

Acronyms UNH Cooperative Extension

- AA** **Affirmative Action** – A set of pro-active measures to counteract the effects of past and present discrimination, intended or unintended, in employment and program delivery. UNH Cooperative Extension programs and policies are consistent with pertinent Federal and State laws and regulations on non-discrimination regarding race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, or marital status.
- ADA** **Americans with Disabilities Act** – 1990 federal legislation which guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in employment, public accommodations, transportation, state and local government services, and communications.
- AES** **Agricultural Experiment Station** – Funded by federal legislation to provide research focused on agricultural problems; located with Land-grant universities.
- AFRI** **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative** – A competitive grants program for fundamental and applied research, extension and education to address food and agricultural sciences and was created in Section 7406 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246). (*APLU Acronyms 2009*) [see for more info: <http://www.aplu.org/NetCommunity/Document.Doc?id=2446>]
- APLU** **Association of Public and Land-grant Colleges** – The nation’s oldest higher education association (formally called NASULGC) whose membership comprises 217 institutions, including state universities, all of the nation’s land-grant colleges and universities, and several public university systems. It is a voluntary non-profit association of major public research universities with campuses located in all fifty states, the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. (*APLU Acronyms 2009*)

APLU Regions

- Northeast** – Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia
- North Central** – Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
- Southern** – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, U. S. Virgin Islands, and Virginia

Western – Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Micronesia, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

1890 – All of the 1890 institutions (they also participate in the regions in which their respective institutions are located)

ARS	Agricultural Research Service – The principal in-house research agency of USDA. (<i>APLU Acronyms 2009</i>)
CARET	Committee for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching – A national grassroots organization of lay persons from the constituencies served by the land-grant colleges of agriculture. Each state and territory has up to three CARET members designated by and working closely with their respective land-grant college to offer guidance and support for programs in agricultural research, extension and teaching. New Hampshire has one CARET representative. CARET is a federal organization which provides important legislative support for Extension.
CE	Cooperative Extension (UNHCE – UNH Cooperative Extension) The Mission Statement for UNHCE is: “UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.”
CES	Cooperative Extension System – A term describing the system of state Extension organizations throughout the U.S. and its territories.
CFERR	Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources – The APLU 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. (<i>APLU Acronyms 2009</i>)
CMT	County Management Team – Team consisting of UNH Cooperative Extension Leadership Team and County Office Administrators.
COA	County Office Administrator – The Extension Field Specialist in each county providing leadership for county operations.
CR/EEO	Civil Rights/Equal Employment Opportunity – UNH Cooperative Extension maintains its commitment to providing a fair and safe workplace for all employees and to conducting programs that are open to all people of New Hampshire. See The UNHCE website under “Civil Rights” for the Affirmative Action Statement that must be included on all UNHCE materials.

CREF	College Retirement Equities Fund – An option in the UNH retirement program.
DOE	Department of Energy – The federal agency whose mission is to: advance the national, economic and energy security of the United States; promote scientific and technological innovation in support of that mission; and ensure the environmental cleanup of the national nuclear weapons complex. <i>(APLU Acronyms 2009)</i>
ECOP	Extension Committee on Organization and Policy – A standing committee created to represent state, territory and District of Columbia Extension Systems in policy decisions and to provide nationwide program and organizational leadership. The members of this representative governing body of the Extension System is largely the Extension Directors of each state.
EEC	Extension Educator Council – Elected Extension Field and State Specialists representing Extension staff within the University and with UNH Cooperative Extension administration.
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity – Federal legislation that insures non-discrimination in employment practices.
EFNEP	Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program – An educational effort to reach low income homemakers and their families. Programs are presented one-on-one and in small groups. In New Hampshire this program is called Nutrition Connections.
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency – An independent agency of the federal government providing leadership in the nation’s environmental science, research, education assessment and enforcement efforts. <i>(APLU Acronyms 2009)</i>
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program – Provides a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers who face serious threats to Farm Act. <i>(APLU Acronyms 2009)</i>
ESCOP	Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy - The representative governing body of the Experiment Station Section, composed largely of the Directors of the Experiment Station in each state.
ES-237	The federal reporting system for youth programs of Cooperative Extension.
e-Xtension	An internet –based, customer-centered, virtual and evolving learning environment that will complement and enhance community-based Cooperative Extension.
FLEP	Forest Land Enhancement Program – A U.S. Forest Service forestry cost share program

administered jointly by UNH Cooperative Extension and the NH Division of Forests and Lands.

FmHA	Farmers Home Administration – Created in 1946, the FmHA has its roots back to 1918 when the first federal seed loans were made. Today, it has authority to make loans (with strict eligibility criteria) to public bodies and not-for-profit corporations in rural areas for the construction or improvement of needed community facilities such as water and sewer systems.
FSA	Farm Service Agency – A part of USDA, this agency administers cost share programs for agricultural and forest land owners. It was formerly known as ASCS, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Currently, there are six regional offices in New Hampshire and one state office in Concord.
FTE	Full Time Equivalent – One person working full time for one year.
FY	Fiscal Year – UNH fiscal year is July 1 - June 30. Federal fiscal year is October 1 - September 30.
GSC	Granite State College – A non-residential, non-traditional, separately accredited college of the University System of New Hampshire for adults who seek alternatives to traditional campus-based programming.
JoE	Journal of Extension – A peer-reviewed journal of the U.S Cooperative Extension System. IT seeks to expand and update the research and knowledge base for Extension professionals and other adult educators to improve their effectiveness. It is an electronic journal (www.joe.org). (APLU Acronyms 2009)
IPM	Integrated Pest Management – Federally funded program emphasis in Extension.
ITDE	Information Technology and Distance Education – The UNH Cooperative Extension technology office providing technology planning and support to the organization and its staff.
KSC	Keene State College – one of the components of the University System of New Hampshire.
LLMP	Lay Lakes Monitoring Program – A UNH Cooperative Extension program utilizing volunteers to monitor NH lakes, ponds, streams and rivers.
NACAA	National Association of County Agricultural Agents – A national professional association supporting the professional interests of county agricultural extension

educators.

