

Glossary of USDA Acronyms

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ACA: Accredited certifying agent

ACEP: Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

ACRE: Average Crop Revenue Election

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

ADAAA: Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act

AES: Agricultural Experiment Station

AGM: Asian Gypsy moth

AGR: Adjusted Gross Revenue Pilot

AGR-L: Adjusted Gross Revenue-Lite

AHPA: Animal Health Protection Act

AI/AN: American Indian / Alaska Native

AIIS: Automated Import Inspection System

ALB: Asian long-horned beetle

AMA: Agricultural Management Assistance Program

AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service

ANCSA: Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

ANPR: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

ANREP: Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals

AO: Administrative Officer

APHIS: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

AQI: Agricultural Quarantine and Inspection

ARC: Agricultural Risk Coverage

ARC-CO: County Agricultural Risk Coverage

ARC-IC: Individual Agricultural Risk Coverage

AREERA: Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998

ARH: Actual Revenue History

ARIS: Agricultural Research Information System

ARMS: Agricultural Resource Management Survey

ARRA: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

ARS: Agricultural Research Service

ATRA: The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012

AWA: Animal Welfare Act

AWEP: Agricultural Water Enhancement Program

B&I: Business and Industry Program

BARC: Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

BCAP: Biomass Crop Assistance Program

BFRDP: Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program

BSE: Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

Bt: Bacillus thuringiensis (bacterium)

CAA: Clean Air Act

CAC: Codex Alimentarius Commission

CAPS: Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey

CARET: Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching

CAT: Catastrophic level of coverage

CCC: Commodity Credit Corporation

CCEP: Commodity Exchange Price Provisions

CCPs: Counter-Cyclical Payments

CDSI: Conservation Delivery Streamlining Initiative

CED: County Executive Director

CEP: Community Eligibility Provisions

CES: Cooperative Extension System

CF: Community Facilities

CFC: Combined Federal Campaign

CFR: Code of Federal Regulations

CID: Commercial Item Description

CIG: Conservation Innovation Grants

CITES: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

CNA: Child Nutrition Act

CNAFR: Council for Native American Farming and Ranching

CNP: Child Nutrition Programs

CNPP: Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

COB: Close of Business

CONUS: Continental United States

COOL: Country of Origin Labeling program

COOP: Continuity of Operations Plan

CP: Commodity Procurement

CPHST: Center for Plant Health Science and Technology

CPI: Consumer Price Index

CR: Civil Rights

CREP: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

CRIS: Current Research Information System

CRP: Conservation Reserve Program

CRP: Conservation Reserve Program

CSA: Community-supported agriculture

CSFP: Commodity Supplemental Food Program

CSP: Conservation Stewardship Program

CSRA: Civil Service Reform Act

CSREES: Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service

CVB: Center for Veterinary Biologics

CWA: Clean Water Act

CY: Calendar Year

CYFAR: Children, Youth, and Families at Risk

DCP: Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program

DGA: Dietary Guidelines for Americans

DGAC: Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee

DM: Department of Management

DPs: Direct payments

DSNAP: Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

DVMS: District Veterinary Medical Specialist

EA: Environmental Assessment

eAuth: eAuthentication

EBT: Electronic Benefits Transfer

eCFR: Electronic Code of Federal Regulations

ECP: Emergency Conservation Program

EDEN: Extension Disaster Education Network

e-Docs: Electronic Document Creation System

EEO: Equal Employment Opportunity

EFRP: Emergency Forest Restoration Program

EII: Rural Economic Impact Initiative

EIS: Environmental Impact Statement

ELAP: Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish

EMP: Emerging Markets Program

EO: Executive Order

EPCRA: Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act

EPIA: Egg Products Inspection Act

EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentives Program

ERS: Economic Research Service

ES: Extension Service

eSFSP: Enhanced Summer Food Service Program

e-TDE: Electronic Trade Document Exchange

EWP : Emergency Watershed Protection Program

F&V: Fruit and Vegetable Program

F2S: Farm to School

FACA: Federal Advisory Committee Act

FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (USDA affiliate)

