

Crop Germplasm Committee Chairs Webinar

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The National Plant Germplasm System: 2016 Status, Prospects, and Challenges

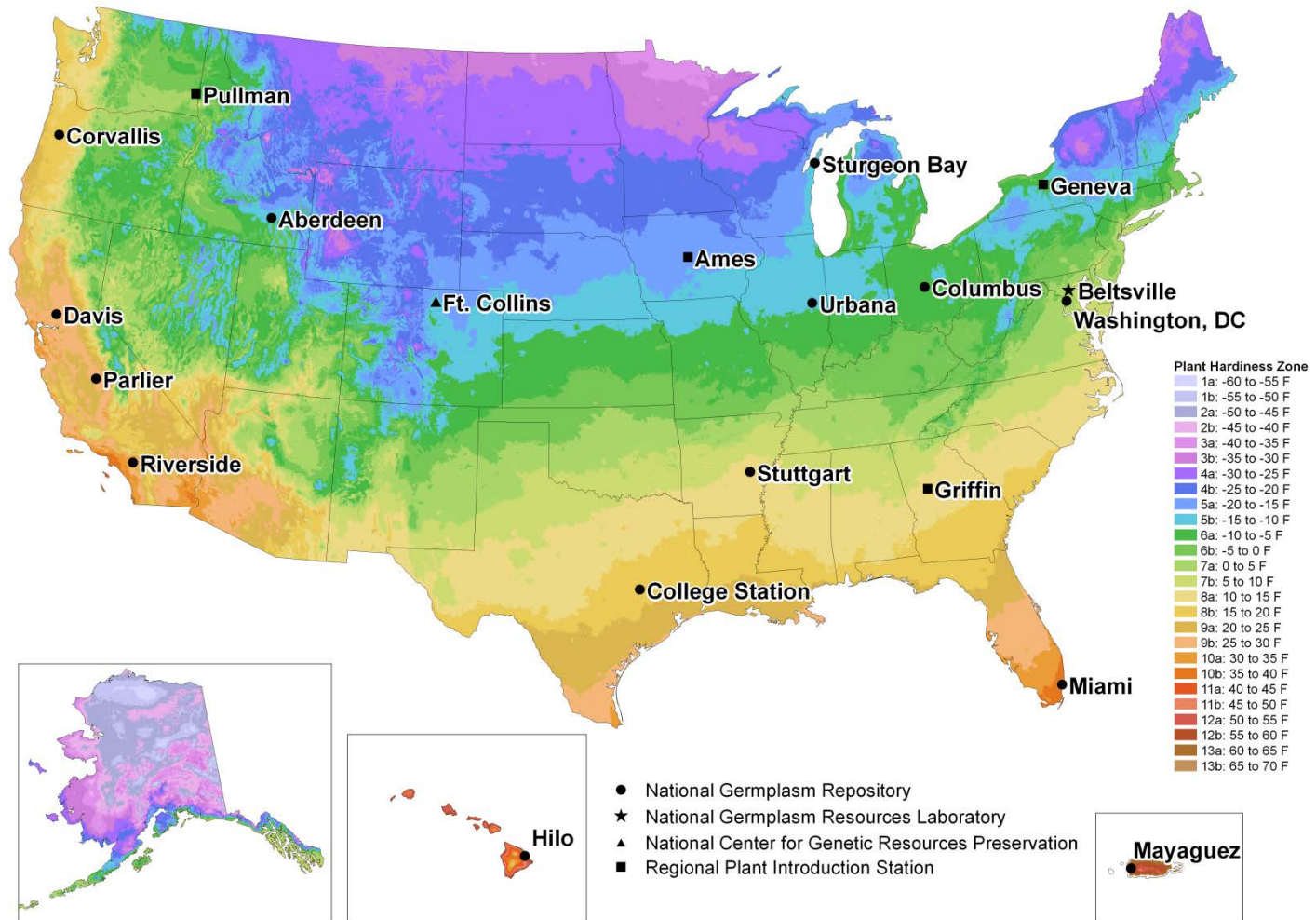
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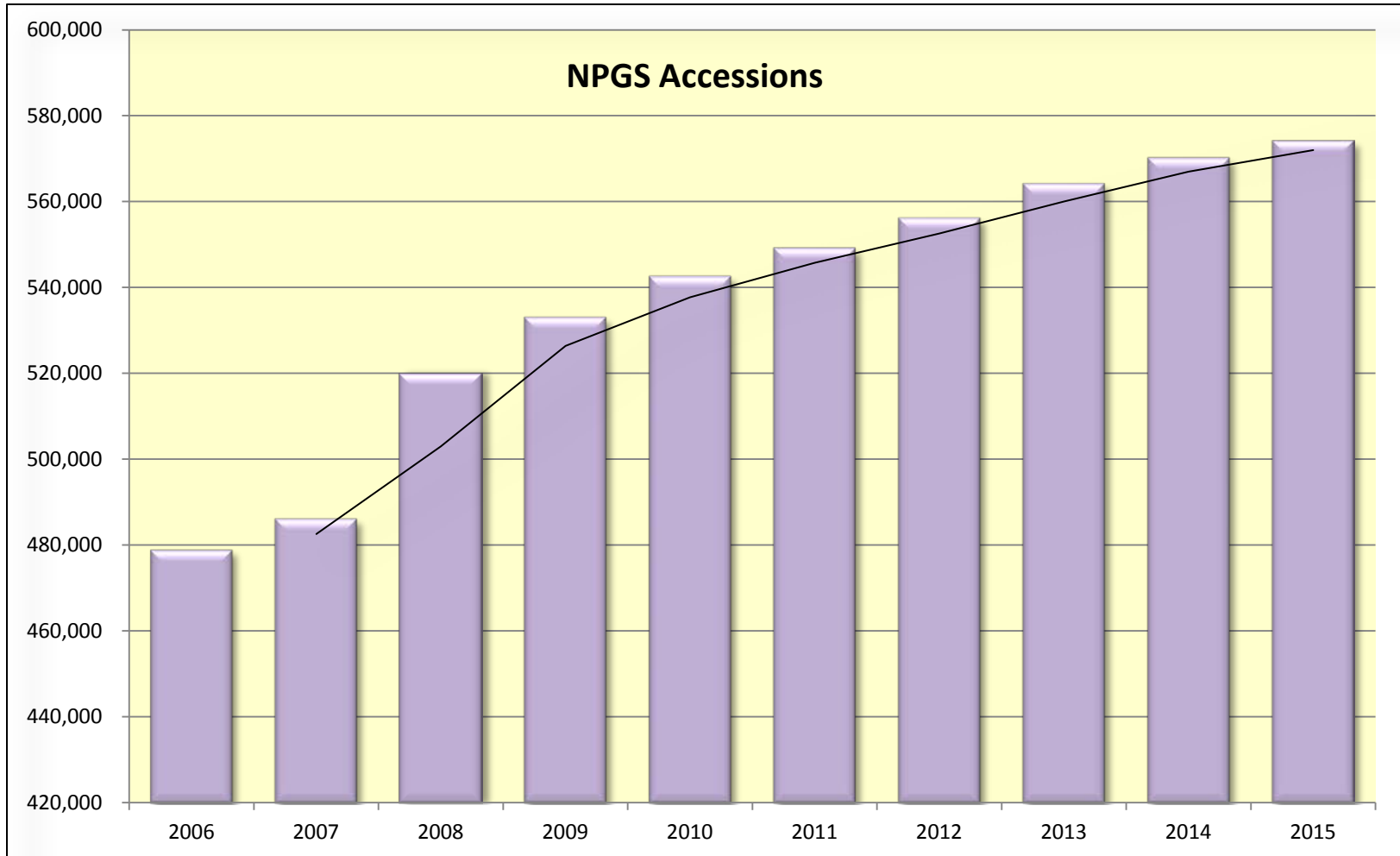
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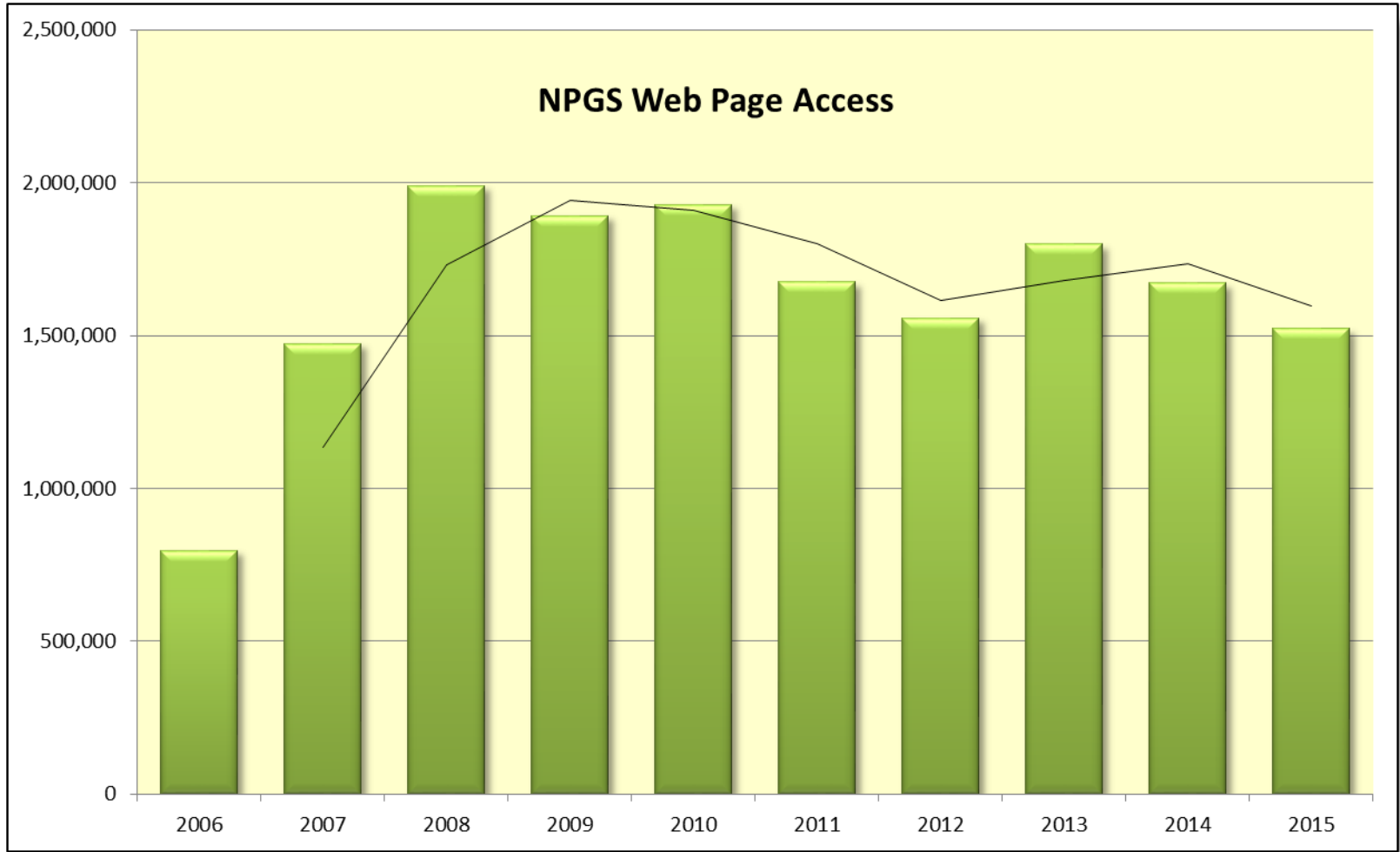
