Common Acronyms used by Extension and Outreach
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Acronym websites appear at the end of this document-
AAT – Area Ag Teams
AC/AP - Adult Children/Aging Parents
AEA - Area Education Agency
AEA – Ag Engineering Agronomy farm
AESHM – Apparel, Events& Hospitality Management
AGM - Advanced Grain Marketing
AgMRC- Ag Marketing Resource Center
AM/PIC- Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conf.
ALC- Adventure Learning Center (Des Moines)
AMES- Ag Marketing Education Series
ANR – Ag and Natural Resources
ARC- Agricultural Risk Coverage -2014 farm bill (ARC/PLC )
APLU- Association of Public Land-grant Universities
AYD – Advanced Youth Development
BKC - Better Kid Care
BMP - Best Management Practice
BOR- Board of Regents
BQA - Beef Quality Assurance
BRANDS – Beef Ration And Nutrition Decisions Software
CAD – Committee for Ag Development
CAED – County Ag Extension District
CALS – College of Ag and Life Sciences
CAFO - Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
CARET – Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching
CAS – Crop Advantage Series
CBOT – Chicago Board of Trade
CBOT – County Based Orientation and Training (4-H)
CC - County 4-H Council
CCA - Certified Crop Advisor
CCR&R- Child Care Resource and Referral
CCTW - Child Care That Works
CD-DIAL - Community Development Data Information and Analysis Laboratory
CDPM - Chronic Disease Prevention and Management
CEA – County Extension Administrator
CED – County Extension Director
CPC – County Point of Contact, Co. Program Coordinator
CEU – Continuing Educational Unit
CECS - Continued Education and Communication Services
CF - Celebrate Families
CFC – Certified Financial Counselor
CFE - Citizens For Extension
CHIP's - Cow Herd Improvement Programs
CHNA-HP – County Health Needs Assessment
CFCS - Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences
CIA - Central Iowa Area
CIAT – Central Iowa Ag Team
CIRAS – Center for Industrial Research and Service
CIC - Continuing Instructional Course
CK - Clover Kid
COAD: Community Organizations Active in Disasters
COC - Chamber of Commerce
COI- Conflict of Interest
COAD – Community Organizations Active in Disaster
COOL – Country of Origin Labeling
CRD - Community Resource Development
CNMP-- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
CPSP – Child Protection and Safety Program, volunteer screening
CPAg - Certified Professional Agronomist
CPAT – Commercial Pesticide Applicators Training
CR - Civil Rights
CREP – Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CSA - Community Supported Ag
CSR- Crop (corn) Suitability Rating
CSR2- New Crop Suitability Rating
CSREES – Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (became NIFA in 2000)
CSP – Conservation Security Program (part of 2002 Farm Bill)
CTRE – Center for Transportation, Research and Education
CVB – Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chariton Valley Beef
CVC – Community Vitality Center
CWF - Citizenship Washington Focus
CYCLA – Culturally-based Youth Leadership Accelerators (Maize and Ujima)
CYC - County Youth Coordinator
CYLA's- Culturally-based Youth Leadership Accelerator’s.
CYFAR - Children, Youth & Families at Risk
DHIA – Dairy Herd Improvement Association
DHS - Department of Human Services
DMACC - Des Moines Area Community College
DNR - Department of Natural Resources
DPH - Department of Public Health
DQA - Dairy Quality Assurance
DUNS- Dunn and Bradstreet number, required for some federal grants.
EASE Reports- Employee Activity Summary of Effort.
ECERS – Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale
EDC- Extension Distribution Center
ECI - Early Childhood Iowa
ECOP – Extension Committee on Organization and Policy
EFNEP - Expanded Food and Nutrition Program
EMS-- Environmental Management System
E-SET - Extension Science, Engineering and Technology
EPA - Environmental Protection Agency
EPC--- Environmental Protection Commission
IGFI – Iowa Government Finance Initiative
EQIP- Environmental Quality Incentives Program
ESP - Epsilon Sigma Phi (National Honorary Extension Fraternity)
Ex Co - Extension Council
EYP- Establishing/Evaluating Your Estate Plan
FACTS- Forecast and Assessment of CropIng SysTemS
FAHG – Food access and health group
FARM – Farmer Assisted Research and Management
FCS - Family and Consumer Sciences
FDCRS – Family Day Care Rating Scale
FS4JK – Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
FABSS - First Advantage Background Screening Service
FB - Fair Board or Farm Bureau
FFA - Future Farmers of America
FNP – Food and Nutrition Program
FLP – Food, Land and People, Youth Education Resource
FMLA – Family Medical Leave Act
FLSA – Fair Labor Standards Act
FSA - Farm Service Agency
FSQA – Food Safety Quality Assurance
FTE- Full Time Equivalence
FY- Fiscal Year
GDD – Growing Degree Days
GIS – Geospatial Information Systems
GPS - Global Positioning Satellite
GITG –Growing in the Garden, Youth Ed Resource in Hort.
GSF – Growing Strong Families
GTD – Go the Distance (youth Lighten Up Iowa Program)
GMO - Genetically Modified Organism
GYPP - Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate
HMRE Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education
HHPN - Horticulture & Home Pest News
HGLS – Home Grown Life Styles
HSFPP - High School Financial Planning Program
HBRANDS- Horse (version of the) Beef Ration And Nutrition Decisions Software
HS (college of Human Sciences)
IAEA – Iowa Ag Extension Association
ICA - Iowa Cattlemen's Association
