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AARCC - Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Corporation

AC - Area Conservationist

ACA - Agricultural Credit Association

ACE - Agriculture in Concert with the Environment

ACP - Agricultural Conservation Program

ACTPN - Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations

ADR - Alternative Dispute Resolution

AFDC - Aid To Families With Dependent Children

AFPA - Agricultural Fair Practices Act of 1967

AFTA - ASEAN Free Trade Agreement

AI - Artificial Insemination

AID - Agency for International Development

AMS - Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA)

AMS - Aggregate Measure of Support

AMTA - Agricultural Market Transition Act

ANCOM - Andean Common Market

ANPR - Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

APA - Administrative Procedure Act

APAC - Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee

APEC - Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation

APHIS - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA)

AQI - Agricultural Quarantine Inspection

ARI - Aquifer Risk Index

ARP - Acreage Reduction Program

ARS - Agricultural Research Service (USDA)

ASCS - Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

ASEAN - Association of Southeast Asian Nations

ASEAN4 - Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia minus Singapore, Brunei and Vietnam

ASQ - Allowable Sale Quantity

ATAC - Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee

ATO - Agricultural Trade Office

AU - Animal Unit

AUM - Animal Unit Month

AWA - Animal Welfare Act

AWP - Adjusted World Price

AWT - Advanced Wastewater Treatment

B&I - Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program

BACT - Best Available Control Technology

BIT - Bilateral Investment Treaty

BLM - Bureau of Land Management

BMP - Best Management Practice

BNC - Binational Commission

BOD - Biochemical oxygen demand - a measure of organic oxygen consuming matter in water.

BPI - Beef (Cattle) Price Index

BSE - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

BST - Bovine Somatotropin

BT - Bacillus Thuringiensis

Bu - Bushel

CAA - Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990

CACFP - Child and Adult Care Food Program

CACM - Central American Common Market

CAFO - Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation

CAP - Common Agricultural Policy

CARD - Center for Agricultural and Rural Development

CARICOM - Caribbean Common Market

CAST - Council for Agricultural Science and Technology

CAT - Catastrophic Crop Insurance

CBERA - Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act of 1983

CBI - Caribbean Basin Initiative

CBO - Congressional Budget Office

CCC - Commodity Credit Corporation

CD - Conservation District

CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CED - County Executive Director

CEEC - Central and Eastern European Countries

CEQ - Council on Environmental Quality

CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

CFCs - Chlorofluorocarbons

CFO - Conservation Farm Option

CFR - Code of Federal Regulations

cfs - Cubic feet per second - a measure of discharge or flow.

CFSAN - Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

CFTA - Canada Free Trade Agreement

CFTC - Commodity Futures Trading Commission

CGIAR - Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research

CIT - Court of International Trade

CJD - Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease

CLOC - Commodity Letter of Credit

CMS - Conservation Management System

COAP - Cottonseed Oil Assistance Program

CoBank - National Bank for Cooperatives

CODEX - Codex Alimentarius Commission

CP - Contracting Party

CPI - Consumer Price Index

CRADA - Cooperative Research and Development Agreement

CREP - Conservation Resource Enhancement Program

CRES - Conservation Reporting and Evaluation System

CRP - Conservation Reservation Program

CRS - Congressional Research Service

CRSP - Collaborative Research Support Program

CSE - Consumer Subsidy Equivalent

CSFP - Commodity Supplemental Food Program

CSREES - Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

CSRS - Cooperative State Research Service

CTA - Conservation Technical Assistance

CVD - Countervailing Duty

CVM - Center for Veterinary Medicine (FDA)

CWA - Clean Water Act (Federal Water Pollution Control Act)

cwt - Hundredweight - a unit of weight equal to 100 pounds.

CXT - Common External Tax

CZARA - Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990

CZMA - Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972

DC - District Conservationist

DCPA - Dacthal - a selective herbicide used especially on vegetables.

DDT - dichloro-diphenyl-trichloromethane - a chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticide.

DEIP - Dairy Export Incentive Program

DES - Diethylstilbestrol - a synthetic estrogen hormone.

DG VI - Director-General for Agriculture at the European Union

DLT - Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant and Loan Program

DMLA - Dairy Market Loss Assistance Program

DO - Dissolved Oxygen

DOC - Department of Commerce

DOE - Department of Energy

DOI - Department of Interior

DOL - Department of Labor

DOT - Department of Transportation

DPSP - Dairy Price Support Program

DSB - Dispute Settlement Body

DTP - Dairy Termination Program

DV - Daily Value

EA - Environmental Assessment

EBI - Environmental Benefits Index

EBT - Electronic Benefit Transfer

EC - European Community

ECARP - Environmental Conservation Acreage Reserve Program

E. coli - Escherichia Coli - a bacterium that lives harmlessly in the intestines of animals.

ECP - Emergency Conservation Program

EEP - Export Enhancement Program

EFAP - Emergency Food Assistance Programs (formerly TEFAP)

