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# Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) Panel

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# Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) Overview



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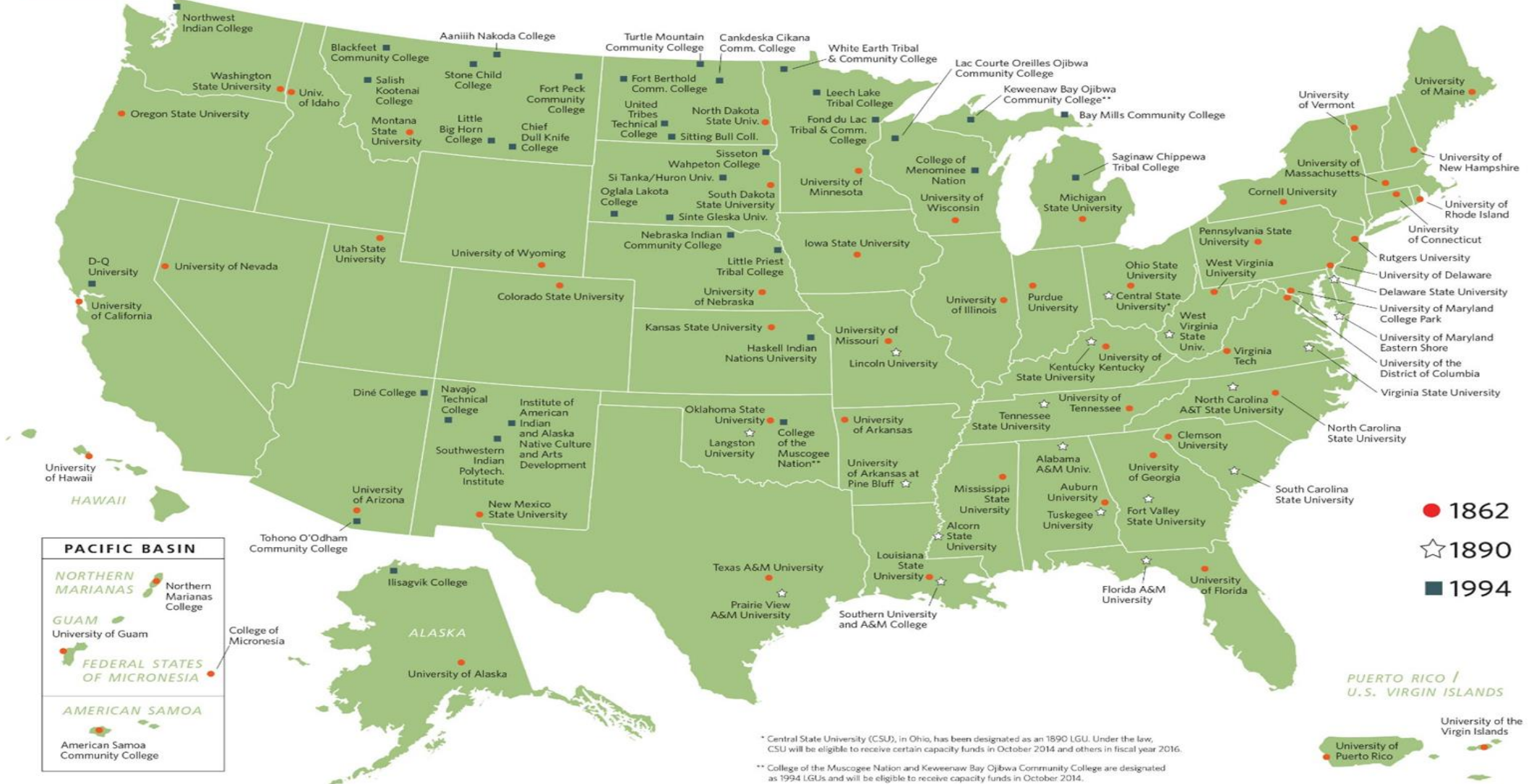
# What is EDEN?

- The Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) is a collaborative multi-state effort by Cooperative Extension Services across the country to improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters.
- EDEN's mission is to reduce the impact of disasters through research-based education.



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

# NIFA LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



# History

- EDEN was created after catastrophic flooding along the Mississippi River in 1993 inspired the need for Extension's role in prep, response, recovery
- EDEN is funded by the USDA/ NIFA



# Partnerships

- EDEN has formal relationships with the:
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA),
  - National Institutes of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
  - National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's National Sea Grant Program (NOAA SeaGrant).