ICASH – Iowa Center for Ag Safety and Health
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
IECA - Iowa Extension Council Association
IFSWG - Iowa Food Systems Working Group
IMMAG - Iowa Manure Management Action Group
INRC – Iowa Nutrient Reduction Center -see NRS
IRM – Integrated Resource Management
ICASH - Iowa’s Center for Ag Safety and Health
IGQI - Iowa Grain Quality Initiative
IPPC - Iowa Pork Producers Association
IPRT – Institute for Physical Research and Technology
ISA - Iowa Soybean Association
ISED- Institute for Social and Economic Development
ISPAID - Iowa Soil Properties And Interpretation Database
ISUCEP - Iowa State University Council of Extension Professionals
ITERS - Infant/Toddler Environmental Rating Scale
ITID- Individual Tax ID Number
IT - Information Technology
IQBS -- Iowa Quality Beef System
JCEP – Joint Council of Extension Professionals
JOE – Journal Of Extension
LGM - Livestock Gross Margin (type of Swine Revenue Insurance)
LRP - Livestock Risk Protection (type of Swine Revenue Insurance)
LDP - Loan Deficiency Payment
LSI - Lutheran Services of Iowa
LTAR - Long Term Ag Research
LHI – Live Healthy Iowa
MAC - Manure Applicators Certification
MG - Master Gardeners
MC - Master Conservationist
MICA- Mid Iowa Community Action
MNEM - Manure Nutrient Management
MEM- Master Equine Program
MFL - Money For Life
MLR- Monthly Leave Report
MOU – Memorandum of Understanding
MT – Money Talks- Financial Education Program
MTT – Managing for Today and Tomorrow (Annie’s Project 2)
NACAA - National Association of County Agricultural Agents
NACDEP - National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals
NAEPSDP - National Association for Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals
NAFSN- North American Food Systems Network
NACO- National Association of Counties
NAE4-HA - National Association of Extension 4-H Agents
NAEFCS - National Association of Extension Family & Consumer Science
NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NELD- National Extension Leadership Development
NIFA – National Institute of Food and Agriculture
NPPC - National Pork Producers Association
NSF - National Science Foundation
NR - News Release
NRI - National Research Institute
NRS – Nutrient Reduction Strategy, INRS for Iowa NRS
NRCS - Natural Resource Conservation Service
NVT – New Volunteer Training (4-H)
OA - Office Assistant
OMK – Operation Military Kids (4-H program)
PIQ. - Professional Information Questionnaire
P & S - Professional and Scientific (University Staff Category)
PA - Program Assistant
PAAT – Program Activity and Assessment Tool (youth)
PAT - Pesticide Applicator Training
PAT – Parents As Teachers
PD - Program Directors
PDI – Professional Developers of Iowa
PDO or Pub Dist - Publications Distribution Office
PDF- Program Development Fee
PDF- Portable Document Format (computer format for document transfer)
PEAQ- Predictive Equations for Alfalfa Quality
PIDC – Plant Identification and Disease Center
PILD – Public Issues Leadership Development
PFI - Practical Farmers of Iowa
PLC- Price Loss Coverage -2014 farm bill (ARC/PLC)
PME - Pest Management & Environment
POW - Plan of Work
PQA III - Pork Quality Assurance - Level 3
PROSPER (PROMoting School-community-university Partnerships to Enhance Resilience)
PRKC - Professional Research Knowledge and Competencies
PRP- Primary Responsible person
PSA – Public Service Announcement
PS – Program Specialist (Ag, Fam, Youth, Comm, etc.)
PSEP – Pesticide Safety Education Program
PTO - Parent Teacher Organization, or power take off)
PTO – Paid or Personal Time Off
PYD – Positive Youth Development
RC&D- Resource Conservation and Development
REED – Regional Extension Education Director
RFP - Request For Proposals
RFSWG- Regional Foods Systems Working Group
RNC - Required Nutrient Criteria
RSYD - Retirement Secure Your Dreams
RMM – Resource Management Model
RSVP - Retired Senior Volunteer Program
RUSLE2 – Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation #2
SARE – Sustainable Ag Research Education
SCI- Special Community Initiatives
SCN - Soybean Cyst Nematode
SE - School Enrichment (youth)
SESS – Safety and Education in Shooting Sports
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SSES – Spend Smart, Eat Smart (& web page)
SETA - Social and Economic Trend Analysis
SF - Strengthening Families
SI - Special Interest (youth)
SL - Sick Leave
SSHW – Small Steps to Health and Wealth
STEAM- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math
STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
SWCD - Soil and Water Conservation District
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load
TWC- Together We Can (Human Sciences program)
UAV- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
UAS- Unmanned Aerial Systems (not just the vehicle)
USDA - United States Department of Agriculture
V – Vacation
VAA – Value- Added Agriculture.
VEAR - Volunteer Engagement and Activation Resource
VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
VOAD - Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster
VPEO- Vice President for Extension and Outreach
VFD – Veterinary Feed Directive
VFS-- Vegetative Filter Strip
WEPP – Water Erosion Prediction Project
WWL- Where We Live; Youth Education Resource
WOMM - Word of Mouth Marketing
YFCC - Youth and Family Counseling Center
YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals
YSS - Youth and Shelter Services or Youth Standing Strong
### Glossary of Acronyms and Listing of Partners

