

ARS Mission

The Agricultural Research Service conducts research to develop and transfer solutions to agricultural problems of high national priority and provides information access and dissemination to:

- ensure high-quality, safe food and other agricultural products,
- assess the nutritional needs of Americans,
- sustain a competitive agricultural economy,
- enhance the natural resource base and the environment, and provide economic opportunities for rural citizens, communities, and society as a whole.

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Agricultural Research Service

ARS maintains strong stakeholder relationships at the local, regional, and national levels, ensuring the relevance of its research and adoption of its results. ARS offers a broad cadre of over 2,000 scientists working on research in crop and animal production and protection, nutrition, food safety and quality, sustainable agricultural systems and natural resources in about 100 locations in diverse locations across the nation (<http://www.ars.usda.gov/research/programs.htm>).

ARS scientists are nationally recognized for the quality of their work and include 6 members of the National Academy of Scientists. Transferring the results of ARS research is part of the agency's mission and is exemplified by Science in Your Shopping Cart (<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/shopcart/shopcartintro.html>).

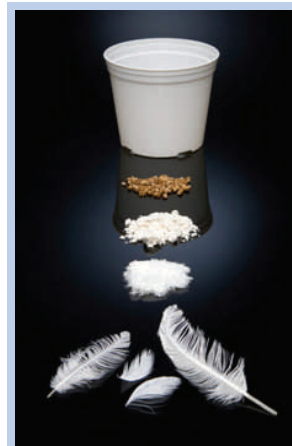
We are actively seeking partners that can benefit from ARS' research capacity and have interest in the topics of ARS research. The office can then broker that interest to the appropriate leadership and scientists within ARS and ensure that any resulting partnerships operate smoothly.

NEW CREATION: ATIP

ARS established the **Agricultural Technology Innovation Partnership** (ATIP) program to further enhance likelihood that research outcomes would be adopted by the private sector for commercialization. ATIP is comprised of 8 economic development "Partners", each serving as a portal anchored to an ARS Area. ATIP was established to strategically form geographic partnerships with well-established economic development entities that excel in providing the complementary assets that ARS cannot.

CRADAS

A Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) is appropriate for a commercial firm seeking to further develop and commercialize an ARS invention, merge ARS technology with its own technology. CRADAS provide the cooperator the right to negotiate an exclusive license to inventions made under the agreement, providing confidentiality for information generated under the agreement. For information on benefits and initiating of CRADAs, please visit www.ars.usda.gov/Business/Business.htm.



TYPES OF AGREEMENTS

For information on different types of agreements, please visit www.ars.usda.gov/Business/Business.htm.



TECHNOLOGY LICENSING PROGRAM

The Office of Technology Transfer and Partnerships, administers the U.S. Department of Agriculture's technology licensing program. This program grants licenses to qualified businesses and individuals who wish to commercialize ARS technologies.

INVENTION LICENSE & PROVISIONS

For information on how to apply for an Invention License and information on License Provisions, please visit www.ars.usda.gov/Business/Business.htm.

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