</a>
<b>NRCS</b>	<b>Natural Resources Conservation Service:</b> The USDA lead agency for conservation technical assistance. This was formerly known as the SCS agency. Web site: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/</a>  For a list of all NRCS programs: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/index_alpha.html/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/index_alpha.html/</a>

<b>NRI</b>	<p><b>National Research Initiative:</b> A competitive research grants program administered by CSREES. This program was not reauthorized in 2008; see AFRI entry in this section.</p> <p><a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/nationalresearchinitiative.cfm">http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/nationalresearchinitiative.cfm</a></p>
<b>NIWQP</b>	<p><b>National Integrated Water Quality Program:</b> Outcome-oriented grants program that supports research, education and extension projects and programs that address critical water resource issues in agricultural, rural and urbanizing watersheds.</p> <p><a href="http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/waterqualityicgp.cfm">http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/waterqualityicgp.cfm</a></p>
<b>OBPA</b>	<p><b>Office of Budget and Program Analysis:</b> USDA office which coordinates the preparation of the Department's budget estimates, legislative reports and regulations.</p> <p><a href="http://www.opba.usda.gov/">http://www.opba.usda.gov/</a></p>
<b>OC</b>	<p><b>Office of Communications:</b> Provides leadership, expertise, counsel and coordination of matters relating to USDA communications strategies.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usda.gov/OC_Index.xml">http://www.usda.gov/OC_Index.xml</a></p>
<b>OCD</b>	<p><b>Office of Community Development:</b> USDA agency that administers Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities and the Rural Economic Action Program.</p> <p><a href="http://ocdweb.sc.egov.usda.gov/">http://ocdweb.sc.egov.usda.gov/</a></p>
<b>OGC</b>	<p><b>Office of General Counsel:</b> Serves as the legal advisor and counsel for the Secretary and program agencies of the Department.</p>
<b>OIG</b>	<p><b>Office of Inspector General:</b> Conducts and supervises audits and investigations relating to programs and operations of the Department.</p> <p><a href="http://www.usda.gov/oig/">http://www.usda.gov/oig/</a></p>
<b>REE</b>	<p><b>Research, Education and Economics:</b> A USDA mission area comprised of four agencies: the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the Economic Research Service (ERS), and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).</p>
<b>REEO</b>	<p><b>Research, Education, and Extension Office:</b> Created in 2008 Farm Bill. Headed by a newly appointed REE Under Secretary who coordinates REE programs in six divisions, each led by a Division Chief.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ers.usda.gov/FarmBill/2008/Titles/TitleVIIResearch.htm#reeo/">http://www.ers.usda.gov/FarmBill/2008/Titles/TitleVIIResearch.htm#reeo/</a></p>
<b>RMA</b>	<p><b>Risk Management Agency:</b> USDA agency with the mission to improve the economic stability of agriculture by offering producers a sound system of crop insurance.</p> <p><a href="http://www.rma.usda.gov/">http://www.rma.usda.gov/</a></p>



<b>RUS</b>	<b>Rural Utilities Programs:</b> USDA agency that oversees Distance Learning/Telemedicine and Rural Telecommunications, Electric and Water programs. Formerly Rural Utilities Service <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus/">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus/</a>
<b>SARE</b>	<b>Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education:</b> A national research and education grants program that is supported by the CSREES and operates under cooperative agreements with the University of Maryland and the University of Vermont to develop and disseminate information about sustainable agriculture. <a href="http://www.sare.org">http://www.sare.org</a>
<b>WHIP</b>	<b>Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program:</b> A highly effective voluntary program within the NRCS that assists people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private land. <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/</a>

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<b>Other Federal Government</b>	
<b>AREERA</b>	<b>Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998:</b> Act passed by Congress that requires a national Accomplishments system based upon performance measurements in the areas of Agricultural Research, Extension and Education.
<b>CBO</b>	<b>Congressional Budget Office:</b> Its mission is to provide Congress with objective, timely, non-partisan analysis needed for economic and budget decisions and to provide the information and estimates required for the Congressional budget process.
<b>CRP</b>	<b>Conservation Reserve Program:</b> A major provision of the Food Security Act of 1985 (1985 Farm Act) designed to reduce erosion and protect water quality on up to 45 million acres of farm land.
<b>CSRS</b>	<b>Civil Service Retirement System:</b> A federal government retirement system which provides annuities to qualified employees who retire because of age and years of service, involuntary separation not for cause, or disability, to widows or widowers and minor children of employees who die and, in certain circumstances, to the survivors of annuitants.

