

# **EDEN Works: A National Network in Disaster Readiness**





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# What is EDEN?

- A collaborative multi-state effort by Land Grant institutions across the country to share education resources to reduce the impact of natural and man-made disasters

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# The Beginning

- EDEN formed in 1994, following the North Central floods
- During this disaster, Extension educators/agents needed a network that could provide educational resources to answer victims' questions.

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# Funding / Partnership

- Following 9/11, USDA-CSREES granted EDEN \$600K to focus on homeland security efforts through Extension.

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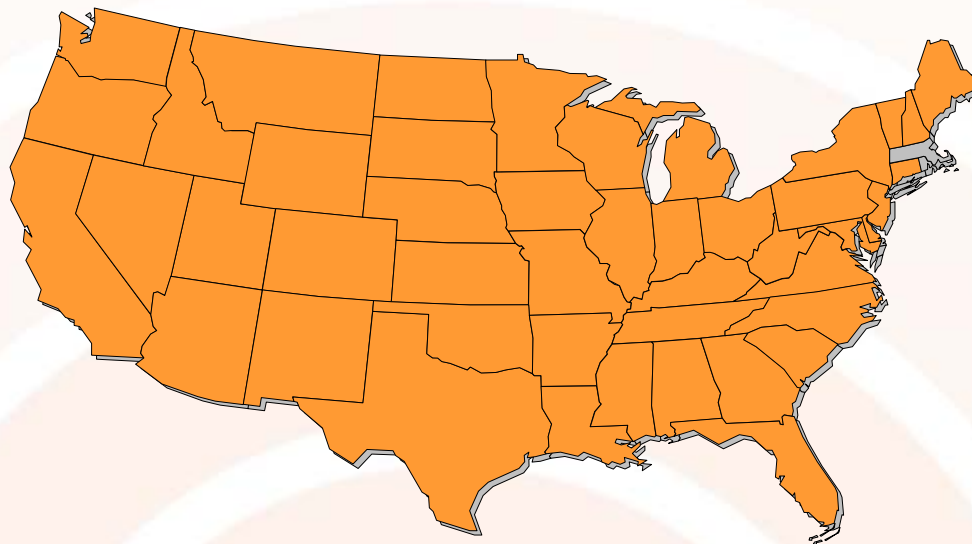
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# Today's EDEN

- 49 states and 3 U.S. territories



And...

- Alaska
- Hawaii
- Puerto Rico
- Guam
- Virgin Islands



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## The EDEN Web Site

- Provides resources on various disaster topics
- Provides expert contacts
- Provides a portal to Land Grant Universities nationwide

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## More Than Just a Web Site

- When the lights go out, disaster recovery depends on developed and working partnerships.

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# Established Partnerships

- DHS
- FEMA
- VOAD
- State Departments of Agriculture
- State Departments of Health
- Others

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## Who Are We?

- As a national network, we are:
  - Educators
  - Specialists
  - Experts
  - Liaisons
  - Collaborators
  - Consultants

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# A National Example

- Hurricanes Katrina & Rita





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# A State Example

- **Louisiana**
  - Hurricanes Katrina & Rita
    - EDEN POC: Pat Skinner (LSU)

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# A State Example

- **North Dakota**
  - Flood of April 2006
    - EDEN POC: Becky Koch (NDSU)



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# A State Example

- **Indiana**
  - Tornadoes of November 2005
    - EDEN POC: Steve Cain (Purdue)



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# A State Example

- **Virginia**
  - Disaster Preparedness
    - EDEN POC: Robert Grisso (VT)



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# A State Example

- **New York**
  - Emergency Preparedness Plans
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# Expanding National Access

- **eXtension**
  - Pioneering Community of Practice
    - Focus: Floods & Agrosecurity



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# Learning Opportunities

- A provider of online curriculums
  - Train-the-Trainer
  - Designed to teach educators/agents on pertinent topics
  - Equips them with the tools needed to teach the intended audience

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# Current Curriculums

- **Plant Biosecurity Management Course, 2006 Edition**
  - Created by University of Missouri



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## Current Curriculums

- **OnGuard: Protecting America's Food System**
  - Created by University of Minnesota



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# Current Curriculums

- **USDA Roles in the National Response Plan**
  - Created by North Dakota State Univ.



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# Current Curriculums

- **Ready Business**
  - A collaborated effort by EDEN and DHS

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# Upcoming Curriculum

- **Animal Biosecurity Management Course**
  - Project leader to be selected

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# A New Opportunity

- Animal Biosecurity Conference
  - Six regional locations
  - First will be in Raleigh, NC
  - To collaborate efforts and planning across state lines

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