

## COMMON WEDA ACRONYMS

<b>CSG-West</b>	<b>Council of State Governments-West:</b> a non-profit, non-partisan organization that serves the legislatures of the 13 Western states, and the Pacific islands of American Samoa, Northern Marianas, and Guam. Associate members include Alberta and British Columbia.
<b>FRTEP</b>	<b>Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Program:</b> Extension programs delivered primarily through 1862 LGUs, on American Indian Reservations and Tribal jurisdictions that address the unique needs and problems of American Indian Tribal Nations.
<b>PILT</b>	<b>Payments in Lieu of Taxes:</b> provides payments to counties and other local governments to offset losses in tax revenues due to federal lands.
<b>PNW</b>	<b>Pacific North West:</b> typically refers to the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.
<b>SRS</b>	<b>Secure Rural Schools:</b> federal financial assistance caused by revenue losses from timber harvests on federal lands.
<b>WAAESD</b>	<b>Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors:</b> made up of the Experiment Station Directors in the 13 Western States and 4 Pacific Territories.
<b>WAC</b>	<b>Western Aquaculture Center:</b> support aquaculture research, development, demonstration, and education to enhance viability in the West.
<b>W-AHS</b>	<b>Western Administrative Heads Section:</b> those from the 13 Western states serving in leadership roles with titles of Dean, Associate or Vice Provost or Vice President.
<b>W-APS</b>	<b>Western Academic Programs Section:</b> those from the 13 Western states who provide leadership for their agriculture academic teaching programs.
<b>WASDA</b>	<b>Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture:</b> WASDA is comprised of the Commissioners, Secretaries, and Directors of Agriculture from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Samoa, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.
<b>W-CARET</b>	<b>Western Council on Agriculture Research, Extension, and Teaching:</b> lay persons from the 13 Western states appointed by their Dean and Directors to lobby and offer guidance for programs in agriculture research, extension, and teaching.
<b>WCC</b>	<b>Western Coordinating Committee:</b> Multistate activity or project committee initiated in the West.
<b>WCMER</b>	<b>Western Center on Metropolitan Extension and Research:</b> created by the Western Extension Directors, the Center works to drive change by connecting land-grant universities to metropolitan areas and applying local knowledge and expertise through applied research.
<b>WCRME</b>	<b>Western Center for Risk Management Education:</b> the Center provides tools and training to support producers in establishing long-term risk management strategies that will strengthen the economic viability of their farm and ranch enterprises.
<b>WEDA</b>	<b>Western Extension Directors Association:</b> made up of the Extension Directors from the Western States and Pacific Territories and Protectorates who are WEDA members.

<b>WEDA ED</b>	<b>WEDA Executive Director:</b> position created to support WEDA and Western Extension programs. .25FTE is committed to working with the national Extension EDA Team on national issues on behalf of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP).
<b>WELD</b>	<b>Western Extension Leadership Development:</b> an 18 month leadership development program for county and state Extension program delivery professionals from WEDA member institutions.
<b>WERA</b>	<b>Western Education/Extension, Research Activity:</b> Multistate activity comprised of participants from two or more sections in the West.
<b>WGA</b>	<b>Western Governors' Association:</b> a non-partisan organization of 22 U.S. Governors that are part of the Western part of the nation.
<b>W-IPM</b>	<b>Western Integrated Pest Management Center:</b> promotes smart, safe and sustainable pest management to protect the people, environmental and economy of the American West.
<b>WIR-NACo</b>	<b>Western Interstate Region of the National Association of Counties:</b> an organization of county commissioners, judges, and other county officials that is dedicated to the promotion of Western interests within NACo (National Association of Counties); made up of the 13 Western states plus North Dakota and South Dakota.
<b>WMA</b>	<b>Western Municipal Association:</b> part of the National League of Cities serving the Western Region, this group provides educational programming, training opportunities, and peer networking for city leaders.
<b>W-MRC</b>	<b>Western Multi-state Review Committee:</b> reviews, evaluates, and recommends all aspects of western multistate programs. Four WEDA members serve on this committee.
<b>WRAM</b>	<b>Western Regional Administrators Meeting:</b> annual meeting of those from WEDA member institutions serving in positions as Regional Administrator or Regional Director in their state.
<b>WRDC</b>	<b>Western Rural Development Center:</b> is responsive to the needs of the people of the rural West and is dedicated to strengthening the land-grant university capacity and providing timely, research based answers to the current issues facing the region's rural communities.
<b>WRJSM</b>	<b>Western Region Joint Summer Meeting:</b> meeting hosted each summer by one of the 13 Western states or territories involving the WAHS, WAAESD, WEDA, WAPS, and WCARET.
<b>WPOLC</b>	<b>Western Program and Organizational Leadership Committee:</b> this group consists of one program or administrative representative from each of the WEDA member institutions. The committee works under the direction of WEDA to identify and provide leadership for advancing multi-state programs, and operational and organizational issues of importance to Extension in the West.
<b>W-SARE</b>	<b>Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension:</b> provides competitive grants conducted cooperatively by farmers, ranchers, researchers and other ag professionals to advance Western farm and ranch systems that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities.