

# Western Extension Directors Association Awards of Excellence

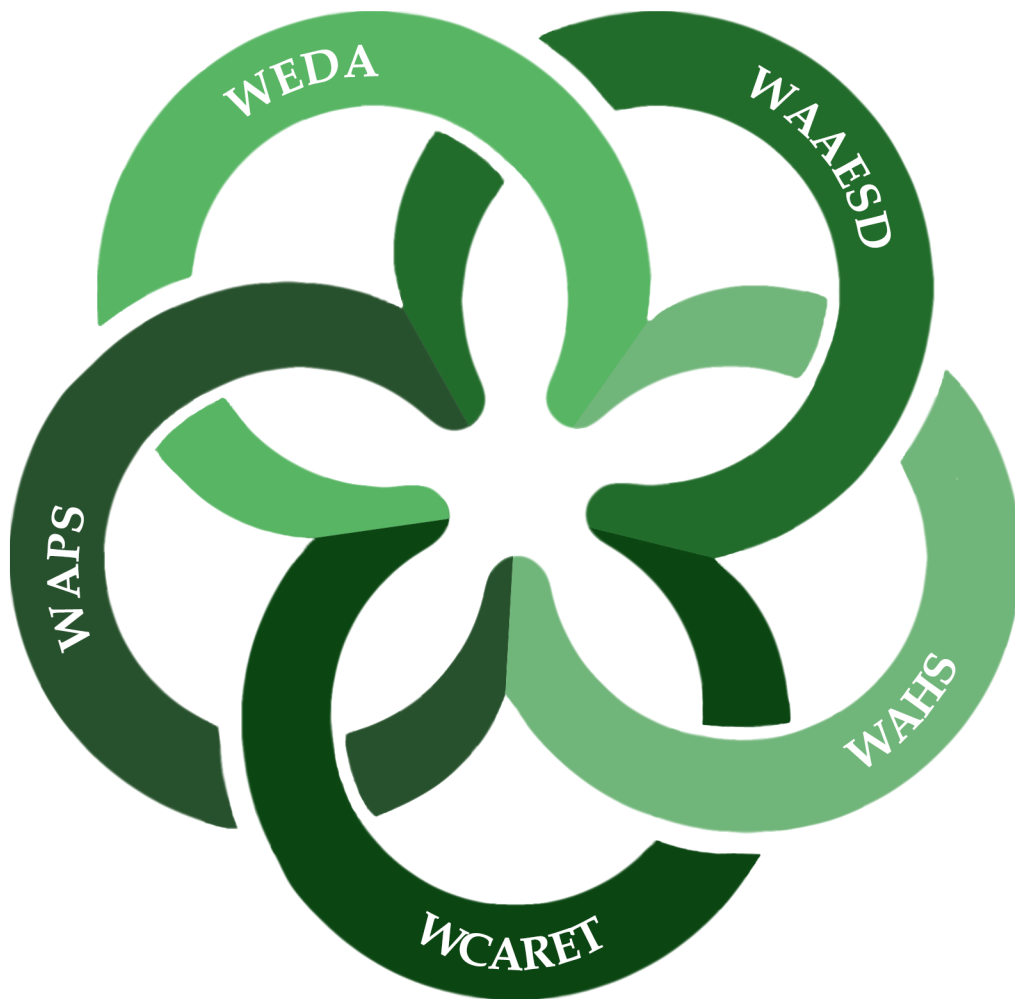
## *California Dairy Quality Assurance Program Environmental Stewardship: A Public Private Partnership* University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources

University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) academics, partnering with the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program, conducted research and provided best professional understandings to guide environmental policy development and dairy farm practice implementation. UCANR academics worked with Water Quality Control Board agencies' staff and dairy industry representatives and developed feasible, staged implementation plan frameworks for newly developed and revised policies. More than 70 hours of workshops were developed and disseminated in person and online through this collaboration. These workshops helped shift dairy producers' perspectives to accept scientifically sound management practices and be more protective of the environment, specifically groundwater. Our educational program is the first step in environmental certification in California, responsible for saving dairy producers more than \$2,400,000 in regulatory fees, annually. Further, the team's outreach efforts resulted in greater than 94% dairy facility compliance with regulatory agency submittal deadlines over 13 years.



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# WESTERN REGION JOINT SUMMER MEETING



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June 28, 2021, 4 pm Pacific Time  
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