<b>EEO</b>	<b>Equal Employment Opportunity Commission:</b> Charged with examining matters relating to employment opportunities.
<b>EEP</b>	<b>Export Enhancement Program:</b> Started in May 1985 under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act to help U.S. exporters meet competitors' prices in subsidized markets. Under the EEP, exporters are awarded bonuses, enabling them to compete for sales in specified countries.
<b>EQIP</b>	<b>Environmental Quality Incentives Program:</b> Established in the 1996 Farm Act to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers who face serious threats to soil, water, and related natural resources.
<b>FACT</b>	<b>Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (1990 Farm Act):</b> A five-year farm bill signed November 28, 1990.
<b>FAIR</b>	<b>Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Farm Act):</b> The omnibus food and agriculture legislation signed into law on April 1996, that provided a 7-year framework for the Secretary of Agriculture to administer various agricultural and food programs.
<b>FOIA</b>	<b>Freedom of Information Act:</b> A federal statute which allows any person the right to obtain federal agency records unless the records (or part of the records) are protected from disclosure by any of the nine exemptions in the law.
<b>GAO</b>	<b>General Accounting Office:</b> Investigative arm of Congress. Charged with examining matters relating to the receipt and disbursement of public funds, GAO performs audits and evaluations of government programs and activities.
<b>GATT</b>	<b>General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade:</b> An agreement originally negotiated in 1947 to increase international trade by reducing tariffs and other trade barriers. The agreement provides a code of conduct for international commerce and a framework for periodic multilateral negotiations on trade liberalization and expansion. The Uruguay Round Agreement established the World Trade Organization (WTO) to replace GATT. The WTO officially replaced the GATT on January 1, 1995.
<b>GPRA</b>	<b>Government Performance and Results Act:</b> A law passed in 1993 which requires that federally funded agencies develop and implement an Accomplishments system based on performance measurement, including setting goals and objectives and measuring progress toward achieving them.
<b>HACCP</b>	<b>Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point:</b> A meat and poultry inspection process that targets pathogens that cause foodborne illness, strengthens industry responsibility to produce safe food, and focuses inspection and plant activities on prevention objectives.

<b>HSI</b>	<b>Hispanic-Serving Institution:</b> Accredited and degree-granting public or private institutions of higher education with 23% or more Hispanic enrollment. While not designated as land-grant institutions, HSI's participate in specified USDA programs as authorized by Congress to promote and strengthen the ability of these schools to carry out education, applied research and community development programs.
<b>IPM</b>	<b>Integrated Pest Management:</b> The control of pests or diseases by using an array of crop production strategies, combined with careful monitoring of insect pests or weed populations and other methods.
<b>NET</b>	<b>The Nutrition Education and Training Program:</b> The nutrition education component of the food assistance programs for children -- the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast, Summer Food Service, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs.
<b>OMB</b>	<b>Office of Management and Budget:</b> Assists the President in overseeing the preparation of the Federal budget and supervises its administration in Executive Branch agencies.
<b>OPM</b>	<b>Office of Personnel Management:</b> Administers a merit system for federal employment and provides retirement, health benefit and life insurance services to federal employees, annuitants, and agencies.
<b>OSTP</b>	<b>Office of Science and Technology Policy:</b> Provides the President with timely policy advice and coordinates the U.S. science and technology investment.
<b>TEFAP</b>	<b>Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program:</b> Provides food assistance to needy Americans through the distribution of USDA commodities.
<b>WIC</b>	<b>Women, Infants, and Children:</b> A grant program whose goal is to improve the health of pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, and infants and children up to 5 years old, by providing supplemental food, nutrition education, and access to health care.

Sources: Guidelines for Multistate Research Activities

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CSREES Glossary (<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/about/glossary.html>).

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## Other Miscellaneous

**CBO**

Community Based Organization

**NGO**

Non-governmental Organization

**DRI**

Development of Regional Impact

**LID**

Low Impact Development

**HOA**

Home Owners Association

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