

Guide to Iowa State University Extension

Abbreviations and Acronyms

This guide was created as a reference, particularly to assist in volunteer and staff orientation.

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When writing about Iowa State, use Iowa State University first and follow with Iowa State. Avoid using ISU if at all possible, due to the potential confusion with Illinois State University, Idaho State University, and Indiana State University. Iowa State University of Science and Technology is the official name of the university.

A

ABE – Adult Basic Education
ACE – Association for Communication Excellence
AC/AP – Adult Children/Aging Parents
ACDU – Agricultural Chemical Dealer Update
ADEC – American Distance Education Consortium
AEA – Area Education Agency
AEED – Area Extension Education Director
Ag Ch – Ag Chamber of Commerce
AGM – Advanced Grain Marketing
AgMRC – Agricultural Marketing Resource Center
AMTA – Agricultural Marketing Transition Act
ANR – Agriculture and Natural Resources
AYD - Advanced Youth Development

B

BECON – Biomass Energy CONversion facility
BFC – Beginning Farmer Center
BKC – Better Kid Care
BMP – Best Management Practice
BOR – Board of Regents
BQA – Beef Quality Assurance
BR – Blue Ribbon
BRANDS – Beef Ration And Nutrition Decisions Software
BYA – Base Yield Analyzer

C

CAFO – Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
CAS – Crop Advantage Series
CC – County 4-H Council

CCIC – Commercial Continuing Instructional Certification
CCP – Counter-Cyclical Payment
CCTW – Child Care That Works
CED – Community and Economic Development
CEED – County Extension Education Director
CEPD – Continued Education and Professional Development
CEU – Continuing Education Unit
CF – Celebrate Families
CFC – Certified Financial Counselor
CFE – Citizens For Extension
CFCS – Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences
CHIP's – Cow Herd Improvement Programs
CIC – Continuing Instructional Course
CIF – Citizenship Iowa Focus
CIRAS – Center for Industrial Research and Service
CK – Clover Kids
CM – Cougar Mountain accounting
CME – Chicago Mercantile Exchange
CNMP – Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
COC – Chamber Of Commerce
COOL – County of Origin Labeling
CPM – Conference Planning and Management
CPSP – Child Protection and Safety Program (volunteer screening program)
CPAg – Certified Professional Agronomist
CRD – County Resource Development or Community Resource Development
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program

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CSA – Community Supported Ag
CSP – Conservation Security Program (part of 2002 Farm Bill)
CSREES-USDA – Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service
CVB – Chariton Valley Beef
CVC – Community Vitality Center
CWF – Citizenship Washington Focus
CYC – County Youth Coordinator
CYFAR – Children, Youth and Families at Risk
CYFERNET – Children Youth and Families at Risk National Extension Network

D

DCP – Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program
DDL – Developing Dynamic Leaders
Decat - Decatorization
DHS – Department of Human Services
DMACC – Des Moines Area Community College
DNR – Department of Natural Resources
DP – Direct Payment
DPH – Department of Public Health
DQU – Dairy Quality Assurance
DSA – Distinguished Service Award

E

EDC – Extension Distribution Center
ECERS – Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale
EDEN – Extension Disaster Education Network
EFCOG – Extension Field and County Operations Guide
EFNEP – Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
EICC – Eastern Iowa Community College
EIT – Extension Information Technology
EMS – Environmental Management System
E-SET – Extension Science, Engineering and Technology
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
EPC – Environmental Protection Commission
EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program
ER – External Relations or Emergency Responder
ESP – Epsilon Sigma Phi (National Honorary Extension Fraternity)
Ex Co – Extension Council
EXNET – Extension Communications Network

F

FB – Fair Board or Farm Bureau
FCS – Family Consumer Science
FLP – Food, Land and People (youth education resource)
FPP – Farmland Protection Program
FNP – Family Nutrition Program
FS – Field Specialist
FS4JK – Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
FSA – Farm Service Agency
FSQA – Food Safety Quality Assurance
FSRIA – Farm Security and Rural Investment Act

G

GED – General Equivalency Degree
GITG – Growing In The Garden (youth education resource in Hort.)
GRP – Grassland Reserve Program
GTD – Go The Distance (Youth Lighten Up Iowa program)
GMO – Genetically Modified Organism
GYPP – Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate

H

HSFPP – High School Financial Planning Program
HBRANDS – Horse Version of the Beef Ration and Nutrition Decisions Software

I

IACEC – Iowa Association of County Extension Councils
IACEED – Iowa Association of County Extension Education Directors
IBC – Iowa Beef Center
ICA – Iowa Cattlemen's Association
ICASH – Iowa Center for Ag Safety and Health
ICCC – Iowa Central Community College
ICGA – Iowa Corn Growers Association
ICM – Integrated Crop Management
ICN – Iowa Communications Network
IDALS – Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
IDED – Iowa Department of Economic Development
IGQI – Iowa Grain Quality Initiative
IHCC – Indian Hills Community College
ILCC – Iowa Lakes Community College