# Membership

- Institutions, rather than individuals, are EDEN members.
- A land-grant extension institution or program becomes a member when the director or administrator names a point of contact and submits an EDEN Cooperative Agreement.
- EDEN is an alliance of land-grant extension services: 1862, 1890, 1994, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and NOAA Sea Grant Programs.

# Structure

- Each institution has one point of contact (POC)
- Institutions may have additional delegates
- More than 300 dedicated “volunteers” representing more than 75 different areas of expertise
- One annual conference held per-year – moves to different areas around the country
- Next one is Salt Lake City, Utah in October 2024

# Committees

- EDEN has eight active standing committees:
  - 4-H and Youth Development
  - Agriculture
  - Community and Economic Development
  - Exercise and Resiliency Training in Disasters
  - Community and Economic Development
  - Professional Development
  - Marketing & Membership
  - Natural Resources

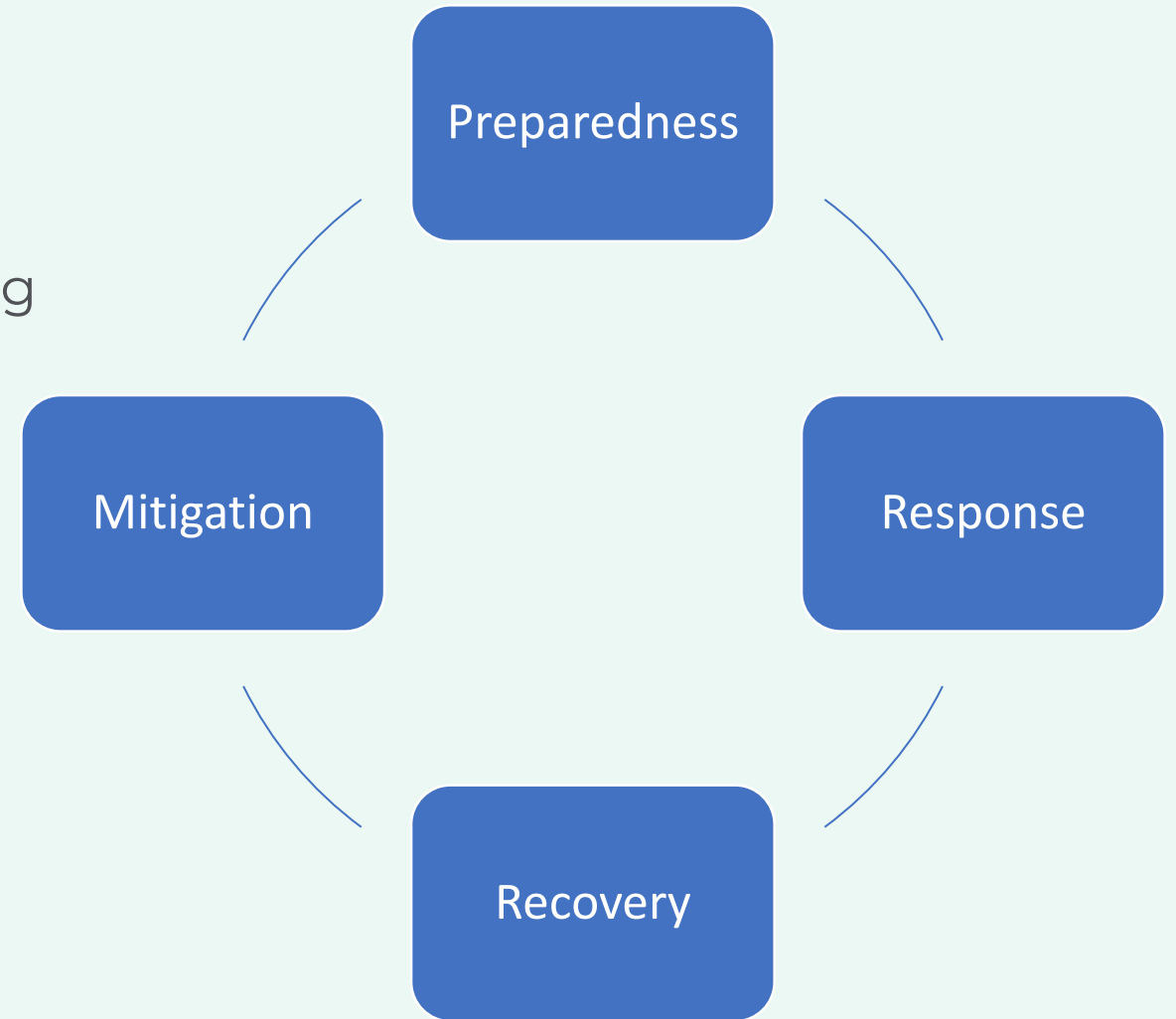
# Resources

- Materials for Preparedness, Recovery & Mitigation for Extension
  - Response Notes and Publications
  - Toolkits and Guides
  - Webinars
  - Factsheets and checklists
