



EDEN Works: A National Network in Disaster Readiness

Cooperative Extension Successfully Reducing the Impact of Disasters at the Community Level

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Defining EDEN

The Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) is 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

Quick Facts:

- Formed in 1994 following the North Central floods when Extension educators recognized a need for a network that could share education resources.
- Received first round of funding in 2002 from USDA-CSREES.
- Today, 49 states and three U.S. territories are represented in the network.

The Web Site

The Web site acts as a portal for education resources, expert contact information, and Land Grant universities nationwide.

Beyond the Web

EDEN is about developed partnerships with DHS, FEMA, VOAD, state departments of health, state departments of agriculture, and others.

As a national network, EDEN is made up of educators, specialists, experts, liaisons, collaborators, and consultants.

Learning Opportunities / Online Courses

EDEN provides online, train-the-trainer curriculums that are designed to teach Extension educators/agents on pertinent topics, as well as equip them with tools needed to teach targeted audiences. Current curriculums include:

- *OnGuard: Protecting America's Food System* – created by the University of Minnesota
- *Plant Biosecurity Management* – created by the University of Missouri
- *Ready Business* – created by EDEN with DHS
- *USDA Roles in the National Response Plan* – created by North Dakota State University
- *Animal Biosecurity Management* – coming soon