FIVE STATE "FLOOD" PROJECT

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Overview

- Background 2011 storms
- Disaster management process and CES
- Promising practices
- Issues and barriers
- Wrap up points to ponder





Background - The Perfect Storm

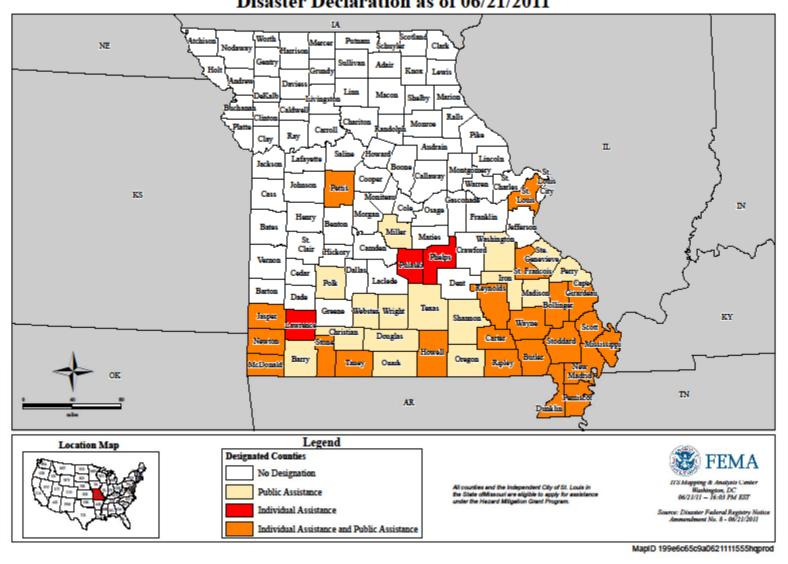
- Spring storms 2011
- Impacts in lower Missouri and Mississippi river states (MO, AR, TN, KY, LA)
- Extension Disaster Education Network
- Five state effort







FEMA-1980-DR, Missouri Disaster Declaration as of 06/21/2011



Bird's Point, MO, Post flooding, May 2011



1-mile wide EF-5 tornado approaching Joplin, MO

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Satellite view of Joplin tornado



Joplin, MO Tornado Statistics

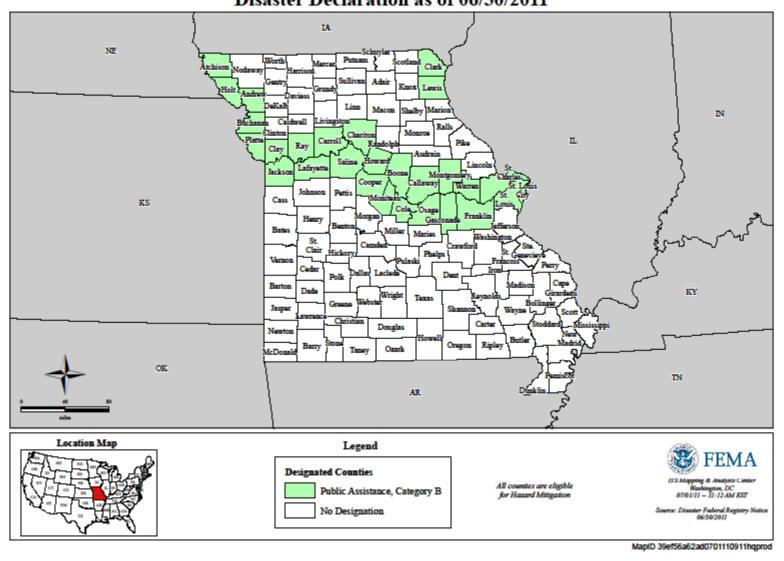
- 161 dead
- All people accounted for
- 8,000+ structures destroyed or damaged
 - 6,953 homes destroyed, 4,006 insured (57%)
 - 30% of retail businesses destroyed
 - 114 people living in unsafe homes
- 18,000 vehicles destroyed
- 5 schools destroyed (\$150 million rebuild cost)
- \$1 billion to \$3 billion in damages
- Twice the debris removal as 9/11 World Trade Center
 - 4.1 million cubic yards

7-story St. John's Medical Center has to be torn down. EF-5 tornado shifted it 4 inches on its foundation.