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Grant Funding Opportunities



# Our Work

- Work in ALL types of disasters including
  - Natural Disasters
  - Technological Disasters
  - Biological Disasters
  - Man-made disasters
- At ALL levels of disasters
  - Mitigation
  - Preparedness
  - Response
  - Recovery



# Work at ALL Levels

- Develop & Distribute research-based information out in preparation, mitigation, & recovery
- Work together with local, state, and national agencies in response and recovery
- Community-based programs to build disaster resilience within communities
- Boots on the ground - Many of us are deployed to serve in response and early recovery

# EDEN COVID-19 Response

March 2020 EDEN began collecting reports of Extension activities in response to COVID-19. These activities are be analyzed to:

- Document EDEN's impact during COVID-19
- Improve future Extension response
- Explore the intersection between Extension, Disasters, and the Digital Divide.

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Activities

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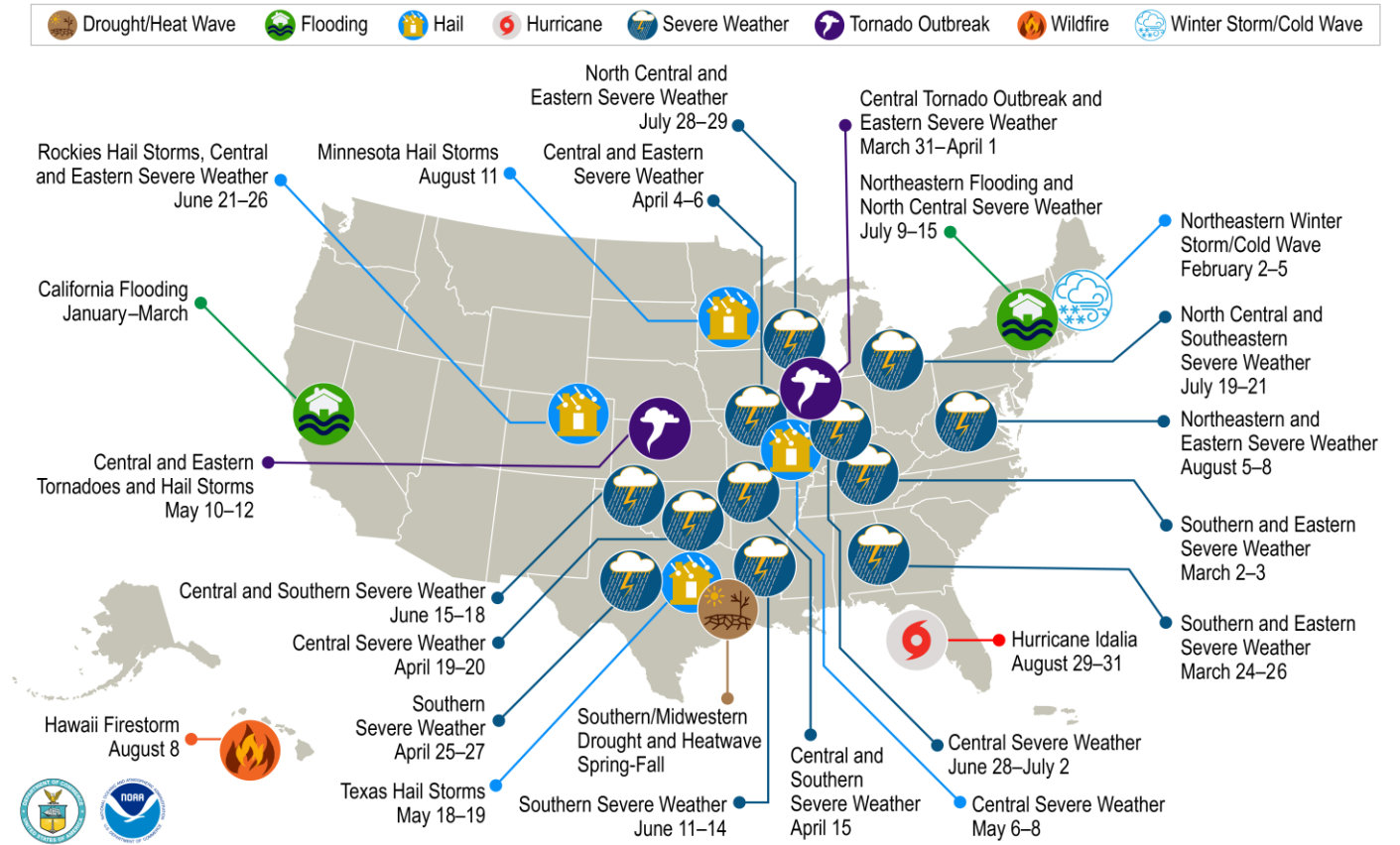
- COVID-19 Activities
- Digital Divide
- Extension Response
- Extension Topics



