

CENTER NEWS:

EXTENSION SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT A SUCCESS!

The Western Rural Development Center's Extension Sustainability Summit was a success and participants are already busy applying what they learned.



"I've been with Extension for more than twenty years, and this was one of the best meetings I've been to. I've found myself sharing things about the stories I heard, and distributing the materials to other people. It was an engaging meeting. Part of it was format, part of it topic, and part of it the people."

—Rose Hayden-Smith, University of California Cooperative Extension, Sustainable Food Systems

THE REPORT

Read the Outcomes and Impacts of the 2013 Summit [here](#).

VIDEOS

Utah State University Extension recorded the Summit presentations. You may view them [here](#).

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION PILOT COMMUNITIES

Call for Proposals

DEADLINE: JAN. 21, 2014



The Western Rural Development Center in collaboration with its sister centers is pleased to announce our Call for Proposals for the new project Community Assessment and Education to Promote Behavioral Health Planning and Evaluation (CAPE). Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and facilitated by the USDA, the purpose of CAPE is to explore ways in which communities currently gain information on behavioral health, to discover what datasets exist, and to work with pilot communities to enhance access to needed information.

This is a national program with funding open to 1862, 1890, and 1994 land-grant institutions, and if desired, their local partners. Land-grant branch campuses and Extension offices are included in the list of eligible entities. Proposals must be led by an employee of a land-grant institution. The lead institution may be located in the target community or can be outside the target community if strong linkages can be documented.

A webinar describing the project is scheduled for Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 10:00 AM (MST) at <http://connect.msu.edu/cape>.

[Learn more.](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION INSTITUTE

26-28 FEB. 2014 BOISE, IDAHO



The planning committee is finalizing the trainers, panelists, and keynote speakers for what promises to be one heck of an educational, informative, and fun-filled regional event. We will share details with you once they are finalized. In the meantime, save the dates and make your hotel reservations!

[Learn more.](#)

ENERGY POLICY BRIEFS

NARDeP Publishes seven-brief series on U.S. Energy Policy



The National Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Center (NARDeP) has published a series of seven policy briefs focused on energy in the United States. The series includes the briefs listed below. Click on the title to read the brief(s).

- Socioeconomic Issues and Biofuel Energy
- Wind and Solar Energy in the U.S. - Policy Recommendations for Rural America
- Climate Change and Energy - Interrelationships and Possible Policy Approaches
- Economic Implications of Unconventional Fossil Fuel Production
- Socioeconomic Implications of Nuclear Power
- Rural Energy Use and the Challenges for Energy Conservation and Efficiency
- Confronting an Uncertain Future - How U.S. Communities are Responding to Shale and Oil Gas Development

The National Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Center is organized by the Regional Rural Development Centers to provide information about the increasingly contentious and complex agricultural and rural development U.S. policy issues.

[Learn more.](#)

WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE EDUCATORS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Call for Presentations

DEADLINE JAN. 9, 2014



The 2014 Women in Agriculture Educators National Conference will bring together private and public sector educators, crop insurance agents, lenders, and other agricultural professionals to share ongoing and emerging successful risk management education efforts directed toward women who are involved in production agriculture. Conference participants will learn about educational efforts that assist women producers and their families in effectively managing financial, production, marketing, legal and human risks associated with their agribusinesses.

Concurrent session presentations are being solicited which highlight successful risk management education programming. Abstract submission is encouraged from any public or private entity involved in risk management education for agricultural producers, regardless of whether the project was funded through a regional Extension Risk Management Education Center.

[Get the details here.](#)

'CD PRACTICE' INVITES ARTICLES FOR CONSIDERATION



CD Practice is a web-based publication of the Community Development Society. It presents innovative approaches, tools, and techniques that can be readily applied by community development practitioners. Select issues of CD Practice are also published in the Practice Section of the Journal of the Community Development Society.

[Learn more.](#)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Call for Submissions

DEADLINE JAN. 31, 2014



The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Community Development Society will focus on effective community development strategies, programs, and policies — fostered by CD practitioners, academics, elected officials, development organizations, organized citizens and motivated individuals — meant to inspire a Renaissance in communities around the world.

[Learn more.](#)

WEBINARS



Disaster Communication Tool Options

eXtension EDEN Community of Practice
Thursday, December 12, 2013
11:00 AM (MST)

[Details.](#)

Utility Scale Renewable Energy Development - Project Siting and Conflict Resolution

North Central Regional Center for Rural Development
Wednesday, December 18, 2013
11:00 AM (MST)

[Details.](#)

Worker-Owner Cooperatives

eXtension Cooperatives, USDA Rural Development, and Cooperative Councils
Wednesday, December 18, 2013
2:00 PM (MST)

[Details.](#)

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS



Community Development Extension Institute

Western Rural Development Center
26-28 Feb. 2014
Boise, ID

[Details.](#)

Creating Rural Wealth and Enhancing Food Security for Rural America through Innovative Practices

National Value Added Conference and What Works III Regional Conference
National Press Club
13-15 May 2013
Baltimore, MD

[Details.](#)

NACDEP 2014 - The Art of Reinvention

National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals
22-25 June 2014
Grand Rapids, MI

[Details.](#)

Community Development Society 2014 Conference

20-23 July 2014
Dubuque, IA

[Details.](#)

Equity, Democracy, and the Commons: Counter-narratives for Rural Transformation
Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting
30 July - 3 August 2014
New Orleans, LA

[Details.](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

California Naturalist State-Wide Conference

17-19 October 2014

Pacific Grove, CA

Details coming soon!

IMMIGRATION

Check out the latest issue of *Rural Connections*. In this issue, our authors discuss immigration policy, immigrant entrepreneurs, agriculture and immigration, immigrant farm workers, and rural Latinos.

[Read this issue.](#)



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