FAS: Foreign Agricultural Service

FCA: Farm Credit Administration

FCIC: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

FDAMA: Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act

FDPIR: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

FERN: Federal Emergency Response Network

FFAS: Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

FFVP: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

FGIS: Federal Grain Inspection Service

FL: Farm Loans

FLS: Frontline Supervisor

FLSA: Fair Labor Standards Act

FMD: Financial Management Division

FMD: Foreign Market Development Program

FMFIA: Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act

FMIA: Federal Meat Inspection Act

FMLA: Family and Medical Leave Act

FMLFPP: Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program

FMMI: Federal Management Modernization Initiative

FMMO: Federal Milk Marketing Orders

FMNP: Farmers Market Nutrition Program

FMPP: Farmers' Market Promotion Program

FNCS: Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services

FNDDS: Food and Nutrient Database for Dietary Studies

FNS: Food and Nutrition Service

FOB: Free On Board

FOIA: Freedom of Information Act

FONSI: Finding of No Significant Impact

FP: Farm Programs

FR: Federal Register

FRPP: Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

FS: Forest Service

FSA: Farm Service Agency

FSES: Food Safety Education Staff

FSIS: Food Safety and Inspection Service

FSMIP: Federal State Marketing Improvement Program

FSRG: Food Surveys Research Group

FSWG: President's Food Safety Working Group

FTCA: Federal Tort Claims Act

FTE: Full Time Equivalent

FTTA: Federal Technology Transfer Act

FWP: Farmable Wetlands Program

FY: Fiscal Year

GAP: Good Agricultural Practices

GATS: Global Agricultural Trade System

GHP: Good Handling Practices

GIPSA: Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration

GPRA: Government Performance and Results Act

GRP: Grassland Reserve Program

GS: General Schedule

GSM-I02 program: Export credit guarantee

HACCP: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point

HECG: High Energy Cost Grant Program

HEI: Healthy Eating Index

HELC: Highly Erodible Lands Conservation

HFRP: Healthy Forests Reserve Program

HHFKA: Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act

HMSA: Humane Methods of Slaughter Act

HPA: Horse Protection Act

HQ: Headquarters

HR-ACE: High-Risk Alternate Coverage Endorsement

HT: Herbicide-tolerant

IEG: Income Eligibility Guidelines

IIC: Inspector-in-Charge

IMS: Interstate Milk Shippers

IPM: Integrated Pest Management

KYF: Know Your Farmer

LDPs: Loan deficiency payments

LEP: Limited English Proficiency

LFP: Livestock Forage Program

LFPP: Local Food Promotion Program

LGM: Livestock Gross Margin

LIP: Livestock Indemnity Program

LMIC: Let's Move! In Indian Country

LPS: Livestock, Poultry, and Seed Program

LRP: Livestock Risk Protection

LRP: Local and Regional Procurement

LRPA: Livestock Price Reinsurance Agreement

MAP: Market Access Program

MFH: Multi-family Housing Program

MILC: Milk Income Loss Contract program

MLGs: Marketing loan gains

MOA: Memorandum of Agreement

MOAD: Marketing Order and Agreement Division

MOI: Memorandum of Interview

MOU: Memorandum of Understanding

MPI: Meat and Poultry Inspection

MPP: Margin Protection Program

MRP: Marketing and Regulatory Programs

MYA: Market year average

NABG: Nutrition Assistance Block Grants

NACMCF: National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

NACMPI: National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection

NAD: National Appeals Division

NAFTA: North American Free Trade Agreement

NAIS: National Animal Identification System

NAL: National Agricultural Library

NAP: Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

NAREEE Board: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

NASS: National Agricultural Statistics Service

NDS: Nondiscrimination Statement

NEL: Nutrition Evidence Library

NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act

NFC: National Finance Center

NHPA: National Historic Preservation Act

NIFA: National Institute of Food and Agriculture

NIMS: National Information Management System

NLEA: Nutrition Labeling and Education Act

NNMRRRA: National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act

NOCCSP: National Organic Certification Cost Share Program

NOP: National Organic Program

NOSB: National Organic Standards Board

NPL: National Program Leader

NRCS: Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRE: Natural Resources and Environment
NRF: National Response Framework
NSIP: Nutrition Services Incentive Program
NSLA: National School Lunch Act
NSLP: National School Lunch Program
NTE: Not to Exceed
NTIS: National Technology Information Service
NTTC: National Technology Transfer Coordinator
NVSL: National Veterinary Services Laboratories
OA: Office of the Administrator
OAA: Office of the Associate Administrator
OAE: Office of Advocacy and Enterprise
OALJ: Office of Administrative Law Judges
OAO: Office of Advocacy and Outreach
OASA: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration
OASCR: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
OBPA: Office of Budget and Program Analysis
OC: Office of Communications
OCA: Office of the Consumer Advisor

