EDEN Works: A National Network in Disaster Readiness
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.
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.
Established Partnerships

- DHS
- FEMA
- VOAD
- State Departments of Agriculture
- State Departments of Health
- Others
Who Are We?

• As a national network, we are:
  – Educators
  – Specialists
  – Experts
  – Liaisons
  – Collaborators
  – Consultants
A National Example

- Hurricanes Katrina & Rita
A State Example

- Louisiana
  - Hurricanes Katrina & Rita
  - EDEN POC: Pat Skinner (LSU)
A State Example

• North Dakota
  – Flood of April 2006
  • EDEN POC: Becky Koch (NDSU)
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
  • EDEN POC: Eric Hallman (Cornell)

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Expanding National Access

• eXtension
  – Pioneering Community of Practice
  • Focus: Floods & Agrosecurity
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
Current Curriculums

- Plant Biosecurity Management Course, 2006 Edition
  – Created by University of Missouri
Current Curriculums

• OnGuard: Protecting America’s Food System
  – Created by University of Minnesota
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
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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- Get to know your state POC(s)
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