



Agriculture and Natural Resources

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DEFINITIONS

– A REFERENCE GUIDE –

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AA/EEO - Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunities *An administrative support unit designed to plan and evaluate UW-Extension equal opportunity procedures and programs. Develops program, hears complaints and grievances, supports recruitment of women and minorities. Contact: Equal Employment Opportunities and Affirmative Action Office (608) 262-0277*

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee *County board committee designated by Wisconsin Statutes to provide guidance to county-based faculty/staff and programming. Contact: Your Office Chair*

AAE - Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics *Located in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, UW-Madison.*

AAE - Alternative Agriculture Enterprises

AAIMS - Agricultural Accounting and Information Management System *An integrated financial recordkeeping system. AAIMS software enables farmers to use a personal computer for organizing and analyzing their financial records.*

AFT - American Farmland Trust

AG J - Department of Agricultural Journalism *Located in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, UW-Madison.*

ANRE – Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension

APL – Applied Population Laboratory *An interactive information retrieval system that contains thousands of demographic and economic variables for the state of Wisconsin, its counties and municipalities. Find them on the Internet at <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/poplab/>*

ARS - Agricultural Research Service *The research division of USDA - or - in Wisconsin, this refers to Agricultural Research Stations.*

AS - Department of Animal Sciences *A department in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, UW-Madison.*

AWA - Association of Women in Agriculture

BSE - Department of Biological Systems Engineering *A department in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, UW-Madison.*

Board of Regents *Governing board of citizens appointed by the Governor to oversee the entire University of Wisconsin system.*

CALS - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences *UW-Madison campus*

CARET - Council on Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching *An organization that informs the public on educational issues important to rural organizations; an umbrella group that allows rural groups and leaders to provide input into university programs and decision-making.*

CCA - Certified Crop Adviser Program *A program to certify a group of commercial, public and independent advisers who provide advice and council to farmers and ranchers on crop production, crop protection and natural resource management.*

CDP - Center for Dairy Profitability *Develops, coordinates and conducts effective interdisciplinary educational and applied research programs, emphasizing business management, human resource management, production systems, finance and marketing systems that enhance dairy profitability.*

CE - Cooperative Extension *A world-class organization of inspired university educators committed to helping people use knowledge to improve their lives. A division of University of Wisconsin-Extension.*

CEAC - Cooperative Extension Administrative Committee *Committee consisting of Cooperative Extension administrators, including deans, program leaders and district directors..*

Cooperative Extension Media Collection *A collection of films, slide/tapes and videos directly related to Extension programming, available on a lending basis.
Contact: Mary O'Connor (800) 353-3514.*

CE Technology Services - *Computer service center providing training and technical support to Cooperative Extension employees.*

CEEC - Continuing Education Extension Committee

CIAS - Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems *A sustainable agriculture research center at UW-Madison that brings together farmers, researchers, policy makers and others to study farm practices, farm profitability, the environment and rural vitality.*

CNRED - Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development *One of the four program areas within UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension.*

CRP - Conservation Reserve Program

CSREES - Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service *The national organization of Cooperative Extension Services. A branch of USDA.*

Department of Agriculture/Agribusiness – This academic department is comprised of faculty in UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension (CE). Its primary function is to make recommendations to the Dean of CE concerning policies, appointments, promotions and criteria for evaluation of faculty.

**DATCP - Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection - or -
WDATCP - Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection**

DHIA - Dairy Herd Improvement Association

DL - District Liaison *An agriculture or horticulture agent who has additional responsibilities such as program coordination, program planning and communication in his/her district. Facilitates communications among Ag/Ag Business faculty in the district, program leaders, their district director and specialists.*

DoIT - Division of Information Technology *Coordinates the computer, network, telephone, video, and other information technologies for the University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Contact: DoIT Office (608-264-3648)*

EAP - Employees' Assistance Program *A confidential resource available to anyone who may be experiencing personal distress. (800-385-8511)*

ECOP - Extension Committee on Policy *A national committee of cooperative extension administrators giving leadership to policy.*

