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# National Water Program

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*A network that responds to water resource  
issues by advancing knowledge through  
research, education and extension outreach.*

## The CSREES National Integrated Water Quality Program

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The Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) National Integrated Water Quality Program brings university scientists, instructors, and extension educators into more effective and efficient partnerships with Federal interagency priority programs while addressing water quality issues in U.S. agriculture. This program also provides the flexibility necessary for CSREES to bring the resources of researchers, instructors, and extension educators into national initiatives and programmatic partnerships that target evolving water quality needs.

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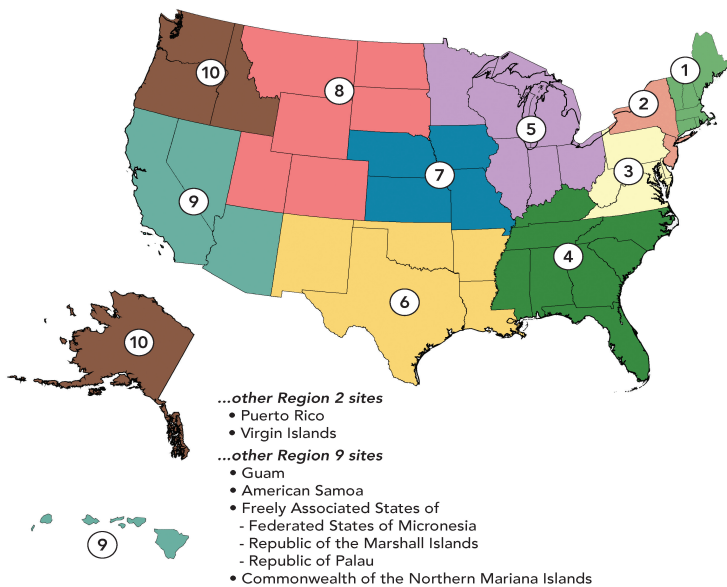
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Universities referred to as 1890 Land-grant Institutions were created by the Second Morrill Act in 1890, which expanded the system of Land-grant universities to include historically black institutions in those states where segregation denied minorities access to the Land-grant Institution established by the First Morrill Act. In 1994, Congress conferred Land-grant status on tribal colleges through the Equity in Education Land-Grant Status Act of 1994.

The original legislative intent of the Morrill Acts and resulting Land-grant Institutions was to teach agricultural and mechanical arts to rural and industrial populations; however, the contemporary outcome has been the development of institutions that have enabled millions to receive higher education in a wide variety of disciplines.

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