EFNEP - Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

EFTA - European Free Trade Association

EI - Erosion Index

EIS - Environmental Impact Statement

ELISA - Enzyme Immunogorbant Assay (test)

EPA - Environmental Protection Agency

EQIP - Environmental Quality Incentives Program

ERS - Economic Research Service (USDA)

ES - Extension Service (USDA)

ESA - Environmentally Sensitive Area

ESA - Endangered Species Act

ETBE - Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether

EU - European Union

EUP - Experimental Use Permit

FAC - Food Aid Convention

FACA - Federal Advisory Committee Act

FACTA - Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990

FAIR Act - Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996

FAO - Food and Agricultural Organization

FAPRI - Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute

Farmer Mac - Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation

FAS - Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA)

FCA - Farm Credit Administration

FCCC - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

FCIC - Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (USDA)

FCSIC - Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation

FCS - Farm Credit System

FDA - Food and Drug Administration (HHS)

FDPIR - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency

FFDCA - Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act

FGIS - Federal Grain Inspection Service (USDA)

FHA - Federal Housing Administration

FIFRA - Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act

FIVIMS - Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping System

FmHA - Farmers Home Administration (USDA)

FMIA - Federal Meat Inspection Act

FMMO - Federal Milk Marketing Order

FMD - Foot-and-Mouth Disease

FMDP - Foreign Market Development Program

FMV - Fair Market Value

FNS - Food and Nutrition Service (USDA)

F.O.B. - Free-On-Board

FOR - Farmer-Owned-Reserve

FQPA - Food Quality Protection Act

FS - Forest Service (USDA)

FSA - Farm Service Agency (USDA)

FSCR - Food Security Commodity Reserve

FSIS - Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA)

FSO - Food Safety Objective

FSU - Former Soviet Union

FTAA - Free Trade Area of the Americas

FWPCA - Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972

FWS - Fish and Wildlife Service (DOI)

FY - Fiscal Year

GAO - General Accounting Office

GAP - Government Accountability Project

GATS - General Agreement of Trade in Services

GATT - General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GDP - Gross Domestic Product

GIPSA - Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (USDA)

GIS - Geographic Information System

GLCI - Grazing Land Conservation Initiative

GLI - Great Lakes Initiative

GMO - Genetically Modified Organism

GMP - Good Manufacturing Practice

GNP - Gross National Product

GPCP - Great Plains Conservation Program

GPS - Global Positioning System

GRAS - Generally Recognized as Safe

GRH - Guaranteed Rural Housing

GRAS - Generally Recognized as Safe

GRIP - Gross Revenue Insurance Plan

GSE - Government Sponsored Enterprise

GSM - General Sales Manager

GSP - Generalized System of Preferences

GTC - Grains Trade Convention

Ha - Hectare - a metric unit of area equal to 2.481 acres.

HACCP - Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point

HAZMAT - Hazardous Materials

HCP - Habitat Conservation Plan

HEL - Highly Erodible Land

HFCS - High-Fructose Corn Syrup

HHS - Department of Health and Human Services

HNI - Human Nutrition Institute

HRW - Hard Red Winter

HSI - Habitat Suitability Index

HTSUS - Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States

HVP - High Value Product

IBNMRR - Interagency Board for Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research

ICM - Integrated Crop Management

IFAD - International Fund for Agricultural Development

IFAO - International Fund for Agricultural Development

INS - Immigration and Naturalization Service

IP - Identity Preserved

IPM - Integrated Pest Management

IRI - International Research Institute

IRM - Integrated Resource Management

ITA - International Trade Administration (DOC)

ITC - International Trade Commission

JAWF - Joint Agricultural Weather Facility

JSA - Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture

LAA - Local Administrative Area

LDC's - Less Developed Countries

LDP - Loan Deficiency Payment

LESA - Land Evaluation and Site Assessment System

LGU - Land Grant University

LIBOR - London Interbank Offered Rate

LIFDC - Low-income Food Deficit Country

LISA - Low-Input Sustainable Agriculture

LOAEL - Lowest-observed-adverse-offset-level

MAI - Multilateral Agreement on Investment

MAP - Market Access Program

MDM - Mechanically Deboned Meat

MERCOSUR - Southern Cone Common Market - includes Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

MFN - Most-Favored-Nation Treatment

MFA - Multifiber Arrangement

mg/L - Milligrams per liter - a measure of concentration.

MLA - Market Loss Assistance Payments

MLRA - Major Land Resource Area

MOU - Memorandum of Understanding

MPP - Market Promotion Program

MRA - Mutual Recognition Agreement

mt - Metric Ton - a unit of mass equal to 1,000 kilograms or 2,204.62 pounds.