FEMA-3325-EM, Missouri Disaster Declaration as of 06/30/2011





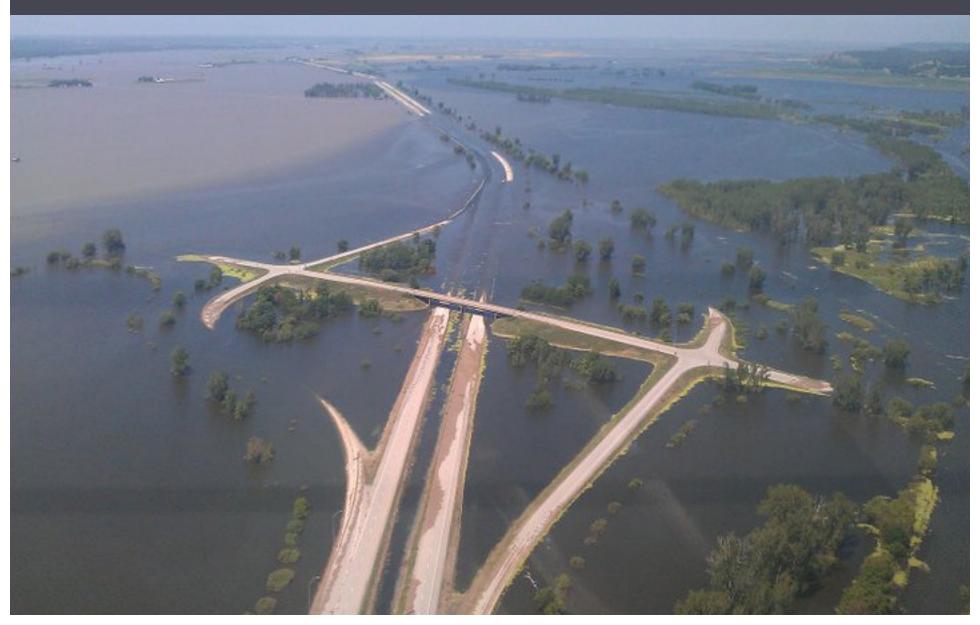
The Missouri River Satellite view of the June 2011 flood

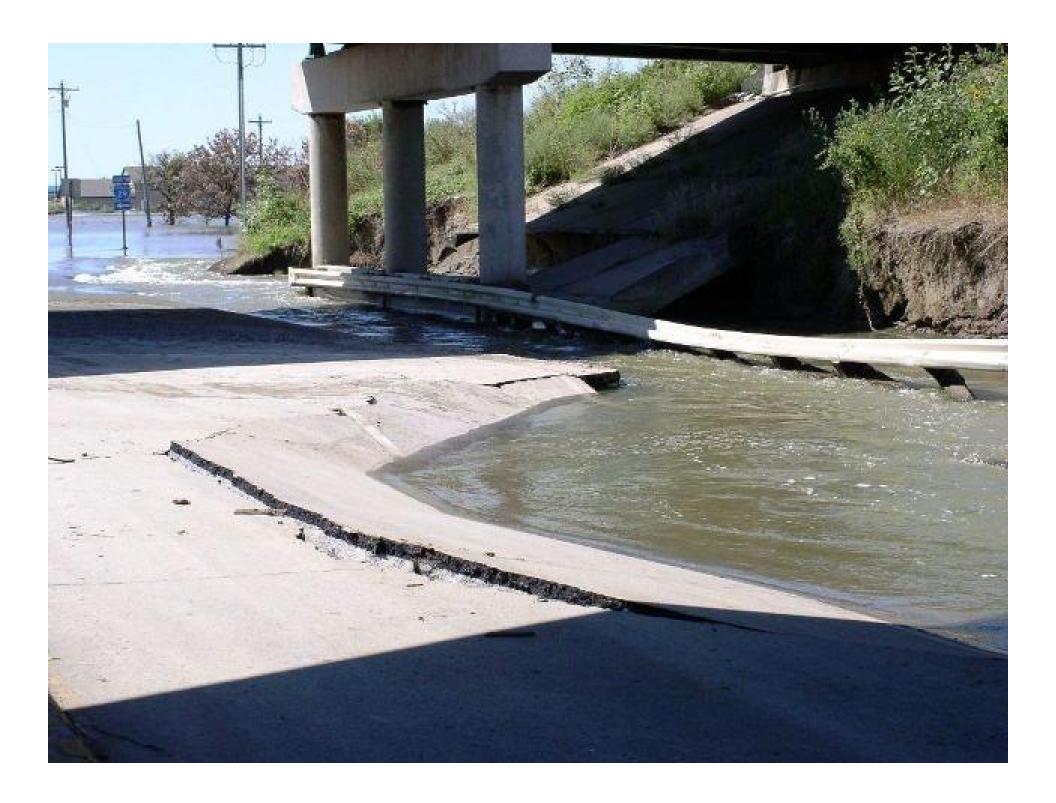
The Missouri River close-up during the Flood

