



CSREES National Water Quality Program

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The CSREES National Water Quality Program

The Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) 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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