

COMMON WEDA ACRONYMS

CSG-West	Council of State Governments-West: 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.
PILT	Payments in Lieu of Taxes: provides payments to counties and other local governments to offset losses in tax revenues due to federal lands.
PNW	Pacific North West: typically refers to the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.
SRS	Secure Rural Schools: federal financial assistance caused by revenue losses from timber harvests on federal lands.
WAAESD	Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors: made up of the Experiment Station Directors in the 13 Western States and 4 Pacific Territories.
WAC	Western Aquaculture Center: support aquaculture research, development, demonstration, and education to enhance viability in the West.
WAHS	Western Administrative Heads Section: those from the 13 Western states serving in leadership roles with titles of Dean, Associate or Vice Provost or Vice President.
WAPS	Western Academic Programs Section: those from the 13 Western states who provide leadership for their agriculture academic teaching programs.
WCARET	Western Council on Agriculture Research, Extension, and Teaching: 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.
WCC	Western Coordinating Committee: Multistate activity or project committee initiated in the West.
WCMER	Western Center on Metropolitan Extension and Research: initiated 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.
WEDA	Western Extension Directors Association: made up of the Extension Directors from the 13 Western States and 4 Pacific Territories.
WEDA ED	WEDA Executive Director: 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).
WELD	Western Extension Leadership Development: an 18 month leadership development program for county and state Extension program delivery professionals from the West.
WERA	Western Education/Extension, Research Activity: Multistate activity comprised of participants from two or more sections in the West.

WGA	Western Governors' Association: a non-partisan organization of 22 U.S. Governors that are part of the Western part of the nation.
W-IPM	Western Integrated Pest Management Center: promotes smart, safe and sustainable pest management to protect the people, environmental and economy of the American West.
WIR-NACo	Western Interstate Region of the National Association of Counties: 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.
WMA	Western Municipal Association: part of the National League of Cities serving the Western Region, this group provides educational programming, training opportunities, and peer networking for city leaders.
WMRC	Western Multi-state Review Committee: reviews, evaluates, and recommends all aspects of western multistate programs. Four WEDA members serve on this committee.
WRAM	Western Regional Administrators Meeting: annual meeting of those serving in positions as Regional Administrator or Regional Director in their state.
WRDC	Western Rural Development Center: 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.
WRJSM	Western Region Joint Summer Meeting: meeting hosted each summer by one of the 13 Western states or territories involving the WAHS, WAAESD, WEDA, WAPS, and WCARET.
WRPLC	Western Region Program Leadership Committee: appointed by WEDA, this group consists of one program or administrative representative from each of the 13 Western states and territories. 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.
WSARE	Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension: 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.