



ACRONYMS Heard During PLN Meetings

AA	Affirmative Action
AAP	Affirmative Action Plan
ACE	Association for Communications Excellence
ACOP	Academic Committee on Organization and Policy
AEA	Association of Extension Administrators (1890 Institutions)
AHS	Administrative Heads Section of the APLU Board on Ag Assembly
ANR	Agriculture and Natural Resources
ANREP	Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals
APLU	Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (<i>Formerly NASULGC</i>)
ARD	Association of Research Directors
AREERA	Agriculture Research Extension Education Reform Act of 1998
ARS	Agricultural Research Service
ASRED	Association of Southern Region Extension Directors (1862 Institutions)
BAA	Board on Ag Assembly of the APLU
BAC	Budget and Advocacy Committee of the BAA
BIPOC	Black, Indigenous, People of Color
BPST	Base Program Strategic Team
CARET	Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching
CES	Cooperative Extension System
CoP	Community of Practice within Extension Foundation (formerly eXtension)
CRD	Community Resource Development (Sometimes CD or CRED)
CRED	Community Resource and Economic Development
CTDE	Communications, Technology and Distance Education
CYFAR	Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Initiative
DEI(A)(J)	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (Access) (Justice)
EARS	Extension Accomplishment Reporting System
EC	Executive Committee for PLC
ECOP	Extension Committee on Organization and Policy
ECOP PAT	ECOP Program Action Team
ECS	Economic and Community Systems
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
EFNEP	Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program
EIS	Extension Information System
ELDT	Experiential Learning Design Team (4-H)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ERS	Economic Research Service
ES	Extension Service
ESCOP	Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy
ESP	Epsilon Sigma Phi

EXCITE	Extension COVID Immunization Training and Education
FALCON	First Americans Land Grant Consortium
FCS	Family and Consumer Sciences
FNCS	Food, Nutrition and Consumer Service (USDA)
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service (USDA)
FQPA	Food Quality and Protection Act
FSA	Food Security Act or Farm Service Agency
FSQ	Food Safety and Quality
FY	Fiscal Year
GAO	General Accounting Office
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act
HACCP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
HBCU	Historically Black Colleges and Universities
HHS	Health and Human Services
HRD	Human Resource Development
HUD	Housing and Urban Development
ICOP	International Committee on Organization and Policy
IPA	Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IT	Information Technology
JCEP	Joint Council of Extension Professionals
JOE	Journal of Extension
LGU	Land Grant University
LVD	Leadership and Volunteer Development
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NACAA	National Association of County Agricultural Agents
NACDEP	National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals
NAE4-HYDP	National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals
NEAFCS	National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
NAEPSDP	National Association of Extension Program & Staff Development Professionals
NAPIAP	National Agricultural Pesticide Impact Assessment Program
NASS	National Agricultural Statistics Service
NCCEA	North Central Cooperative Extension Association
NCRCRD	North Central Regional Center for Rural Development
NEED	Northeast Extension Directors
NELD	National Extension Leadership Development
NEP	Nutrition Education Program
NERCRD	Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development
NIDT	National Initiative Development Team
NIFA	National Institute of Food and Agriculture
NIMT	National Initiative Management Team
NIT	National Initiative Team
NPL	National Program Leader
NPS	National Program Staff
NRAES	Natural Resource and Agricultural Engineering Service
NRCS	National Resource Conservation Service

NREM	Natural Resource and Environmental Management
NSF	National Science Foundation
PAS	Plant and Animal Systems
PC	Program Committees (within the Program Leadership Network)
	ANR Agriculture and Natural Resources
	CRD Community Development
	COM Communications
	FCS Family and Consumer Sciences
	IT Information Technology
	4-H 4-H Youth Development
	MM Middle Management
	PSD Program and Staff Development
PLC	Program Leadership Committee (Representatives from PC's, ASRED and AEA)
PLN	Program Leadership Network (or SRPLN – Southern Region PLN)
PLWG	Program Leaders' Working Group (within 4-H)
POE	Program of Excellence
POW	Plan of Work
RCWP	Rural Clean Water Program
RD	USDA Rural Development
REE	Research, Education and Economics
RRDC	Regional Rural Development Centers
SAAESD	Southern Association of Ag Experiment Station Directors
SAES	State Agricultural Experiment Station
SARE	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education
SRDC	Southern Rural Development Center
SRPLN	Southern Region Program Leadership Network (sometimes just PLN)
TCU	Tribal Colleges and Universities
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
WEDA	Western Extension Directors Association
WRDC	Western Rural Development Center
YAR	Youth at Risk

Definitions

1862 Land-grant Institutions – the original colleges established under the Morrill Act of 1862. There are 58 1862 institutions located in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the 8 insular areas.

1890 Land-grant Institutions – the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were established from the Morrill Act of 1890 in states unwilling to allow people of color to attend the 1862 land-grant institutions. There are 19 HBCUs.

1994 Land-grant Institutions – the Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) were established through the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994. There are 35 1994 land-grant institutions.

National Sea Grant College Program -- was established by the U.S. Congress in 1966 and works to create and maintain a healthy coastal environment and economy. The Sea Grant network consists of a federal/university partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ([NOAA](https://www.noaa.gov/)) and 34 university-based programs in every coastal and Great Lakes state, Puerto Rico, and Guam.

Southern Region Land-Grant Universities