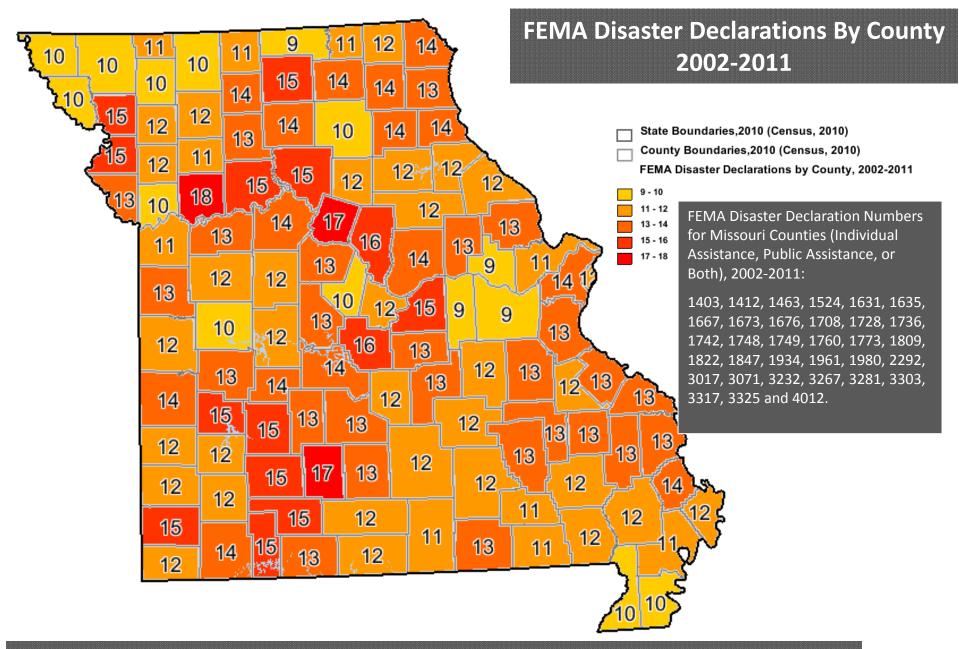
In Holt County, MO
The River was bluff
To bluff, 15 miles
wide in places.