EPA - Environmental Protection Agency *A federal agency designed to deal with issues centered around protecting our environment.*

ERA – Employee Reimbursement Account *A program to reimburse employees for qualified dependent care as defined by the IRS, and allowable medical and dental expenses not covered by insurance. Federal, state and social security taxes are saved on these expenses.*

ERC - Environmental Resource Center *A center in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, UW-Madison, with extension personnel in the CNRED program area.*

Faculty Senate *A group that exercises governance powers vested in the faculty. The Faculty Senate consists of 15 senators elected by their department faculty plus 7 University Committee members for a total of 22 senators. The Senate deals primarily with personnel issues.*

FINPack - Financial Analysis Package *A farm record analysis software program.*

FLP - Family Living Programs *One of the four program areas within Cooperative Extension.*

FTD - Wisconsin Farm Technology Days *An annual event held in different locations around the state to allow exhibitors and others to display their products/information.*

FSA - Farm Service Agency *(formerly ASCS and CFSA) A federal agency that provides grants and loans to farmers in need of assistance.*

FY - Fiscal Year *Federal fiscal year is from October 1 to September 30. State fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. Contact: Cooperative Extension Budget Director's Office (608-263-2772)*

GATT - General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GPRA - Government Performance Results Act *Requires federal agencies to come up with ways of determining their worth in the eye of public stakeholders. Requires us maintain a record of what clientele have done as a result of Extension and research.*

HSOAA - Help Stamp Out Acronyms Association

ICM - Integrated Crop Management

ICS - Instructional Communications Systems *Includes Wisline conference calls, Wisline Web, electronic publishing and audio production services.*
Contact: Marcia Baird, Director of ICS (608-262-3465)

IPM - Integrated Pest Management *A pest control strategy which utilizes all appropriate control methods (chemical and non-chemical) to keep pest populations below economically damaging levels while minimizing detrimental impacts on the environment.*

JACAP - Joint Administrative Committee on Academic Programs *A statewide group that facilitates courses and programs coordinated by the Wisconsin Technical College System and University of Wisconsin System. Their mission is to provide a vehicle for dialogue between the University of Wisconsin System and the Wisconsin Technical College System to encourage maximum educational opportunity, to maximize areas of cooperation between the two agencies, and to avoid unnecessary duplication.*

JCEP – Joint Council of Extension Professionals JCEP Wisconsin

A partnership of professional Extension organizations that focuses on strengthening the efforts of the member organizations and does what each cannot do individually. Members include: WACAA, WAE4-HYDP, WEAFCs, WECDA and Wisconsin ESP.

LCA - Land Conservation Association *An association of Land Conservation Committees.*

LCC - Land Conservation Committee

LCD - Land Conservation District (formerly SWCD)

MACC - Madison Academic Computing Center *A part of the Division of Information Technology (DoIT). Provides services to Extension employees, including computer classes and the opportunity to purchase software and computers*

MATC - Madison Area Technical College.

NACAA - National Association of County Agricultural Agents *A national organization of county agricultural agents.*

NACo - National Association of Counties

NAFTA - North American Free Trade Agreement A trade agreement between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

NAWG - National Association of Wheat Growers

NCRANR - North Central Region Agriculture and Natural Resources *An organization of agriculture and natural resources program leaders in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin.*

NFO - National Farm Organization

NPM - Nutrient Pest Management program *A interdisciplinary educational program to promote agricultural practices which sustain resources and maintain profitable farms. NPM has strong ties to the Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS). It links the research base of CIAS and the UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with county Extension partners.*

NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service *(formerly SCS)*

PAT - Pesticide Applicator Training *A program to train and certify producers in the application of pesticides to cropland.*

PATS - Program on Agricultural Technology Studies *A research and outreach unit of the University of Wisconsin seeking to ensure that the future of Wisconsin includes a strong agricultural economy that is supportive of family farming, of the role of farm families in strengthening rural communities, and of land stewards.*