IMEP – Iowa Manufacturing Extension Partnership
IMMAG – Iowa Manure Management Action Group
IPERS – Iowa Public Employee Retirement System
IPM – Integrated Pest Management
IPPA – Iowa Pork Producers Association
IRM – Integrated Resource Management
ISA – Iowa Soybean Association
ISPAID – Iowa Soil Properties and Interpretation Database
ISUCEP – Iowa State University Council of Extension Professionals (formerly known as ISUEA)
ITERS – Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale
ITID – Individual Tax ID Number
IT – Information Technology
IQBS – Iowa Quality Beef System
IVCC – Iowa Valley Community College
IWCC – Iowa Western Community College

J

JEL – Just Eliminate Lies (tobacco cessation program)

K

KCC – Kirkwood Community College

L

LGM – Livestock Gross Margin (swine revenue insurance)
LRP – Livestock Risk Protection (swine revenue insurance)
LDP – Loan Deficiency Payment
LSI – Lutheran Services of Iowa
LTAR – Long Term Ag Research

M

MAC – Manure Applicators Certification
MC – Master Conservationist
MCT – Multi-County Team
MFL – Money For Life
MG – Master Gardener
MLR – Monthly Leave Report
MMP – Manure Management Plan
MNM – Manure Nutrient Management
MT – Money Talks (financial education program)

N

NACAA – National Association of County Agricultural Agents

NACDEP – National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals
NAE4-HA – National Association of Extension 4-H Agents
NAEFCS – National Association of Extension Family and Consumer Science
NASA – National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NELD – National Extension Leadership Development
NIACC – North Iowa Area Community College
NICC – Northeast Iowa Community College
NPMA – Nonprofit Management Academy
NPB – National Pork Board
NPPC – National Pork Producers Association
NSF – National Science Foundation
NRI – National Research Institute
NRCS – National Resources Conservation Service
NWICC – Northwest Iowa Community College

O

OA – Office Assistant
OM – Office Manager
OMK – Operation Military Kids (4-H program)
OWA – Outlook Web Access

P

P index – Phosphorus index
P & S – Professional and Scientific (University staff category)
PA – Program Assistant
PAAT – Program Activity and Assessment Tool (youth)
PAT – Pesticide Applicator Training
PCIC – Private Continuing Instruction Certification
PD – Program Directors
PDF – Portable Document Format
PFC – Production Flexibility Contract
PFI – Practical Farmers of Iowa
PIQ – Professional Information Questionnaire
PME – Pest Management and Environment
PPAT – Private Pesticide Applicator Training
PROSPER – PROMoting School-community-university Partnership to Enhance Resilience
POW – Plan of Work or Program of Work
PQA III – Pork Quality Assurance - Level 3
PSA – Public Service Announcement
PTO – Parent Teacher Organization or Power Take Off

R

ReCap – Regional Capacity Analysis Program
RFP – Request For Proposals
RNC – Required Nutrient Criteria
RVCCA – Raccoon Valley Cow-Calf Association
RSYD – Retirement Secure Your Dreams
RSVP – Retired Senior Volunteer Program
RUSLE2 – Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation #2

S

SBR – Swine Business Record
SCC – Southeastern Community College
SCI – Special Community Initiatives
SCN – Soybean Cyst Nematode
SE – School Enrichment (youth)
SESS – Safety Education in Shooting Sports
SETA – Social and Economic Trend Analysis
SF – Strengthening Families
SFP – Strengthening Families Program
SI – Special Interest (youth)
SL – Sick Leave
SWAP – Swine Welfare Assessment Program
SWCC – Southwestern Community College
SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation District
SWRP – Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program

T

TATU – Teens Against Tobacco Use
TQA – Transport Quality Assurance

Additional sources of abbreviations and acronyms

Many Iowa State centers and institutes are at <http://www.engineering.iastate.edu/research/research-centers-and-labs.html>

Course designators for Iowa State departments and majors are in the university catalog. The current catalog is at <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~catalog/2007-2009/courses/>

USDA <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/DAM/kcmo/dditst/imsdabr.htm>

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U

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

V

V – Vacation
VAAP – Value Added Agriculture Program
Veishea – Veterinary medicine, Engineering, Industrial Science, Home Economics, Agriculture

VFS – Vegetarian Filter Strip

VPE – Vice President for Extension

VPN – Virtual Private Network

W

WHIP – Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

WIT or WITCC – Western Iowa Tech Community College

WRP – Wetlands Reserve Program

WTO – World Trade Organization act

WWL – Where We Live (youth education resource)

Y

Youth-R-Net – Youth Resource Network

YFCC – Youth Family Counseling Center

YFS – Youth Field Specialist

YSS – Youth and Shelter Services