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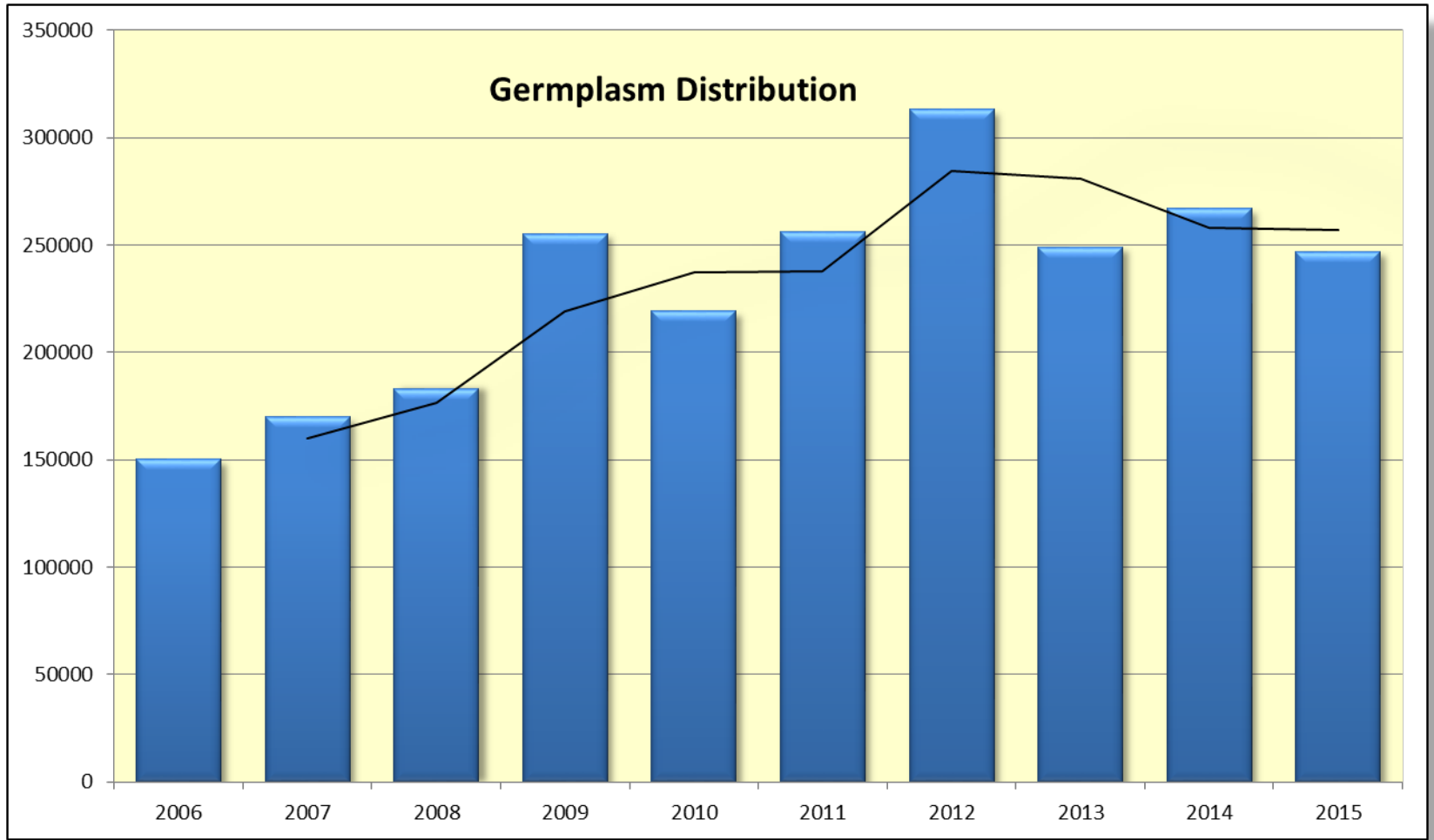
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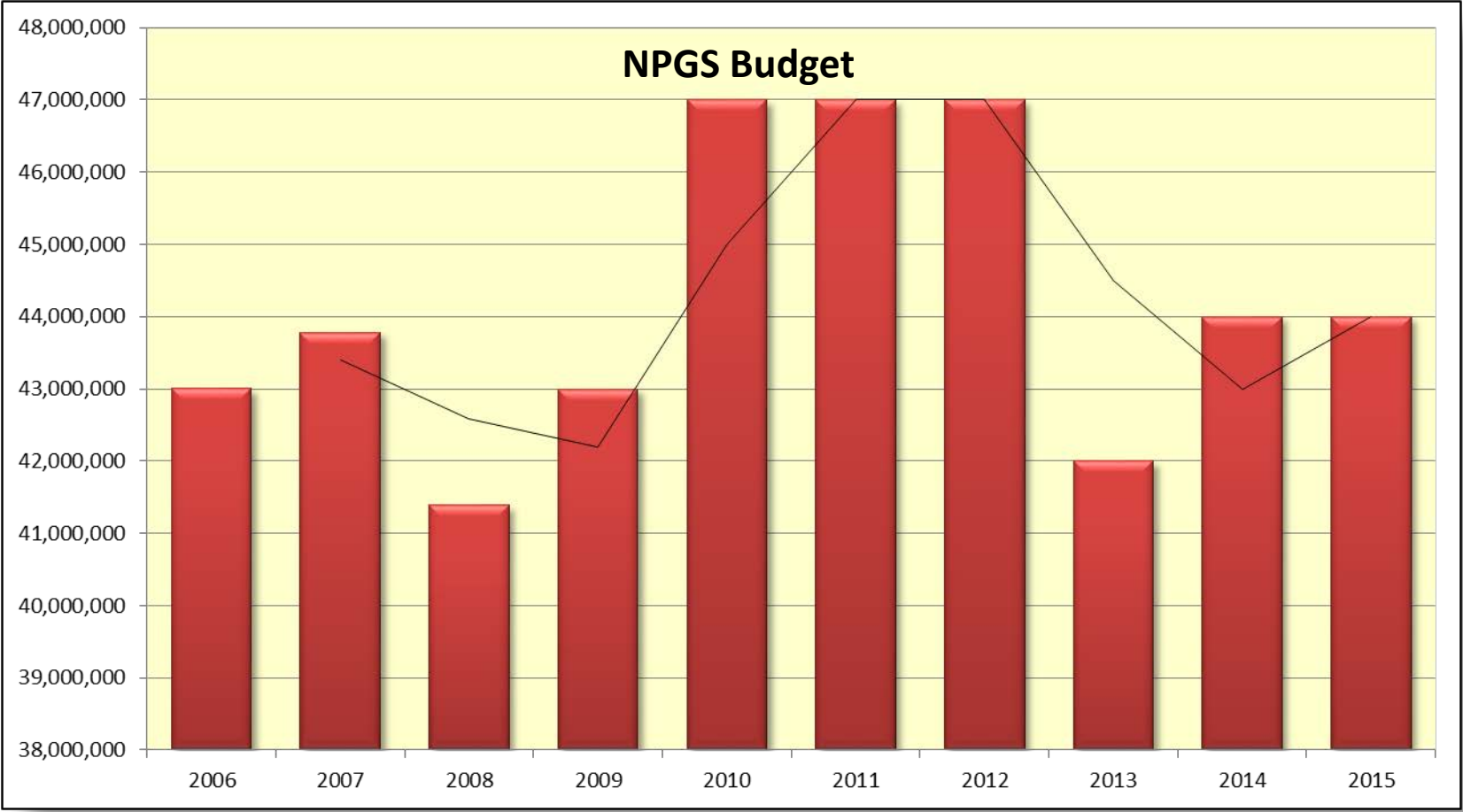
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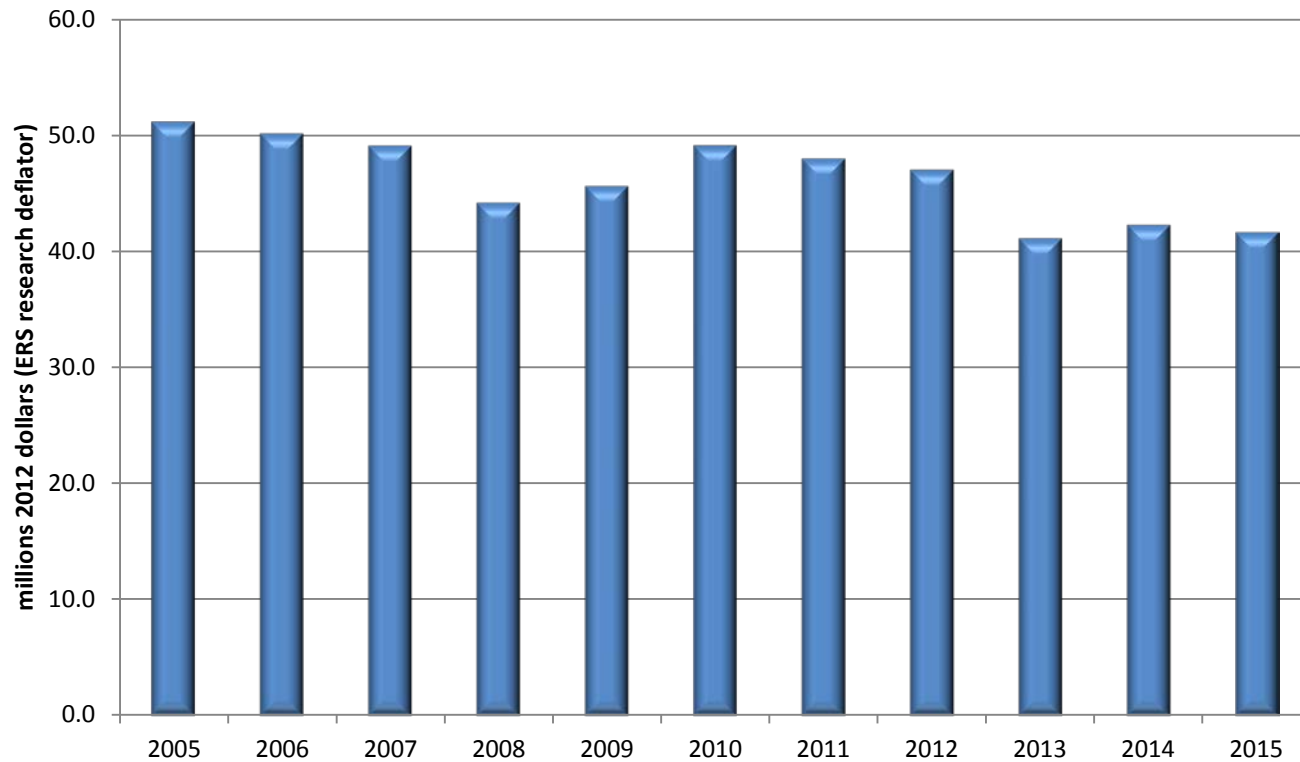
DEMAND FOR NPGS GERMPLASM 2006-2015