OCCSP: Organic Certification Cost Share Programs
OCE: Office of Community Engagement
OCE: Office of the Chief Economist
OCFO: Office of Chief Financial Officer
OCHRO: Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer
OCIO: Office Chief Information Officer
OCONUS: Outside Continental United States
OCR: Office of Congressional Relations
OCS: Office of the Chief Scientist
OCT: Office of Cultural Transformation
OES: Office of the Executive Secretariat
OGC: Office of the General Counsel
OGЕ: Office of Government Ethics
OHR: Office of Human Resources
OHSE: Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
OIE: World Organization for Animal Health
OIG: Office of Inspector General
OMB: Office of Management and Budget
OSDBU: Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

OSEC: Office of Secretary

OTR: Office of Tribal Relations

PA: Privacy Act

PACA: Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930

PBIS: Performance Based Inspection System

PD: Position Description

PFGE: Pulse-Field Gel Electrophoresis

PHRS: Public Health Human Resources System
Demonstration Project

PHIS: Public Health Information System

PHV: Public Health Veterinarian

Phyto: Phytosanitary Certificate (also called PC)

PIA: Privacy Impact Assessment

PII: Personally Identifiable Information

PIQ: Partners in Quality

PL: Public Law

PLC: Price Loss Coverage

PPA: Plant Protection Act

PPI: Producer Price Index

PPIA: Poultry Products Inspection Act

PPQ: Plant Protection and Quarantine (APHIS)

PSA: Packers and Stockyards Administration

PVPA: Plant Variety Protection Act

PVPC: Plant Variety Protection Certificate

QAD: Quality Assessment Division

QAR: Quality Assurance Review

QSP: Quality Samples Program

QTV: Qualified Through Verification Program

R&P: Research and Promotion Program

RBEG: Rural Business Enterprise Program Grants

RBIP: Rural Business Investment Program

RBOG: Rural Business Opportunity Program Grants

RBS: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

RCDG: Rural Cooperative Development Grants

RCPP: Regional Conservation Partnership Program

RCRA: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

RD: Rural Development

REA: Rural Electrification Administration

REAP (9007): Rural Energy for America Program

REAP Zone: Rural Economic Area Partnership Program

REDLG: Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants
REE: Research, Education and Economics
RHS: Rural Housing Service
RIF: Reduction in Force
RMA: Risk Management Agency
RMAP: Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program
RMD: Recall Management Division
RUS: Rural Utilities Service
S&T: Science and Technology Program
S2F: Start To Farm
SARA: Superfund Amendments and Re-authorization Act
SARE: Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program
SBP: School Breakfast Program
SCBG: Specialty Crop Block Grant Program
SCI: Specialty Crops Inspection Division
SCO: Supplemental Coverage Option
SCS: Soil Conservation Service
SED: State Executive Director
SES: Senior Executive Service

SF: Standard Form
SFH: Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program
SFH-G: Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program
SFMNP: Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
SFSP: Summer Food Service Program
SMP: Special Milk Program
SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SOD: Sudden Oak Death/Phytophthora ramorum
SOP: Standard Operating Procedure
SPS: Sanitary and Phytosanitary, usually “SPS Agreement”
SRA: Standard Reinsurance Agreement
SS: Sacred Site
SSA: Social Security Act
SSDPG: Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Program Grants
SSI: Supplemental Security Income
SSOP: Sanitation Standard Operating Procedure
STEC: Shiga-toxin Producing Escherichia coli
SURE: Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program
SWPP: Source Water Protection Program

SY: Scientist Year (Category 1 or 4 positions)

T&M: Transportation and Marketing Program

TA: Talmadge-Aiken

TANF: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

TAP: Tree Assistance Program

TASC: Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops

TEFAP: The Emergency Food Assistance Program

TFP: Thrifty Food Plan

TRQ: Tariff-rate quota

TSCA: Toxic Substance Control Act

TSE: Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy

U.S.C.: United States Code

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture

VAPG: Value-Added Producer Grants

VMO: Veterinary Medical Officer

VRA: Veterans Readjustments Act

VRA: Veterans Recruitment Appointment

VS: Veterinary Services

WAOB: World Agricultural Outlook Board

WASDE: World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report

WBSCM: Web Based Supply Chain Management

WC: Wetland Conservation

WIC: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

WRP: Wetlands Reserve Program

WS: Wildlife Services