# Work in Natural Disasters

- Our work spans ALL Natural Disasters
  - Flooding
  - Hurricanes
  - Winter storms
  - Hail
  - Tornadoes
  - Fire
  - Drought

U.S. 2023 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters



This map denotes the approximate location for each of the 24 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that impacted the United States through September 2023.



# Our Strength is Our Network

**Sharing of ideas, resources,  
partnerships, management  
practices, stories, SUPPORT**

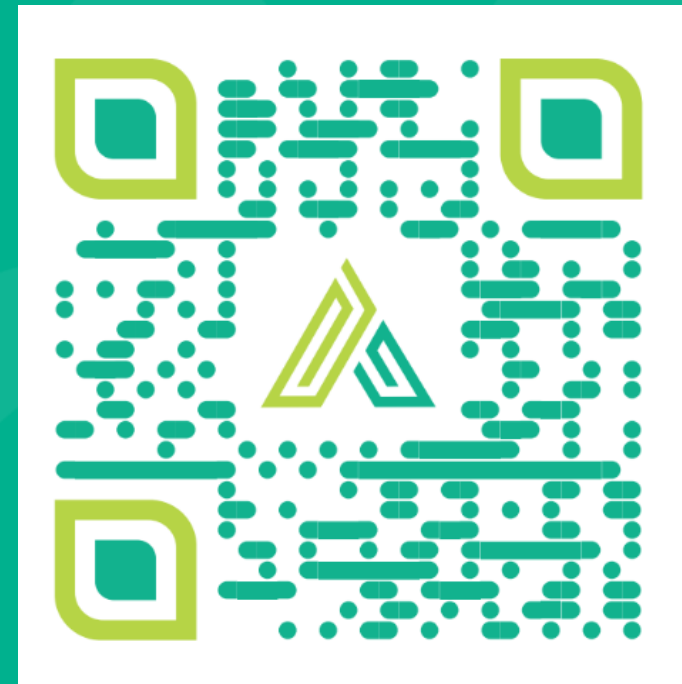


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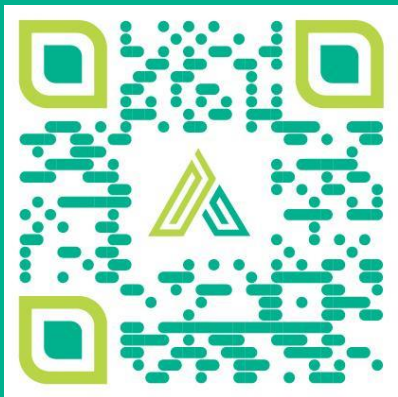
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# Future Work

- Continue to build network nationally and internationally
  - Collaboration:
    - GFRAS & NAAN in the programmatic areas of biodefense and natural disasters for country hubs
  - Expand our reach:
    - Develop, disseminate, and share research-based information for ALL types of disasters and program areas
  - Meet the Needs:
    - What are the areas of greatest need in disaster mitigation, preparation, response & recovery that EDEN can assist?

# Thank you!



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