ARS NATIONAL PLANT GERMPLASM SYSTEM BUDGET 2006-2015



Real ARS National Plant Germplasm System Budget, 2005-2015, converted to 2012 dollars with ERS research deflator



Note: Deflator for 2015 is preliminary

Some key challenges that stretch the NPGS's resources

- **Managing and expanding the NPGS operational capacity and infrastructure to meet the increased demand for germplasm and associated information**
- **Recent and upcoming NPGS personnel retirements**
- **Fulfilling the demand for additional germplasm characterizations/evaluations**
- **Acquiring and conserving germplasm of crop wild relatives**
- **BMPs and procedures for managing accessions (and breeding stocks) with GE traits and the occurrence of adventitious presence (AP)**

A key priority: Crop Vulnerability Statements (CVS)

Assessing crop genetic vulnerability and setting NPGS priorities accordingly.

- **Template for constructing crop vulnerability statements**
- **Some CGC have published, or plan to publish, their CVS— e.g., Volk et al. 2014 The vulnerability of US apple (Malus) genetic resources. Genet. Resour. Crop Evol.**
- **But, CVS need not be that formal; Web-style content is fine.**
- **More important, update the CVS frequently; perhaps devote the beginning of CGC meetings to briefly reviewing and updating the CVS.**
- **The National Genetic Resources Advisory Council (NGRAC) will ask CGCs with outdated CVS to provide information they need for crop vulnerability assessments.**

Genetic Resource Management Priorities

- **Acquisition**
- **Maintenance**
- **Regeneration**
- **Documentation and Data Management**
- **Distribution**
- **Characterization**
- **Evaluation**
- **Enhancement**
- **Research in support of the preceding priorities**

Personnel Changes

- Farewell and best wishes to Barbara Reed (NCGR-Corvallis), RC Johnson (WRPIS-Pullman) and Dan Barney (NCRPIS-Ames) for their retirements.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Richard Olsen, formerly lead scientist for the USNA-Washington, DC genebank project, on becoming the new Director, USNA.
- Best wishes to Brian Irish who moved from TARS-Mayagüez to WRPIS-Pullman/Prosser to be the new alfalfa and clover curator.
- Welcome and best wishes to Shyam Tallury, new peanut curator at SRPIS-Griffin; Claire Heinitz, new curator at NALPGR–Parlier; and Mary Lou Polek, the new RL for the NCGR-Riverside.

Background for FAO International Treaty (IT) on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

The IT, a legally-binding Treaty under the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), has these objectives:

- the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA (Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture) and**
- the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of their use, in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity, for sustainable agriculture and food security.**

Background for the IT

- **130+ nations are Parties. The U. S. (Pres. G. W. Bush) signed in 2002; the U. S. Senate passed a Resolution of Ratification (advice and consent) on 28 September 2016.**
- **The U. S. will become an IT Party 90 days after deposit of its instrument of ratification at FAO in Rome—sometime during the next few months.**

Background for the IT

Nations have sovereign rights over “their” PGRFA and in exercise of those rights Parties agree to:

- **Establish a MultiLateral System (MLS) for facilitated access to and benefit-sharing of certain PGRFA for conservation and utilization for research, breeding, and training. These improve food security.**
- **Establish provisions for PGRFA in International Agricultural Research Centers (IARCs, e.g., CIMMYT, IRRI).**

Background for the IT

The IT covers all PGRFA. But the MLS includes:

- PGRFA of 64 food and feed crops key to food security; more crops may be included in the future. See <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i0510e.pdf> for the list in Annex 1: includes maize, sorghum—not soybean.
- Under the management and control of national governments (e.g., US National Plant Germplasm System), in the public domain; or held by IARCs; or
- Made available voluntarily by private entities.

