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[The New England Water Quality Program: Agricultural Research to Action in Extension](#)

The New England Regional Water Quality Program emerges from the combined research, education, and Extension strengths of New England's six Land Grant Universities and incorporates key partners into a framework for protecting and improving water quality within the region's rural and agricultural watersheds. The heart of the New England Water Program centers around seven Focus Areas that encompass and tailor the national themes to the collective strengths and emerging issues occurring within New England's Land Grant University research, education, and Extension programs. The New England Water Program has two Focus Areas that address agricultural water quality protection issues. These Focus Areas are: 1. Agricultural Nutrient and Pest Management 2. Animal Waste Management Each focus area contains a variety of research, education, and Extension activities covering a range of relevant topics that capture and leverage expertise and other sources of support throughout the region. These activities involve participation and collaboration with a variety of partners and stakeholders including farmers and landowners, state and federal agencies, the private sector, non-profit organizations and other local groups. Emerging research is integrated within education and Extension Programs, tools and curricula and applied based on the needs of partners and stakeholders at both the local and regional scale to address the water quality challenges of rural New England. We continue to test, refine and disseminate new resources and approaches that build upon current successes and address identified gaps and needs. Our poster will highlight the regional coordination, research, programs and impacts from the New England Water Program's Agricultural Focus Areas.

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