

NORTHEAST PLN SURVEY - EXTENSION DIRECTORS

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Response Rate: (6/15) 40%

Summary

Data from all responding states is provided below. Similar responses are highlighted to facilitate identification of shared areas. Overall there is limited overlap of replies except at the broadest level of program areas. Identifying areas of shared response is also made difficult by the low response rate (40%) and comments noting organizational as well as program issues. In hindsight more detailed instruction may have improved consistency of replies.

1) Identify up to three areas you perceive as strong in your state Extension program

MD	Health insurance literacy per the Affordable Care Act	Master Gardner	Chesapeake Bay watershed protection and restoration
ME	Beginning Farming	Commercial Composting Research & Outreach	Food Processing, Sanitation, Commercial Food Safety
NJ	Youth development - STEM programming and Underserved populations	Integrated Pest Management	Turf Grass Science and Management
NY	Agriculture	nutrition/obesity prevention/wellness	youth development
PA	General Agriculture (Dairy, Poultry, plant crop systems), including ag. entrepreneurship/business	4-H Youth	Nutrition and Food Safety
VT	Current issues addressed	Range of modalities used to educate	Dedicated people

2) Identify up to three areas where your state Extension program has effectively integrated extension and research:

MD	health insurance literacy per the Affordable Care Act	Chesapeake Bay watershed protection and restoration	really!?! Extension is research and evidence-based
ME	No-till Corn	Integrated Pest Management - many different pests	Commercial Composting Research & Outreach
NJ	Turf Grass Science and Management	Equine Science	Water resources and conservation
NY	agriculture and food systems	nutrition and obesity prevention	environment and natural resources, sustainable energy, climate change
PA	Food safety	Field and Forage Cropping Systems	Horticultural Cropping System
VT	Hops and wheat research and production	Dairy production costs and farm business plans	Sustainable Transportation certification options

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3) Identify up to three multistate collaborative projects or teams in which extension faculty or staff from your state participate. For each, list the collaborating states.

MD	health insurance literacy per the Affordable Care Act	Chesapeake Bay watershed protection and restoration	fruit pathology - PA, VA, WV, MD
ME	Organic Bread Wheat with Vermont	Vegetable and Small Fruits with NH, MA, VT	Ornamental Horticulture (NH, VT, CT, MA)
NY	viticulture/enology. Pennsylvania	apple. Michigan, Washington	nutrition. Vermont
PA	Grape program (Penn State and Cornell)	Tree Fruit Consortium	Vegetable Crops
VT	Small Fruit and Vegetable conference (New England States)	Planning and Reporting System Development (Maine, NH, MA and VT)	Food Safety (MA and VT)

4) List up to 5 states you see as the most appropriate collaborators with your state for future multistate extension projects

MD	all ACA literacy	DE	PA	VA	WV
ME	NH	VT	MA		
NJ					
NY	Pennsylvania	Vermont	New Jersey	Connecticut	Massachusetts
PA	New York	Maryland	Delaware	New Jersey	West Virginia
VT	Maine	NH	NY	MA	CN

hard to answer.

5) Identify up to three areas where the existing expertise in your state (in either extension or research) is not adequate to support current or future programs

MD	vibrant urban programming and its support because extension is stereotyped as "rural traditional ag prod"	we are now multi-county based - we have to choose fewer, highest priority programs and do them better	we're talking capacity and partnering with other orgs that may/should have the lead
NY	climate change adaptation	economic development	parenting, family and consumer sciences
PA	Equine	Family Resilience	Forestry and Forest Products

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6) Identify emerging issues in your state that Extension should respond to. Describe the type of expertise that will be required to address each issue you identify.

MD	-Agent burn-out: still trying to do everything...less funding, fewer people...lousy equation here. what are the top priorities...what can we actually do well with existing capacity or with reframing that capacity? what do the NEED states have singular, notable capability for?
ME	-Interest in local foods, food production, food processing (faculty expertise needed for this growth sector of the economy. Our faculty are responding but demand is out pacing our ability to respond.
NY	-food safety -bio energy -dairy adaptation to climate change -local foods -export potential
PA	-Impact of Climate Change -Healthy Lifestyles -Value-added commodity production -Food Security and Insecurity -Shifting ---Demographic makeup of workforce and clientele -Food Safety
VT	-Food safety changes in the law need to be addressed at the farm level -Climate/weather changes affecting storm events, flooding and impact on crops and fields.

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