Background for the IT

Germplasm access and exchange under the MLS are via the SMTA, which includes conditions for end use (excludes non-food and non-feed), conservation, and benefit-sharing upon commercialization. See <http://www.fao.org/3/a-bc083e.pdf> for the SMTA text.

Effects of the US becoming an IT Party

The NPGS will need to undertake certain tasks, including reporting, information-sharing and curation, but it is already fulfilling nearly all of those. No new legislation is needed. Non-governmental US public and private-sector PGRFA owners and users would incur no obligations.

Effects of the US becoming an IT Party

As a Party, the US government can more effectively represent US germplasm users at the IT's Governing Body, advance US priorities and interests, and strive to improve some aspects of the IT and the SMTA.

Effects of the US becoming an IT Party

- **US PGRFA users, both public and private-sector, will have guaranteed access to PGRFA from other Parties and IARCs.**
- **Access will be granted according to the standardized terms of the SMTA; no additional negotiations needed.**

Effects of the US becoming an IT Party

- **US government will provide access to Annex 1 NPGS PGRFA to non-US users accompanied by the SMTA.**
- **Terms of access to NPGS PGRFA acquired without an SMTA would not change for US users.**
- **Does not affect use of PGRFA acquired pre-IT, nor domestic US PGRFA exchange.**

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Plant and Animal Genetic Resources

Preservation Unit

Securing and managing safety duplication collections of the National Plant Germplasm System and other agencies through diligent stewardship, research and communication

(Harvey Blackburn, Acting RL; Stephanie Greene, Seed Curator; Maria Jenderek, Clonal Curator)

Plant Germplasm Preservation Research Unit

Developing state-of-art tools to improve gene bank capacity and efficiency

(Christina Walters , RL; Gayle Volk, Research Plant Physiologist; Chris Richards, Research Geneticist)

Worlds largest collection of germplasm under one roof



Seed Storage at NLGRP

Cryogenic Storage (-196 °C)

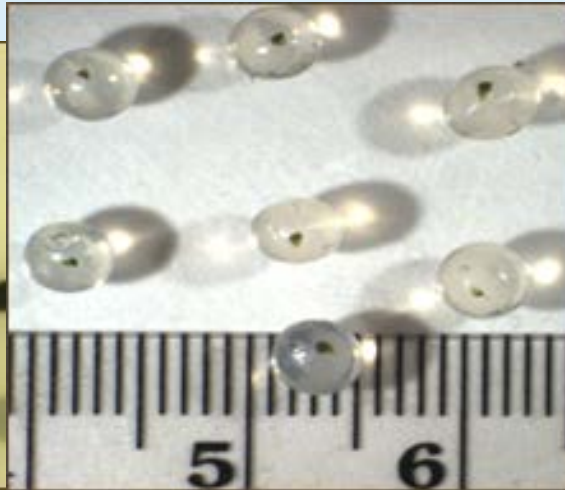
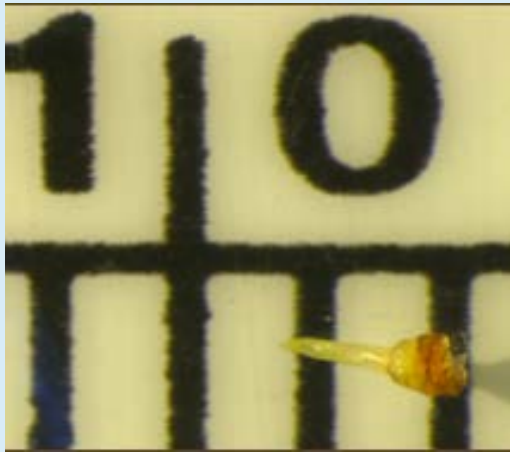


Conventional Cold Storage (-18°C)



Cryopreservation of clonal collections

Dormant Buds



Shoot meristems

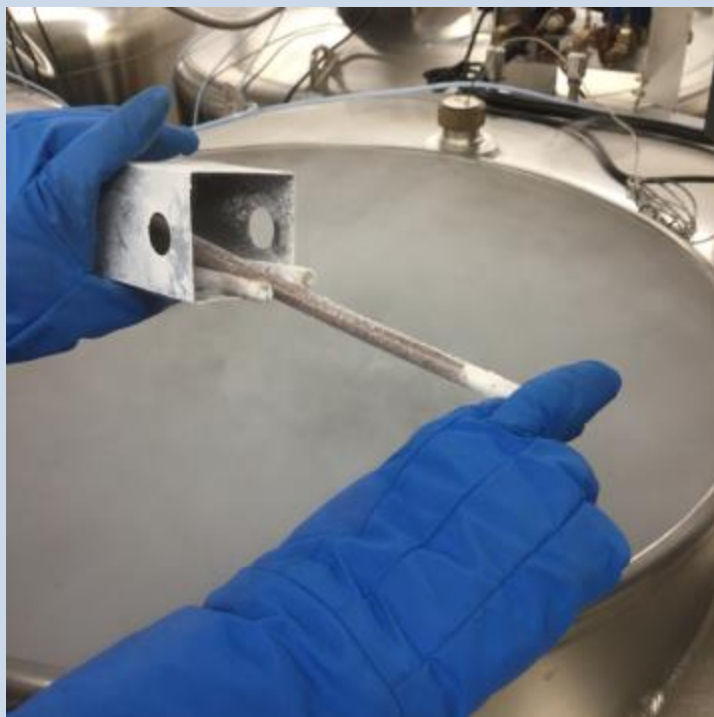


Our main mission: secure the NPGS collection

86% - seed collection

15% - clonal collection

3% - NPGS accessions unique to NLGRP





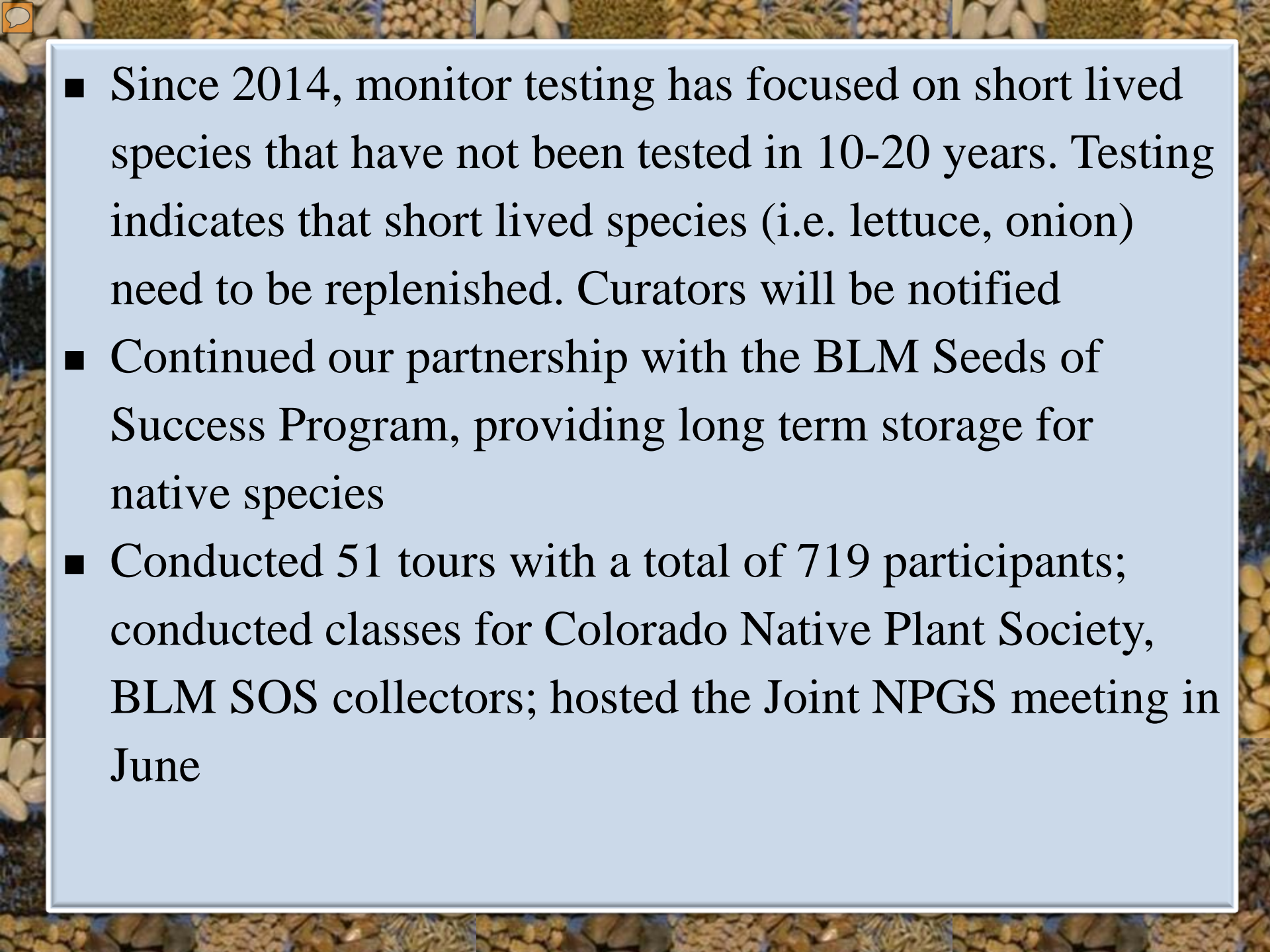
Secure storage for 79 other agencies

- 7527 PVP voucher samples
- 2642 *Journal of Plant Registration* voucher samples
- 360,000 “black-box” accessions – i.e. CGIAR, Seed Savers Exchange, botanical gardens, USFS, Indian Tribes (*Fraxinus*), historic special collections (i.e. McClintock’s maize lines)



