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Regional Executive Directors and Administrators (EDAs) from the six regions (North Central, Northeast, South, West, 1890 region, 1994 Region), and a National Tribal Consortium work with and for the directors of the Extension Service and research in designated regions, and institutional leadership (see images). These associations reflect the three types of Land-grant Institutions (LGUs) commonly referred to as 1862 (four regions), 1890 (one region) and 1994 Region (one region) referencing when federal legislation was enacted. EDAs are employees of the regional/national associations with regional (primary) and national (secondary) responsibilities. In general, their roles are communication, facilitation, promotion, and collaboration within and across states in their region and across regions, support and leadership to various regional and national committees and groups, multistate research projects (managed by 1862 research associations), team building, and creating leadership opportunities to their member institutions. Any EDA can serve as a trusted resource and as a mechanism to engage with states and Tribes on mutual interest initiatives and topics to NIFA leadership and staff.

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