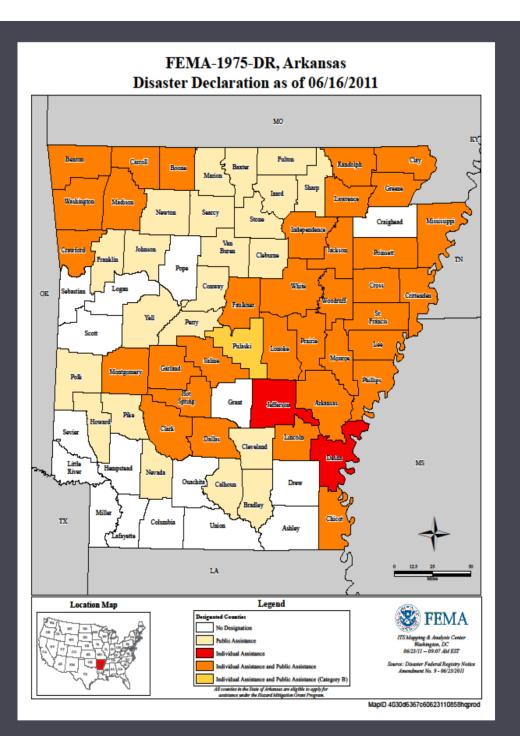
Hamburg, IA, interchange on I-29

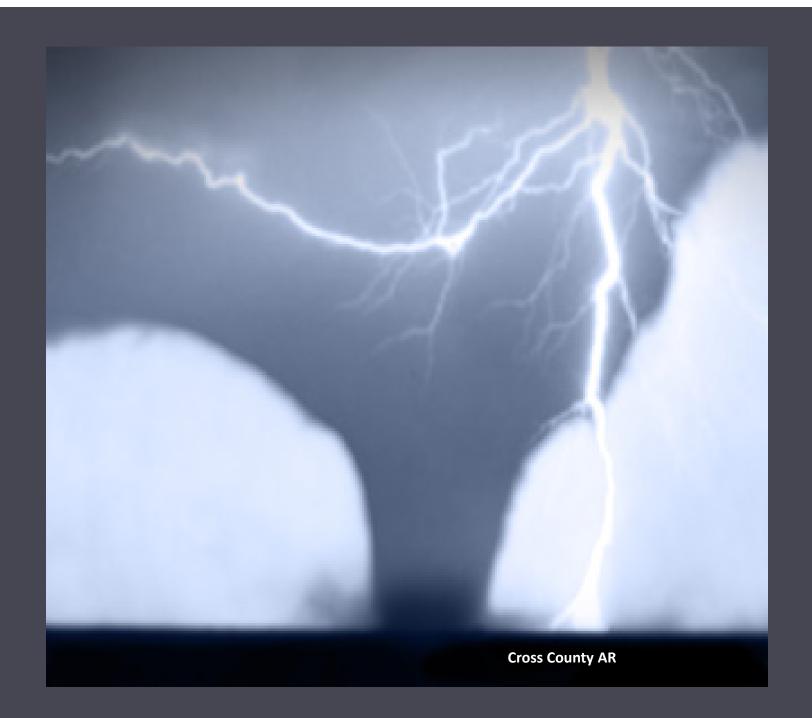






Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Disaster Declarations, 2002 – 2011. Map Generated On: 15 Feb 2012