2016 Activities

- Staffing: Large number of recent retirements. Currently working to fill five vacancies.
- Received and processed 18,000 seed packets. 35% NPGS, 28% non-NPGS, 4% PVP/JPR, 33% Svalbard; conducted 7411 viability tests
- Shipped 19,000 samples to Svalbard Seed Vault, 20% of U.S. collection is now backed up
- Processed 743 clonal samples for long term cryopreservation

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- Since 2014, monitor testing has focused on short lived species that have not been tested in 10-20 years. Testing indicates that short lived species (i.e. lettuce, onion) need to be replenished. Curators will be notified
 - Continued our partnership with the BLM Seeds of Success Program, providing long term storage for native species
 - Conducted 51 tours with a total of 719 participants; conducted classes for Colorado Native Plant Society, BLM SOS collectors; hosted the Joint NPGS meeting in June



Summary of security backup

Interested in knowing the backup status of your crops?

Contact me for details

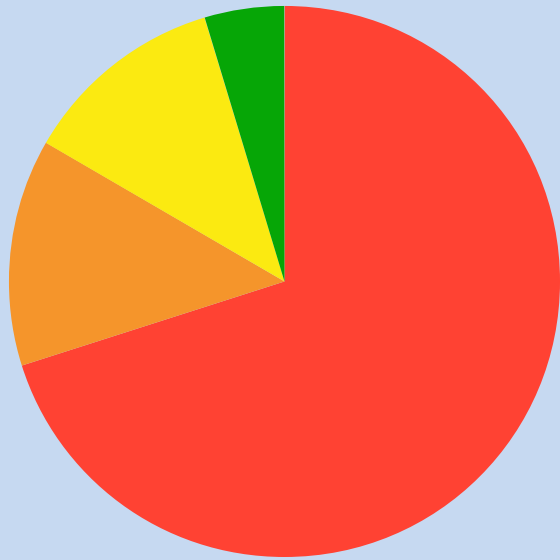
- Cryopreservation of clonal crops is limited due to resource constraints and need to develop protocols. Exploring seed preservation for wild and landrace germplasm
- Most seed crops are adequately backed up. What is not backed up are samples queued for regeneration or having small seed quantities
- More emphasis needs to be placed on replenishing back up samples that have low viability. This is especially relevant for short lived species that have been stored at Fort Collins for the last 20-30 years

Conserving U.S. Crop Wild Relatives

- **Crop Wild Relatives (CWR)** are wild species closely related to crop species
- Plant breeders utilize traits in CWR to improve crops
- Major efforts are underway to utilize CWR to develop climate-resilient crops
- But we lack basic knowledge and germplasm to support these important breeding efforts

Cranberry bog in Monongahela National Forest, West Virginia (photo: K. Williams)

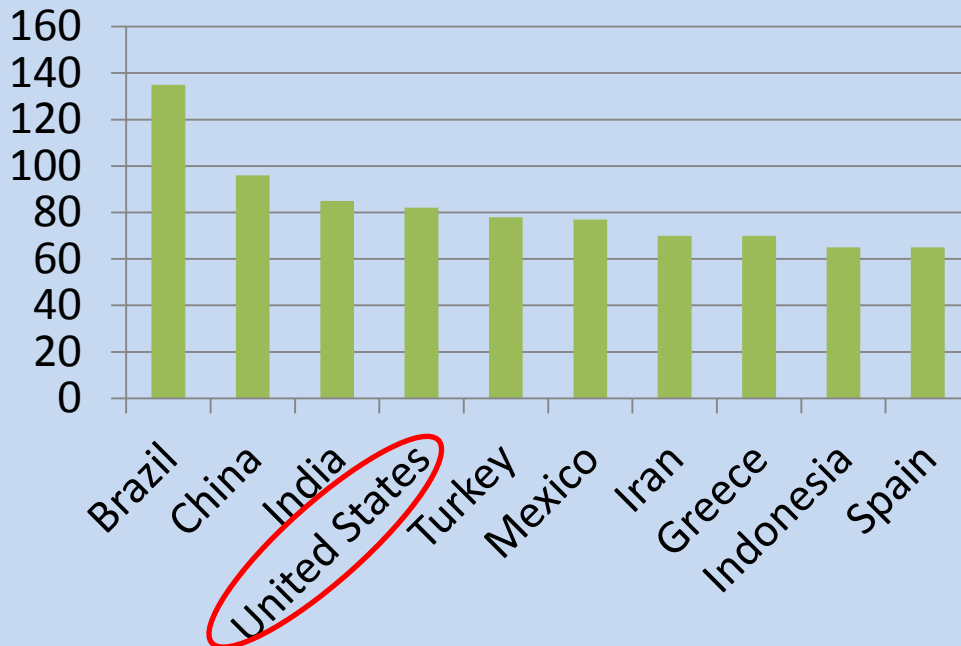
US ranked 4th for CWR needing to be collected



Globally, *ex situ* gaps were examined for 1,100 CWR species of 81 crops. 70% were high priority to collect

Crop Wild Relatives and Climate Change (2013) Online resource. Accessed on 10-04-2015. www.cwrdiversity.org

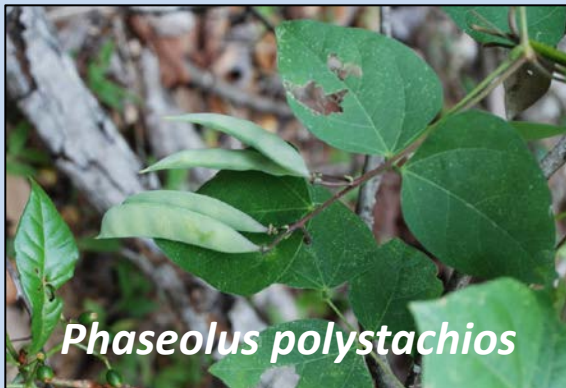
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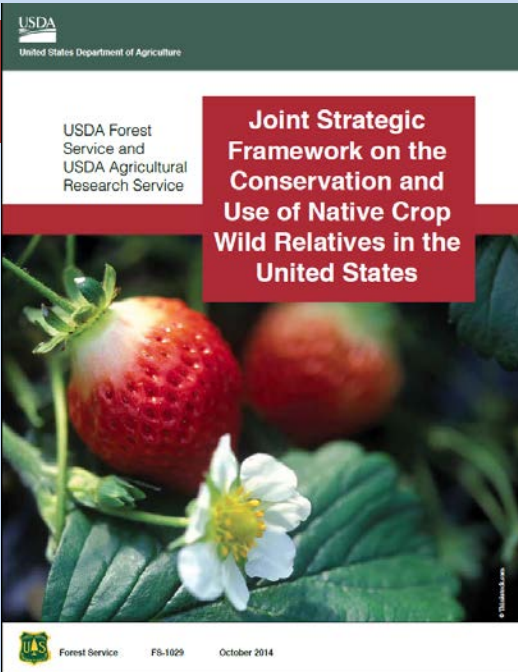


But what exactly grows in our backyard?

- ARS developed an inventory of 4,600 taxa, 285 identified as high priority to collect
- Important CWR: sunflower, stone fruits (cherry, plums), berries, (strawberries, gooseberry, currants, raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cranberry), grape, lupines
- CWR with limited representation in U.S. gene banks: cotton, lettuce, stone fruits, berries, sugarcane, *Tripsacum* (maize) and *Zizania* (wild rice)

Khoury et al. (2013). An Inventory of Crop Wild Relatives of the United States. *Crop Sci.* 53(4): 1496.