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### General Acronyms

- **GAP** = Good Agricultural Practices
- **GHP** = Good Hygienic Practices
- **POW** = Plan of Work

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2010/11 ISU Extension Regional and Local Food Systems (RLFS) Inventory

Ag Related (economy, farm bill)

- AMTA – Agricultural Marketing Transition Act
- GRP – Grassland Reserve Program
- LDP – Loan Deficiency Payment
- PFC – Production Flexibility Contract
- NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Service
- SWRP – Small Watershed Rehabilitation Program
- USDA – United State Department of Agriculture
- WHIP – Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program
- WRP – Wetlands Reserve Program
- WTO – World Trade Organization
- BYA – Base and Yield Analyzer
- CCP – Counter-Cyclical Payment
- CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
- DCP – Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program
- DP – Direct Payment
- FPP – Farmland Protection Program
- FSA – Farm Service Agency
- FSRIA – Farm Security and Rural Investment Act

WEBSITE HELPS THOSE STUMPED BY AN ACRONYM You can search for nearly half a million entries at the Acronym Finder, which calls itself the web’s most comprehensive dictionary of acronyms, abbreviations and initialisms. The Acronym Finder allows users to decipher acronyms from a database of more than 430,000 entries covering computers, technology, telecommunications and the military. Visitors can add any acronyms they think are missing. Via Ag On-line May 2006 http://acronyms.thefreedictionary.com/

2014 farm bill
Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC)
Price Loss Coverage (PLC).