PIA/PIAP - Pesticide Impact Assessment program *A program to provide objective, accurate data for defining and evaluating the benefits and risks of selected pesticides that have critical agricultural and forestry uses. Promotes safer and more effective use of pesticides by the agricultural community.*

RC & D - Rural Conservation and Development program *A program to help community leaders identify problems and opportunities, gather necessary background information, plan for desired future conditions, develop strategies, secure necessary funding, and implement projects for the good of the area. The program involves private individuals and groups working with each other and with local, state and federal agencies to improve conditions in their areas.*

RD - Rural Development *(formerly FmHA and RECDs) A rural lender for housing, water & waste projects, home improvement loans & grants, business & industry loans, and more. Find the Wisconsin agency on the Internet at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wi/index.html>*

RDI - Rural Development Institute, River Falls

SARE - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education *A U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded initiative that sponsors competitive grants for sustainable agriculture research and education in a regional process nationwide.*

SBDC - Small Business Development Center *The mission of the Wisconsin SBDC is to enhance the success of Wisconsin small business through management education. By providing advice, training, and resources for entrepreneurs and small companies, they help businesses create jobs and prosperity for all our communities.*

SHWEC - Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center *A center in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, UW-Madison, with extension specialists in the CNRED program area.*

UCC - University Center for Cooperatives *Studies and promotes cooperative action as a means of meeting the economic and social needs of people. The Center works in rural and urban settings in the United States and internationally. It develops, promotes, and coordinates educational programs, technical assistance and research on the cooperative form of business.*

University Committee *A group that exercises the governance powers vested in the faculty. The University Committee is the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and consists of 7 members. The University Committee has jurisdiction over all matters of general faculty concern not explicitly reserved to the Faculty Senate or standing committee(s) and acts on behalf of the Senate between Senate meetings.*

USDA - United States Department of Agriculture

UWEX - University of Wisconsin-Extension

UWM - University of Wisconsin-Madison

UWP - University of Wisconsin-Platteville

UWRF - University of Wisconsin-River Falls

UWSP - University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

WAACE - WI Association for Adult and Continuing Education *A professional association for those who teach, administer, or provide supportive services in adult and continuing education.*

WACAA - WI Association of County Agricultural Agents *A professional organization for county and area Extension agents maintaining membership in the national association with numerous objectives to encourage excellence and professionalism among themselves.*

WACEC - WI Association of County Extension Committees

WAPAC - WI Association of Professional Ag Consultants *An organization serving Wisconsin commercial agriculture that provides: 1) a registry of qualified professionals in agricultural counseling; 2) an environment for the exchange of ideas and information among agricultural service organizations, industry, producers and academia.*

WCA - WI Counties Association

WCLD - WI Community Leadership Development program

WFC - WI Federation of Cooperatives - or - Wisconsin Forage Council

WFCA - Wisconsin Fertilizer and Chemical Association

WGNHS - WI Geological and Natural History Survey *The Survey conducts earth-science surveys, field studies, and research. They provide objective scientific information about the geology, mineral resources, water resources, soil, climate, and biology of Wisconsin. Collect, interpret, disseminate, and archive natural resource information.*

WICST - WI Integrated Cropping Systems Trial *A coalition comprised of UW researchers, the Michael Fields Institute, Extension personnel and local producers formed to promote discussion and provide information about alternative production practices.*

WISLINE - *The area of Instructional Communications Systems that schedules and coordinates teleconference calls.*

WisSat - *A University of Wisconsin-Extension satellite system.*

WLCA - WI Land Conservation Association

WPPA - WI Pork Producers Association

WPPC - WI Pork Producers Council

WRLP - WI Rural Leadership Program *A rural leadership training program that exposes younger rural leaders to people, ideas and issues not encountered otherwise but that are important in providing effective future leadership. Contact: Cooperative Extension WRLP Office (608-263-5024)*

WSSIG - Wisconsin Soil Survey Interagency Group

WTCS - WI Technical College System *A vocational, technical and adult educational system with centers throughout the state.*