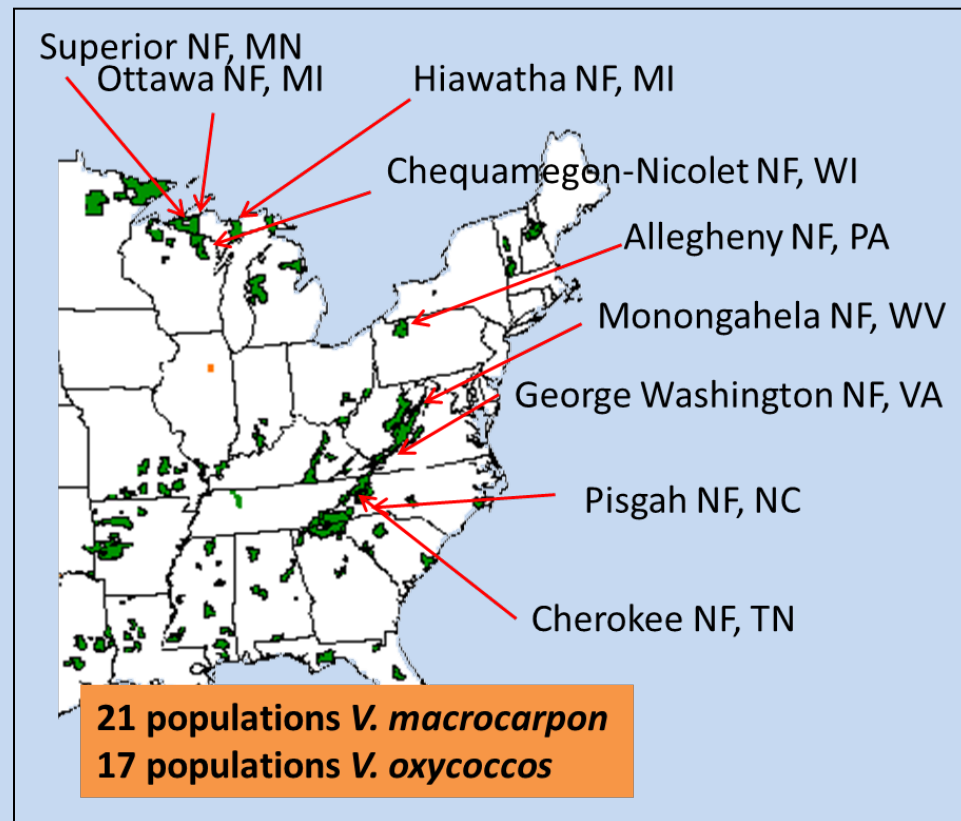


Forged interagency partnerships

- FS\ARS MOU on conservation of native plants – 2011
- Joint Strategic Framework– 2014
- BLM Seeds of Success program

Case study (ARS/USFS): Cranberry

- Plant characteristics, environment (biotic and abiotic), herbarium vouchers, population size, health, accessibility, potential threats
- Evaluation of genetic diversity (leaf tissue analyzed using 9 microsatellite markers) at ARS\Univ. of Wisconsin (Juan Zalapa)
- Goal- designate *In Situ* Reserves



Developed knowledge base and collected CWR

NPGS developed a globally comprehensive CWR database publically available on GRIN Global

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Home Page > Taxonomy > Crop Wild Relative Data in GRIN

Query Crop Relatives in GRIN

Any or all fields can be searched. Wild cards (*) are accepted. Multiple values could be selected from list boxes by

Crop: ALL
AHIPA - Pachyrhizus ahipa
AJI - Capsicum baccatum var. pendulum
ALFALFA - Medicago sativa subsp. sativa
ALMOND - Prunus dulcis
APPLE - Malus domestica

Genus name: (e.g. Oryza [without author])
Note: Only returns CWR in that genus. Select by crop to return all CWR of its crops.

Genetic relative status: primary secondary tertiary graftstock

Family(ies): ALL FAMILIES
all pteridophytes
all gymnosperms
all angiosperms
Abaminaceae
Abietaceae

Native distribution:
Continent: ALL CONTINENTS Region: ALL REGIONS

Country(ies): ALL COUNTRIES
Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
American Samoa State/Province: (e.g. Alabama)

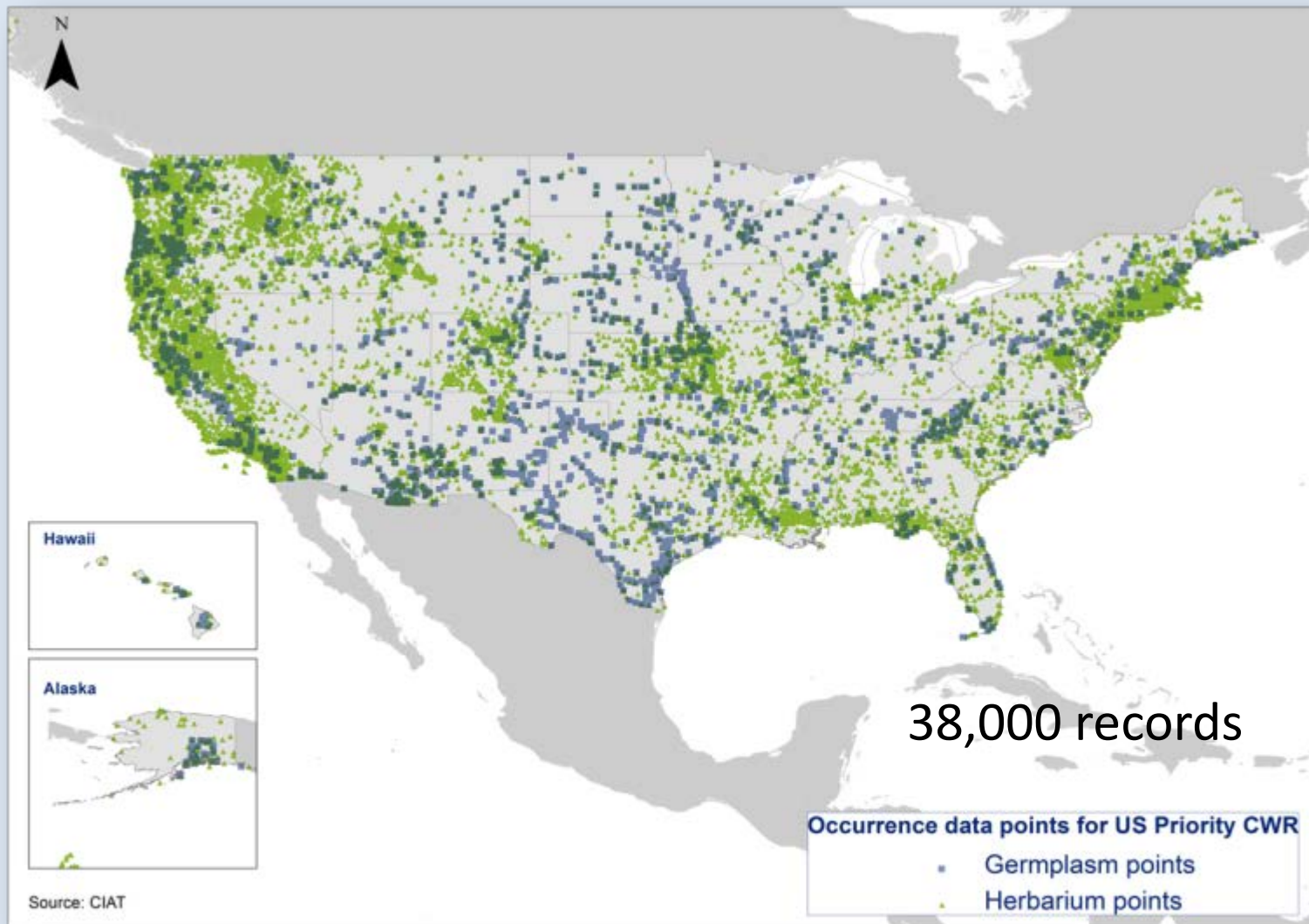


Wild potato, Arizona

USDA-ARS Plant Exploration program filled gaps in the NPGS collection with recent explorations for CWR of potato, quinoa, sunflower, bean, sweet potato, and squash

US CWR gap analysis

Dr. Colin Khoury
Chrystian Sosa



Info on methods: Ramírez-Villegas et al (2010) A Gap Analysis Methodology for Collecting Crop Genepools: A Case Study with *Phaseolus* Beans. *PLoS ONE* 5(10): e13497. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0013497. <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0013497>

Expected Outcomes from Gap Analysis

- Distribution models of CWR
- *Ex situ* acquisition needs identified and prioritized
- Hot spots of diversity identified
- Overlap of CWR distributions with protected areas
- Data made publically available by integrating with databases such as NatureServe and NRCS Plants Database
- Information provided directly to land managers and interested organizations



Spreading the word

- CSSA CWR Symposium (Nov. 2015)
- *Crop Science* CWR Special Issue (2017)
- *Valuable plants of North America: Crop wild relatives and wild utilized species* (Eds. S. Greene, K. Williams, C. Khoury, L. Marek, and M. Kantar), Springer Pub. (2017)
- National Genetic Resource Advisory Council (C. Khoury, 2016)
- Plant Conservation Alliance (K. Williams, Feb, 2016)
- CWR workshop, USFS Forest Tree Genetic Resource conference (C. Khoury, May 2016)
- USFS Regional Botanist Meeting (K. Williams, C. Khoury, Sept, 2016)



Crop wild relatives of the United States White Paper:

“Conserving wild diversity for food security: Enhancing the resilience of agriculture by securing U.S. native plant genetic resources”

Provides a road map and budget to support our goals:

- Comprehensive and easily accessed information on CWR species, their distributions, occurrences, and conservation status
- Broad diversity of CWR secured *in situ* and *ex situ*
- Germplasm of CWR readily available to plant breeders and scientists
- National strategy for long-term conservation of CWR of the U.S. established and activated, involving broad partnerships across federal and state agencies, tribal nations, NGOs, universities, and beyond



The background of the slide is a repeating grid of small images showing various types of seeds and grains, such as almonds, lentils, and wheat, arranged in neat rows and columns. The colors range from light beige to dark brown.

