

University & College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Acronyms

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Acronyms

MABR	MSU AgBioResearch (the research entity of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources – formerly MAES – Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station)
AFRE	Agriculture, Food and Research Economics Department
Ag Hall	Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture
ANH	Anthony Hall
ANR	Agriculture & Natural Resources
ANS	Animal Science Department
BAE	Biosystems & Agriculture Engineering Department
CAC	College Advisory Council (Faculty Council to the Dean)
CANR	College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
CRFS	Center for Regional Food Systems
CRIS	Center for Research on Ingredient Safety
CSUS	Department of Community Sustainability
DAC	Departmental Advisory Committee (Can be referred to as FAC or SAC)
ENT	Entomology Department
FAC	Faculty Advisory Committee (can be referred to as DAC or SAC)
FAE	Farrall Agricultural Engineering Hall
FOR	Forestry Department
FSHN	Food Science and Human Nutrition Department
FST	Food Safety and Toxicology
FW/FWL	Fisheries and Wildlife Department
HE	Human Ecology Building
HRT	Horticulture
IAT	Institute of Agricultural Technology
IFLR	Institute for Food Laws and Regulations
IPS	Center for Integrated Plant Systems
IWR	Institute for Water Research
KBS	W.K. Kellogg Biological Station
KEF	W.K. Kellogg Experimental Forest (Located in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula)
MSUE	MSU Extension
NAI	Native American Institute
NR	Natural Resources Building
NS	Natural Science Building
OASA	CANR’s Office of Academic and Student Affairs
ODEI	CANR’s Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
PAC	Packaging Building
PRL	Plant Research Laboratories
PKG	School of Packaging
PSMS/PSM	Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences
PSSB	Plant and Soil Sciences Building
SAC	School Advisory Committee (can be referred to as DAC or FAC)
SPDC	School of Planning, Design and Construction
TSF	Trout Food Science and Human Nutrition Building

AgBioResearch Acronyms

AAI	Animal Agriculture Initiative
CRC	Clarksville Research Center
DF	Dunbar Forest (Located in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula)
FBIC	Forest Biomass Innovation Center (Located in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula)

FRF	Fred Russ Forest (Located in Michigan's Lower Peninsula)
GREEN	Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs
LCRC	Lake City Research Center
M-AAA	Michigan Alliance for Animal Agriculture
MRC	Montcalm Research Center
NWMHRC	Northwest Michigan Horticulture Research Center
SVREC	Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center
SWMREC	Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center
TNRC	Trevor Nichols Research Center
UPREC	Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center

MSU Extension Acronyms

AABI	Agriculture/Agribusiness Institute
AAI	Animal Agriculture Initiative
BFI	Breastfeeding Initiative
CYI	Children & Youth Institute
ECOP	Extension Committee on Organization and Policy
EE	Extension Educator
ERIB	Eating Right is Basic
ESP	Epsilon Sigma Phi (honor society for veteran Extension staff)
GMI	Greening Michigan Institute
GREEN	Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs
HNI	Health & Nutrition Institute
IFYE	International 4-H Youth Exchange
JOE	Journal of Extension (electronic)
MG	Master Gardener
MGV	Master Gardener Volunteer
MSUE	Michigan State University Extension
POW	Plan of Work

Michigan State University Acronyms

AAN	Academic Advancement Network
AN	Annual (Academic Appointment)
AP	Academic Profile
AP	Advanced Placement (University Admissions)
AP	Administrative Professional (type of employee)
APA	Administrative Professional Association
APLU	Association of Public and Land Grant Universities
APSA	Administrative Professional Supervisors Association
APSA	Administrative Professional/Supervisor (type of employee)
AY	Academic Year (Faculty Appointment)
CGA	Contract and Grant Administration
COGS	Council of Graduate Students
CT	Clerical Technical (Type of Employee)
CTU	Clerical Technical Union
CVM	College of Veterinary Medicine
D2L	Desire to Learn (Academic course management software)
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EBS	Enterprise Business Systems (University administrative portal)
FAS	Faculty and Academic Staff (Includes tenure system, fixed-term and academic specialists)
FMLA	Family and Medical Leave Act
FOD	Faculty and Organizational Development
FPSM	Facilities Planning and Space Management
FRIB	Facility for Rare Isotope Beams

FT	Fixed Term Appointment
FTE	Full-time equivalent
FTF	Fixed Term Faculty
HRD	Human Resource Development
IDC	Indirect Cost
IDEA	Institutional Diversity: Equity in Action
IPF	Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (Formerly Physical Plant PP)
IPPSR	Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (Part of the College of Social Science)
IRB	Institutional Review Board
ISP	International Sponsored Program
KFS	Kuali Financial System
LBGTRC	Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Trans Resource Center
OI3	Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives
OIE	Office for Institutional Equity
OSP	Office of Sponsored Programs
PA	Program Assistant or Associate
PD	Professional Development
PDP	Performance Development Plan
PI	Primary Investigator
PI	Program Instructor
PIP	Performance Improvement Plan
RPT	Reappointment Promotion and Tenure (for Faculty)
SAP	Human Resources System
SPA	Sponsored Programs Administration
SIS	Student Information System
SOTL	Study of Teaching and Learning
SRP	Supplemental Retirement Plan
TS	Tenure System
WKAR	MSU TV and radio call letters

State/Federal Agencies, Advocacy Groups, and Associations Acronyms

ANREP	Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals
CARET	Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching
CNRDA	Community and Natural Resources Development Association
CPC	Child Protection Council
EFNEP Program	Expanded Food & Nutrition Education
EGLE	Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy
F2S	Farm to School
FRESH	Farm Resources Expanding and Supporting Health (Michigan's name for the Farmers' Market Nutrition program)
FSA	Farm Services Administration
GLFC	Great Lakes Fisheries Commission
MAC	Michigan Association of Counties
MAE4-HYS	Michigan Association of Extension 4-H Youth
Staff MAEA	Michigan Association of Extension Agents
MCEA	Michigan Council of Extension Associations
MDARD	Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
MDCH	Michigan Department of Community Health
MDE	Michigan Department of Education
MDHHS	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
MDNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources
MDOC	Michigan Department of Corrections
MDOT	Michigan Department of Transportation
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
MGSP	Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program
MIFFS	Michigan Food and Farming Systems
MiPRS	(Pronounced mippers) Michigan Planning and Reporting System
MMHCA	Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association
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
OECD	Organization for Economic and Cooperation Development
ONDCP	Office of National Drug Control Policy
RPM	Rural Partners of Michigan
RREA	Renewable Resources Extension Act
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
SANet	Sustainable Agriculture Network
SARE	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education
SOSS	State of the State Survey
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
YES	Youth Engaged in Service – Ambassador Program
YSA	Youth Service America

General Acronyms

AA	Affirmative Action
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
COI	Conflict of Interest
OD	Organizational Development
PSA	Public Service Announcement
URM	Underrepresented Minority (Generally Racial/Ethnic)
VSP	Volunteer Selection Process

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