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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 projects.

The NIFA National Integrated Water Quality Program

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) 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 NIFA 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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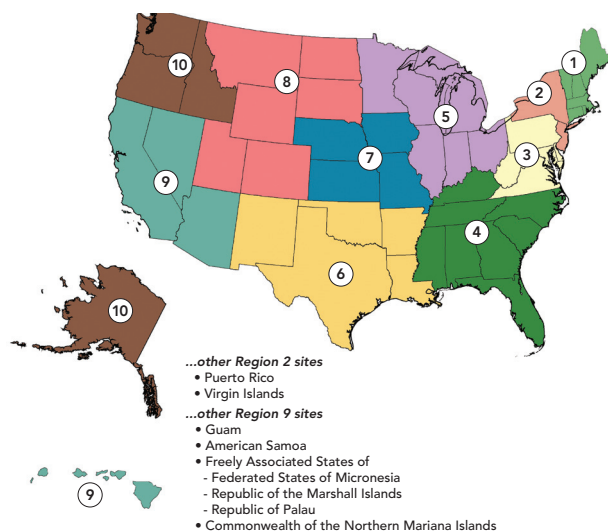
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