Thanks for your attention

Questions?

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The NPGS Plant Exploration/Exchange Program

- fills gaps in the NPGS
- proposals accepted yearly by NGRL- PEO for explorations the next fiscal year
- proposals for 2017 being reviewed by NPS
- proposals for 2018 due July 21, 2017
- guidelines distributed to CGC Chairs
- supports both explorations and exchanges
- CGCs and curators must endorse proposals



2016 Plant Explorations\Exchanges

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Small fruits | Vietnam |
| Carrot and onion (2 trips) | Spain |
| Ornamentals | Georgia |
| Wild sunflower | United States (AL, FL) |
| Ash (<i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i>) | United States (OH, KY, IN, TN) |
| Kentucky coffeetree | United States (IL, IN, MI) |
| Herbaceous ornamentals | United States (TX) |
| Wild apple | United States (AR, LA, MI) |
| Hardy kiwifruit (exchange) | United States |
| Wild bean | United States (OH) |
| Wild potato | United States (AZ, NM) |

2016 Explorations

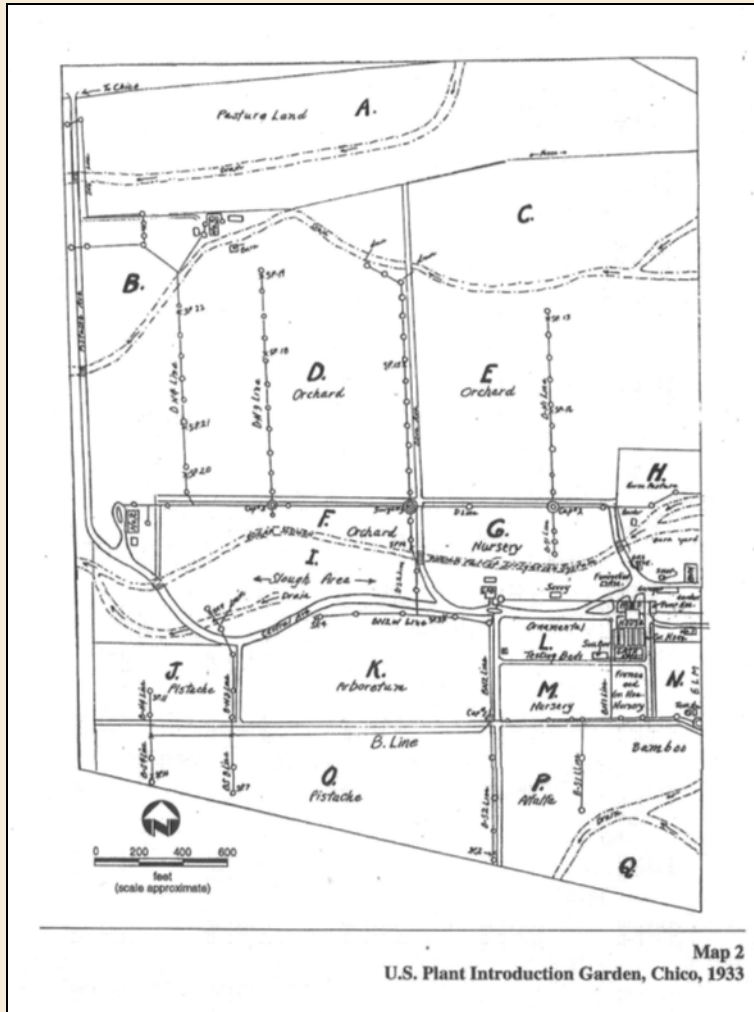


Access and Benefit Sharing for International Explorations

- explorations abide by CBD Article 15
- prior informed consent (PIC) obtained from national authority
- PIC may be in the form of a letter, permit, MTA, etc.
- includes agreement on the sharing of benefits
- acceptable benefits are “in-kind” (training, equipment purchase, increase projects, etc.)
- PEO obtains PIC
- SMTA provides terms for some explorations

Identification of Historical Plant Introductions

USDA Plant Introduction Garden, Chico, CA (Ned Garvey, collaborator)



- first USDA plant introduction garden (est. 1904)
- over 200 acres

USDA Plant Introduction Garden Chico, CA



Google Earth view of station today

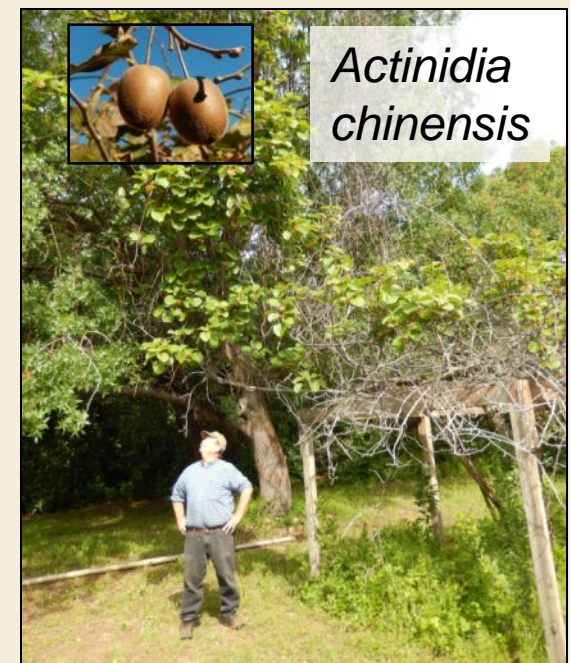
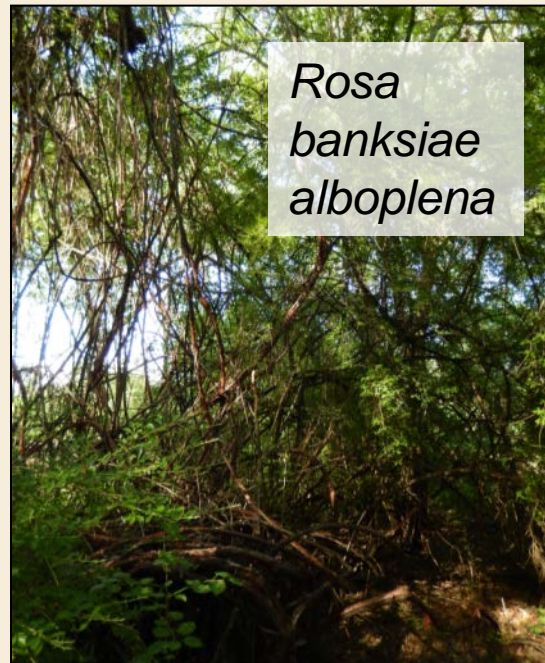
- transferred from ARS to USFS in 1974
- currently used by USFS as a seed orchard and research facility



Seed orchard

Summary of PIs Documented

- 113 unique PIs identified and labeled
- most are not in the NPGS
- woody ornamentals and fruits (apple, citrus, feijoa, kiwi, pomegranate)
- germplasm of 15 PIs collected thus far
- many other specimens could not be documented



