



## **USDA-CSREES 2006 National Water Quality Conference**

### [Drinking Water Issues in the New England Region](#)

Drinking water issues are very important to New Englanders. There is a growing need to develop and deliver educational drinking water programming that is both effective and efficient at meeting public needs. Before programming can be formulated, drinking water attitudes, aptitude, and actions of residents need to be determined to establish a baseline. To determine this baseline, a 53-question public opinion survey was developed and conducted in May 2005 to assess water quality attitudes in New England. This survey was modified from similar surveys conducted in the Pacific Northwest, the Rocky Mountain, and the Southwestern Regional Water Quality Programs. The New England Regional survey was mailed to 2,300 residents in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Over 1,000 residents completed the survey, which was based on the Dillman method.

This poster will focus specifically on drinking water issues in New England and summarize the important findings of the survey as they relate to drinking water attitudes and actions.

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