



Cooperative Extension Climate Convening Pre-reading materials

How can we mobilize the U.S. Cooperative Extension system to quickly and effectively contribute to climate change solutions? Having a workforce of 32,000 professionals and a presence in almost every county, borough, and parish in the country, Extension is uniquely positioned to make a real contribution to climate mitigation and adaptation at the county, state and national level. Please come prepared to discuss big ideas, be ready to share the opportunities that you think should be pursued, examples of Extension programs that are working well and should be replicated on a national level, and your thoughts on new partnership needs.

The documents below will serve as guides or provide examples for us as we chart the course of Extension's climate work for the next 1, 3, and 5 years. For your convenience, each document has page numbers listed for suggested reading. Please become familiar with suggested key sections ahead of the convening.

1. [Climate Change Roadmap](#), Colorado State University
 - a. Pg 5 *Executive summary*
 - b. Pg. 19-39 *Cross-Cutting Themes & Exemplar Climate Change Insights*
 - c. Pg. 40 *Summary & Conclusion*
2. [USDA Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026](#)
 - a. Pp. 7-12 Strategic Goal 1 - *Combat Climate Change to Support America's Working Lands, Natural Resources, and Communities*
3. [USDA Science and Research Strategy 2023 - 2026](#)
 - a. Pp. 23-28 *Priority 2: Driving Climate-Smart Solutions*
4. [NIFA 2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#)
 - a. Pg. 7 Strategic Objective 1
 - b. Other strategic objectives are cross-cutting and we recommend becoming familiar with them

5. [5th National Climate Assessment](#)
 - a. [Overview](#)
 - b. [National Topics](#) - Pick 2-3
 - c. [Regions](#) - Review your regional chapter
 - d. [Responses](#) (Adaptation and Mitigation)
6. Project Drawdown Solutions <https://drawdown.org/solutions-overview>
7. [National Academies - Accelerating Decarbonization in the United States](#)
 - a. Executive Summary
 - b. Other chapters of your choice, such as Energy and Equity, Land Use, Public Engagement

Optional readings:

- [National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers Program Vision \(FY 2023-2028\)](#)
- Indigenous report - [loway Climate Resilience](#)
Chapter 1. Executive Summary
pg. 40 Cross Cutting Strategies
- Climate Adapt - European Climate Risk Assessment
[Adaptation in EU policy sectors](#)
- [EPA Climate Adaptation Plan](#)
- NOAA [Strategic Plan](#) and [Executive Summary](#)