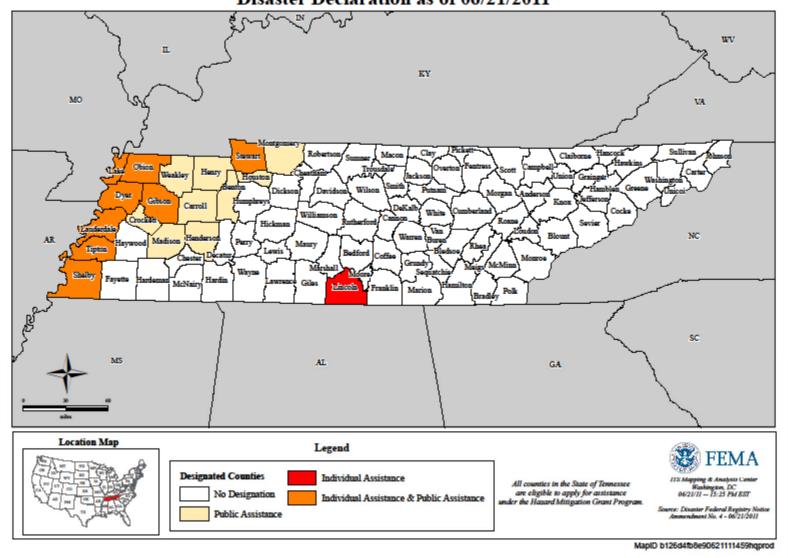






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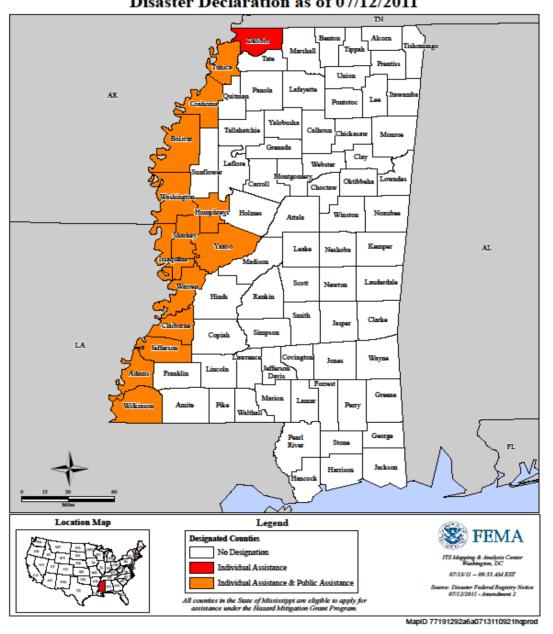
FEMA-1979-DR, Tennessee Disaster Declaration as of 06/21/2011





West Memphis AR

FEMA-1983-DR, Mississippi Disaster Declaration as of 07/12/2011



FEMA-4015-DR, Louisiana Disaster Declaration as of 08/18/2011 AR De Soto MS TX Calcasion Location Map Designated Counties All parishes in the State of Louisiana are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program No Designation Washington, DC 09/08/11 -- 14:25 PM EST Public Assistance MapID cbd8ff864ba0908111418hqprod



New Orleans, LA

Discussion:

- Craig Fugate, Administrator of FEMA tells us that "All disasters begin and end locally"
- What does he mean by this?





Homes at
Big Lake Village
were flooded and
many that were
mitigated from
previous floods
took on water.



Mitigation & Prevention
Recovery
Recovery
Response
Response







Before



After

Discussion: Why CES?

- Is your state involved in disaster efforts?
- If so, why? How?
- If so, is there anything in writing that describes your involvement?





Cooperative Extension Service

- We are educators.
- We provide research based information.
- We can facilitate and organize collaborative efforts at regional and local levels.
- We work in communities.





Assisting survivors at the MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center)

INIVERSITY OF MISSOURI



MU Extension information table at the MARC soon after the disaster

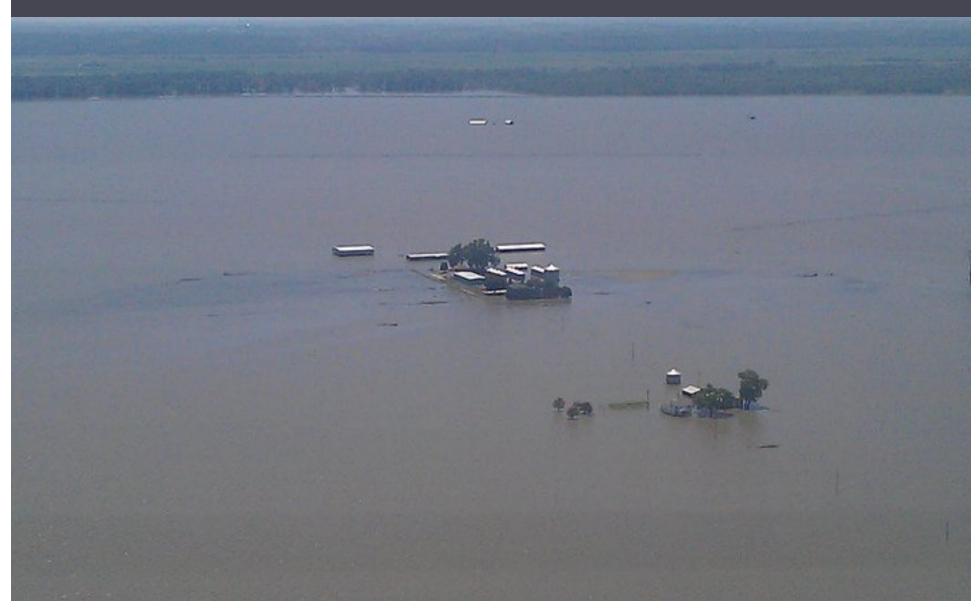
Five State Effort

- LSU AgCenter lead in organizing efforts to apply for NIFA Special Needs Grants for Flood Recovery
- Each state applied separately but we coordinated efforts
- All 5 states funded
- Monthly conference calls





