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(Limitless List of Michigan State University Extension Acronyms)

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MSU Extension has a language all its own. As an Extension employee, you will frequently need to decipher sentences made up of little more than acronyms connected by a few verbs. We offer this glossary to help you understand at least a little of what you are reading and hearing.

By the way, we encourage you to use full names, not acronyms, in your Extension work, both writing and speaking. It is very easy for people to misunderstand acronyms or not understand them, but be afraid to ask for clarification. Many of us who are longer-term employees have become permanently infected by the acronym virus. When you hear us lapse into jargon, please remind us to return to English!

AA Affirmative Action

AABI Agriculture/Agribusiness Institute

AAI Animal Agrictulture Initiative

ADA American Disabilities Act

AFRE Agriculture, Food and Research Economics

[AgBioResearch](http://www.agbioresearch.msu.edu/index.html) (*the research entity of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources – formerly MAES – Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station)*

AG TECH Institute of Agricultural Technology

ANR Agriculture & Natural Resources

ANREP Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals

ANS Animal Science

AP Administrative Professional

APLU Association of Public and Land Grant Universities

APSA Administrative Professional/Supervisor

BFI Breastfeeding Initiative

CAC College Advisory Committee

CANR College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

CARET Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching

CC Character Counts TM

CES Cooperative Extension Service

CGA Contract and Grant Administration

CNRDA Community and Natural Resources Development Association

CPC Child Protection Council

CSMS Crop, Soils and Microbial Sciences

CSS Crop and Soil Sciences *(new name is Crops, Soils & Microbial Sciences)*

CSUS Department of Community Sustainability (*formerly Dept. of Community,*

 *Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies—CARRS)*

CT Clerical Technical

CVM College of Veterinary Medicine

CYI Children & Youth Institute

EAP Employee Assistance Program

EBS Enterprise Business Systems

ECOP Extension Committee on on Organization and Policy

EE Extension Educator

EFNEP Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program

EI Education Initiative

ERIB Eating Right is Basic

ESP Epsilon Sigma Phi (honor society for veteran Extension staff)

F2S Farm to School

FAC Faculty Advisory Committee

FISH Friends Involved in Sportsfishing Heritage

FMLA Family and Medical Leave Act

FOR Forestry

FRESH Farm Resources Expanding and Supporting Health (Michigan’s name for the Farmers’ Market Nutrition program)

FSA Farm Services Administration

FSHN Food Science and Human Nutrition

FTE Full-time equivalent

FW Fisheries and Wildlife

GMI Greening Michigan Institute

GREEEN Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs

HNI Health & Nutrition Institute

HRD Human Resource Development

HRT Horticulture

IFYE International 4-H Youth Exchange

IIA Institute of International Agriculture

IPM Integrated Pest Management

IPPSR Institute for Public Policy and Social Research

ISD Intermediate School District

IWR Institute for Water Research

JOE Journal of Extension (electronic)

KBS Kellogg Biological Station

MAC Michigan Association of Counties

MAE4-HYS Michigan Association of Extension 4-H Youth Staff

MAEA Michigan Association of Extension Agents

MBTI Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

MCEA Michigan Council of Extension Associations

MDARD Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

MDCH Michigan Department of Community Health

MDEQ Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

MDHS Michigan Department of Human Services

MDNR Michigan Department of Natural Resources

MEAFCS Michigan Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

MEDC Michigan Economic Development Corporation

MESSA Michigan Extension Specialists and State Staff Association

MFB Michigan Farm Bureau

MG Master Gardener

MGSP Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program

MGV Master Gardener Volunteer

MIFFS Michigan Food and Farming Systems

MiPRS (pronounced mippers) Michigan Planning and Reporting System

MML Michigan Municipal League

MNFI Michigan Natural Features Inventory

MOFFA Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance

MSHDA Michigan State Housing and Development Authority

MTA Michigan Townships Association

N4-HYDC National 4-H Youth Directions Council

NACAA National Association of County Agricultural Agents

NACDEP National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals

NAE4-HYS National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Staff

NAEPSDP National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals

NEAFCS National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

NIAAA National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

NIFA National Institute of Food and Agriculture

NIH National Institutes of Health

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service – unit in USDA

NSF National Science Foundation

OD Organizational Development

OECD Organization for Economic and Cooperation Development

ONDCP Office of National Drug Control Policy

PA Program Assistant or Associate

PAT Pesticide Applicator Training

PD Professional Development

PI Program Instructor

PIP Performance Improvement Plan

PKG Packaging

PLP Plant Pathology *(now part of Crops, Soils and Microbial Sciences)*

POW Plan of Work

PSA Public Service Announcement

RPM Rural Partners of Michigan

RREA Renewable Resources Extension Act

RS&GIS Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Science

RUP Restricted Use Pesticides

SAMHSA Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SANet Sustainable Agriculture Network

SARE Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

SOSS State of the State Survey

SPDC School of Planning, Design and Construction

SRP Supplemental Retirement Plan

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

VSP Volunteer Selection Process

WFP Whole Farm Planning

WKAR MSU TV and radio call letters

YES Youth Engaged in Service – Ambassador Program

YSA Youth Service America