NACDEP	National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals – A national professional organization dedicated to improving the visibility, coordination and professional status and resource base of community and economic development Extension programs and professionals.
NACo	National Association of Counties – A national organization that represents county governments in the United States. The organization was founded in 1935 and provides services to the nation’s 3,066 counties. It advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. (<i>APLU Acronyms 2009</i>)
NAE4-HA	National Association of Extension 4-H Agents – A national professional association supporting the professional interests of youth development extension educators.
NEAFCS	National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences – A national professional association supporting the needs and interests of Family Development Extension Educators.
NEED	Northeast Extension Directors – The organization of the directors of the 13 states of the Northeast Extension region (see “APLU Regions”).
NESAF	New England Society of American Foresters – A professional society.
NHAC	New Hampshire Association of Counties – “The statewide organization advocating for and promoting county government to better serve New Hampshire citizens.” (<i>NHAC County Directory 2009-2010</i>)
NHTOA	New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association – A prominent New Hampshire organization of landowners, forest industry leaders and conservationists.
NIFA	National Institute of Food and Agriculture – Created by the Section 7511 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246, June 18, 2009), unites the research, higher education and extension education and outreach resources of USDA. On October 1, 2009, NIFA assumed all of the authorities formally administered by CSREES and will be led by a president-appointed director. (<i>APLU Acronyms 2009</i>)
NRAES	Northeast Regional Agriculture and Natural Resource Engineering Service – UNH Cooperative Extension is a member of this Cornell-based regional Extension organization

	that produces high quality educational publications for targeted agricultural and natural resource audiences and the public. Ideas and authors come from member states.
NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service – A part of USDA, FSA provides services relating to agriculture, water quality, soil conservation, forestry and wildlife through county Conservation District offices. The agency has cost sharing programs for landowners. State offices are in Durham.
NSF	National Science Foundation – An independent agency of the federal government which seeks to promote the progress of science; advance the nation’s health, prosperity and welfare; and secure the national defense. <i>(APLU Acronyms 2009)</i>
OMB	Office of Management and Budget: assists the President in overseeing the preparation of the federal budget and supervises its administration in Executive Branch agencies. <i>(APLU Acronyms 2009)</i>
PAT	Public Awareness Teams – Teams in each county consisting of Advisory Council members and staff who develop plans to raise needed public awareness of UNH Cooperative Extension and improve understating of UNH Cooperative Extension among various groups, including funders.
PAT	Pesticide Applicator Training – A series of workshops held by UNH Cooperative Extension and the NH Dept of Agriculture, Markets and Food, to prepare people for the pesticide applicators exam for certification.
PAT	Professional, Administrative and Technical – This is a UNH personnel classification for many Cooperative Extension employees who are not field or state specialists or support staff.
PAU	Program Appropriation Unit – A state-funded appropriation. There are 12 PAUs in the USNH biennial budgets. Two of these pertain specifically to Cooperative Extension: one for State Extension work and one for County Extension work.
POW	Plan of Work – An annual report of priority program goals based upon the perceived needs of county residents.
PSU	Plymouth State University – One of the components of the University System of New Hampshire.
RREA	Renewable Resources Education Act – A funding source for Extension natural resources programming.
RC&D	Resource Conservation & Development – The National Association of Resource

Conservation & Development. It is a unique USDA program designed to empower and assist rural people with tools and technical support to stabilize and grow their communities while protecting and developing natural resources.

SAF	Society of American Foresters – A national society of natural resource professionals, mostly forestry-related.
SARE	Sustainable Agriculture Research Education – Part of USDA since 1988, the SARE program funds projects and conducts outreach designed to improve agricultural systems.
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – The name for the federal Food Stamp Program that was mandated by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246, June 18, 2008.) The name reflects the program’s focus on nutrition and putting healthy food within reach of low-income households. (<i>APLU Acronyms 2009</i>)
SPNHF	Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests – Also known as the Forest Society; pronounced “Spin - if”.
TIAA	Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association – An option in the UNH retirement program.
3200-6	A U.S. Forest Service reporting form for forestry work; completed by all Extension Field Specialists for Forest Resources in the counties.
UNH	University of New Hampshire – One of the components of the University System of New Hampshire. UNH has land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant charters. It is a public research institution with undergraduate and graduate programs and sponsored and un-sponsored research.
UNHCE	University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension – A primary outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire delivering educational programs to meet local needs in every county in the state
UNHM	University of New Hampshire at Manchester – A commuter college serving the college educational needs of a diverse urban population. The mission of UNHM is to provide access to a wide variety of undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs.
USNH	University System of New Hampshire – The System is composed of the colleges and universities supported by the State of New Hampshire including: Keene State College, Plymouth State University, University of New Hampshire and University of New

Hampshire at Manchester, and Granite State College.

- USDA** **United States Department of Agriculture** – The U.S. federal Department to which the Cooperative Extension Programs of NIFA belong.
- WHIP** **Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program** – A USDA cost share program for landowners administered by NRCS.
- WIC** **The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children** – A grant program whose goal is to improve the health of pregnant, post-partum and breastfeeding women and infants and children up to age 5 by providing food, nutrition education and access to health care. (*APLU Acronyms 2009*)

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