

ANR Cooperative Extension Risk Assessment Best Practices

USDA Interactions

1. Complete USDA Federal Report and Plan of Work
2. Share the Federal Report of Work findings with ANR administration and academic staff
3. Communicate national policy changes and directives throughout the ANR system
4. Provide county- and region-based staff with information on ANR's relationship with, and obligation to USDA
5. Inform all ANR units that OCBS is the appropriate ANR unit to transmit policy questions to USDA
6. Maintain effective relationships (e.g., meetings with USDA, including CSREES National and Regional Meetings)
7. Adhere to administrative and financial federal compliance requirements
8. Prior to making programmatic choices, make sure that they are in compliance with USDA programmatic thrusts
9. Communicate the USDA Plan of Work and its content to the Regional Directors, County Directors, and other ANR management and administration
10. Appoint a task force to investigate inconsistencies between USDA and ANR program thrusts and make recommendations to the Vice President regarding bringing them into alignment, if necessary