MTD - Maximum Tolerated Dose

MTN - Multilateral Trade Negotiations

M-W Price - Minnesota-Wisconsin Price

NAA - National Aquaculture Act of 1980

NAAQS - National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NACMCF - National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria For Foods

NAD - National Appeals Division

NADA - New Animal Drug Applications

NAFTA - North American Free Trade Agreement - covers the United States, Canada, and Mexico

NAHMS - National Animal Health Monitoring System

NAICS - North American Industry Classification

NAL - National Agricultural Library (USDA)

NAP - Noninsured Assistance Program

NAS - National Academy of Sciences

NASS - National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA)

NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act

NFIP - National Flood Insurance Program

NGO - Non-governmental Organization

NIS - Newly Independent States

NNMRRP - National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Program

NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (DOC)

NPDES - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

NPL - National Priorities List

NPS - Nonpoint Source Pollution

NRCS - National Resources Conservation Service (USDA)

NRI - National Research Initiative

NSLP - National School Lunch Program

NTR - Normal Trade Relations

NWS - National Weather Service

OBPA - Office of Budget and Program Analysis

OCE - Office of the Chief Economist (USDA)

ODS - Ozone Depleting Substance

OECD - Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OGC - Office of General Counsel

OIE - International Office of Epizootics

OIG - Office of Inspector General

OL - Farm Operating Loan

OMB - Office of Management and Budget

OME - Office of Migrant Education

OPP - Office of Pesticide Programs (EPA)

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration (DOL)

OTA - Office of Technology Assessment

PACA - Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act

PBIS - Performance Based Inspection System

PC - Prior Converted Wetland

PCA - Production Credit Association

PCIMS - Processed Commodity Inventory Management System, USDA Tri-Agency computer system

PCP - Posted County Price

PDP - Pesticide Data Program

PFC - Production Flexibility Contract

PIK - Payment-in-Kind

PILT - Payments in Lieu of Taxes

PIN - Pesticide Information Network

P.L. - Public Law

PM - Particulate Matter

POTW - Publicly Owned Treatment Works

PPIA - Poultry Products Inspection Act

PRP - Pesticide Recordkeeping Program

PRV - Pseudorabies

PSE - Producer Subsidy Equivalent

PST - Porcine Somatotropin

PVO - Private Voluntary Organization

QA - Quality Assistance

QTV - Qualified Through Verification

RCBS - Rural Cooperative and Business Development Service (USDA)

RCD - Resource Conservation District

RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

RCWP - Rural Clean Water Program

RD - Rural Development

RDA - Recommended Dietary Allowance

REC - Rural Electric Cooperative

REE - Research, education and economics - a mission area within USDA

RHCDS - Rural Housing and Community Development Service (USDA)

RMA - Risk Management Agency (USDA)

RMC - Resource Management Plan

RTB - Rural Telephone Bank

RUS - Rural Utilities Service (USDA)

RUSCE - Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation

SAB - Science Advisory Board (EPA)

SAC - Suspended and Cancelled Pesticides

SAES - State Agricultural Experiment Stations

SARE - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program

SBA - Small Business Administration

SBP - School Breakfast Program

SC - State Conservationist

SCS - Soil Conservation Service

SDWA - Safe Drinking Water Act

SE - Salmonella Enteritidis

SFHA - Special Flood Hazard Area

SFFP - Summer Food Service Program

SIC - Standard Industrial Classification

SIP - State Implementation Plan

SOAP - Sunflower Oil Assistance Program

SOC - Senior Oversight Committee

SOP - Standard Operating Procedure

SPS - Sanitary and Phytosanitary

SRF - State Revolving Fund

STE - State Trading Enterprise

S/U - Stocks-to-Use Ratio

TA - Technical Assistance

TBTs - Technical Barriers to Trade

TDS - Total Dissolved Solids

TEA - Targeted Export Assistance Program

TEFAP - The Emergency Food Assistance Program

TFP - Thrifty Food Plan

TGA - Taylor Grazing Act of 1934

TMAL - Total Maximum Annual Load

TMDL - Total Maximum Daily Load

TPRG - Trade Policy Review Group

TRI - Toxic Release Inventory

TRIPs - Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

TRQ - Tariff Rate Quota

TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act

TVA - Tennessee Valley Authority

UIC - Underground Injection Control

UMR - Usual Market Requirements

UN - United Nations

UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

URAA - Uruguay Round Agreement on Trade

USAID - U.S. Agency for International Development

U.S.C. - United States Code

USDA - United States Department of Agriculture

USGS - United States Geological Survey (DOI)

USITC - United States International Trade Commission

UST - Underground Storage Tank

USTR - United States Trade Representative

UV - Ultraviolet

VAT - Value-added Tax

VER - Voluntary Export Restraint Agreement

VFO - Veterinary Food Directive

VISTA - Volunteers In Service To America

VOC - Volatile Organic Compounds

WAOB - World Agricultural Outlook Board

WASDE - World Supply and Demand Estimates

WBP - Water Bank Program

WFPO - Watershed and Prevention Operations

WHO - World Health Organization

WIC - Women, Infants and Children

WPA - Waterfowl Production Areas

WQIP - Water Quality Incentives Program

WRP - Wetlands Reserve Program

WS - Wildlife Service

WTO - World Trade Organization