Atchison County Farmstead



10 Promising Practices

- EDEN Reporting System
- Communications and distribution of educational materials
- Innovative use of social media
- Internal Operations
- Triumph Over Tragedy





10 Promising Practices

- Flood maps
- Ag/structural damage assessments
- Long term recovery committee formation and support (vs. unmet needs committees, COADs)
- Educational workshops
- Key partnerships



1 - Extension Disaster Education Network

www.eden.lsu.edu

- Collaborative multi-state effort to improve delivery of services
- Reduce impacts of disasters through education
- Supported by NIFA







Reducing the Impact of Disasters Through Education

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March Committee (1971)	

State Information



News and Features:

Changes that May Boost Spread of H5N1 in Humans A research report published in Nature outlines the changes t...(more) BSE Confirmed: Fourth Case Since 2003

Today's confirmation of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BS...(more) 2012 Severe Weather Awareness Week

National Severe Weather Preparedness Week is April 22 to Apr...(more)

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Floods and Flooding

Food Safety and Defense

In the Resource Catalog

IPM and Related Information for Field Crops

Charting Your Course to Home Ownership

Ag Damage Assessment and Economic Loss

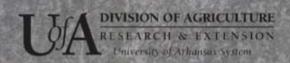
Recovery After Disaster: The Family Financial Toolkit

Preparing for a Water Emergency



Search the Catalon

- 2 Communications and distribution of educational materials
- Use of central source in each state to determine key items to distribute
- Local resources directory
- Local distribution
- Local disaster recovery centers
- Using EDEN to locate resources









Safe rooms proved to be lifesavers



- 3 Innovative Use of Technology
- Using Social Media:
 - Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to connect with residents
- Using university and extension communications departments





Innovative Use of Technology

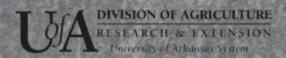
- Development of apps for tablets and smart phones
- Blogging





4 - Internal Operations

- Keeping on top of faculty/staff workload
- Using faculty/staff outside immediately affected area
- Missouri: Take Care Team
- Using Communicator, Skype, etc. for impromptu meetings
- Hotwashes/debriefs/After action reviews





5 - Triumph Over Tragedy







6 - Mapping

- LSU's flood map www.lsuagcenter.com
- Missouri: Recovery resource mapping for FEMA
- Missouri: Using mapping and GIS overlay for disaster preparedness





One Huge Scour Hole in Holt County



7 - Ag & Structural Damage Assessments

- Arkansas: County agents and UA ag economists worked with local officials and USDA to assess
- Missouri:
 - FAPRI ag economic impact report & workshops
 - Structural assessments—Joplin





- 8 Long Term Recovery Committee Formation and Support
- Long-term recovery committee formation and support (vs. unmet needs committees, COADs)





9 - Workshops Across 5 States

- Housing
- Family finance
- Social services and farm resources
- Recovering flooded soils
- Business redevelopment (used materials from Alabama) and consultation
- All hazards preparedness





10 - Key Partnerships

- "When you are standing at the disaster is not the time to pass out your business cards."
 - Where to start: engage with local LEPC
 - ReadyCommunities Curriculum
- Opportunity for new partners
- Discussion: What partners do you have? Are you prepared with existing relationships?





Cooperative Extension Service

- Most states, CES is involved in mitigation and prevention, preparation and recovery.
- Faculty and staff depth of engagement and roles vary.
- What is the depth of role in your state? What does Extension do?





Other Promising Practices

Discussion:

What have you learned in your emergency preparedness and disaster recovery work, especially with large scale and multi-state disasters?





Multi-State Issues and Barriers

- Leadership plan and follow through for continuity and communications between states
- Changes with state: organization and resources
- Workload in actual recovery process





Multi-State Issues and Barriers

Discussion:

What are possible strategies for improving future multistate collaborations in disaster response efforts?





Multi-State Work

Bottom line: we gained more by working together imperfectly than we would have by working alone.