Pinus bungeana

PI 23019

Soochow, Jiangsu, China

Frank Meyer, 1908



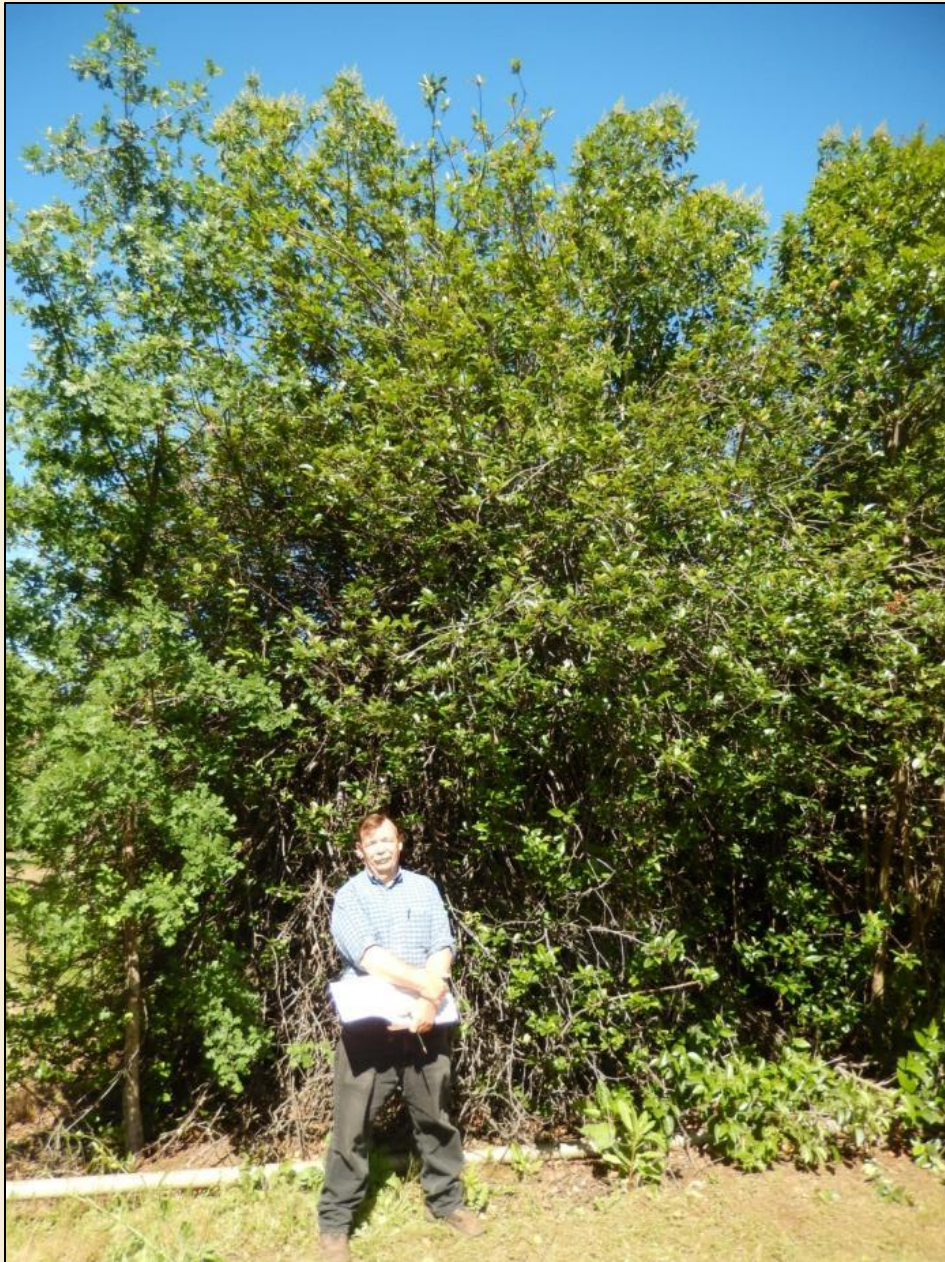
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A specimen of the famous white bark pine of China, introduced by Mr. Frank N. Meyer.
Chico, Cal., August 3, 1912. Negative No. 10897.

1912

December 31, 1912.



2015



Malus halliana

PI 38231

China

Frank Meyer, 1914



Asian persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*)

26 PIs from China, Japan and Korea, 1910 - 1964



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Simple Query of GRIN TAXONOMY Species Data

Enter search criterion. Wild cards (*) are accepted:

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You can search for any one of these identifiers:

- **Scientific name** (e.g. *Triticum aestivum* [without author]).
- **Common name** (e.g. wheat [no diacritics]).
- **Genus name** (e.g. *Triticum*).
- **Family name** (e.g. Poaceae).
- **Species nomen number** (e.g. 40544).
- **Country in species native range** (e.g. Zaire).



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GRIN-Taxonomy Crop Wild Relative (CWR) Inventory

- 1. PEO Project initiated in 2008 to assess CWR germplasm needs for NPGS**
- 2. Identify CWR by “gene pool” status**
- 3. Supporting data gleaned from multiple sources**
- 4. Seek external review of treatment**

42 The GRIN Taxonomy Crop Wild Relative Inventory

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Enhancing Crop Genepool Use

Capturing Wild Relative and Landrace Diversity for Crop Improvement

Edited by

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42.1 Introduction

The recognized link between cultivated crops and wild-related species is well established. The genetic diversity of the wild relatives of a crop provides the raw material for its genetic improvement to increase yield, provide disease or pest resistance, improve nutrition or processing quality of products, or reduce environmental effects from cultivation (Gepts, 2006). Faced with the ever-increasing threats of habitat loss or degradation and the uncertain future effects of climate change, the urgency to identify and conserve crop wild relatives (CWRs) for the benefit of current and future agricultural crop production and protection has never been greater. The strategy of the *ex situ* conservation of plant genetic resources is crucial to agricultural research and development (Bömer, 2006), and the National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS) of the US Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service has been an important participant in this activity since its inception in the mid-1900s (Shands, 1995). The NPGS is charged with acquiring and conserving the genetic diversity of all crop plants important to US agriculture, and over 565,000 accessions of some 14,700 species are already being preserved *ex situ* in NPGS.

To assist with the preservation of CWRs, the Plant Exchange Office (PEO) of the NPGS's National Germplasm Resources Laboratory initiated in late 2008 a project to identify systematically the CWRs of major and minor US crops. The Germplasm Resources Information Network (GRIN: <http://www.ars-grin.gov/npgs/>) of the NPGS would then provide the means to link passport data on existing accessions with the accumulated taxonomic data on CWRs from this project. These data, taken together, would allow us to evaluate gaps in the current NPGS holdings of CWRs and set priorities for future germplasm conservation strategies.

Here, we provide a discussion of the concepts and terminology that underlie the CWR classification of this project. We also outline the procedures for compiling and evaluating this classification and the public accessibility of the resulting data.

42.2 Classifying Crop Wild Relatives

In order to identify and evaluate the relative importance of CWRs for various crops, it is necessary to establish a method of classifying the crop's relatives that prioritizes each species potential to donate genes for crop improvement.

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Crop Genera (99) Treated (190 crops)

Cereal: *Avena, Cenchrus, Eleusine, Eragrostis, Hordeum, Oryza, Secale, Sorghum, Triticum, Zea, Zizania*

Culinary Herb: *Brassica, Carum, Cinnamomum, Humulus, Mentha, Piper, Sinapis, Vanilla, Zingiber*

Fiber: *Gossypium, Linum*

Forage: *Medicago, Trifolium*

Fruit/Nut: *Actinidia, Ananas, Annona, Artocarpus, Carica, Carya, Castanea, Citrullus, Citrus, Corylus, Diospyros, Eriobotrya, Fragaria, Garcinia, Juglans, Macadamia, Malus, Mangifera, Musa, Olea, Persea, Phoenix, Physalis, Pistacia, Prunus, Pyrus, Ribes, Rubus, Solanum, Theobroma, Vaccinium, Vitis*

Oilseed: *Brassica, Carthamus, Crambe, Helianthus, Olea, Simmondsia*

Pseudocereal: *Amaranthus, Chenopodium*

Pulse: *Arachis, Cajanus, Cicer, Glycine, Lens, Lupinus*

Vegetable: *Allium, Alocasia, Arracacia, Asparagus, Beta, Brassica, Cajanus, Canavalia, Capsicum, Cichorium, Colocasia, Cucumis, Cucurbita, Cynara, Daucus, Dioscorea, Eruca, Ipomoea, Lactuca, Pachyrhizus, Pastinaca, Phaseolus, Pisum, Raphanus, Rheum, Sechium, Solanum, Spinacia, Vicia, Vigna*

Other: *Beta, Camellia, Coffea, Manihot, Nicotiana, Saccharum*

Query Crop Relatives in GRIN

Any or all fields can be searched. Wild cards (*) are accepted. Multiple values could be selected from list boxes by using shift or control key.

Crop:
AHIPA - Pachyrhizus ahipa
AJI - Capsicum baccatum var. pendulum
ALFALFA - Medicago sativa subsp. sativa
ALMOND - Prunus dulcis
AMARANTH, PURPLE - Amaranthus cruentus

Genus name: (e.g. Oryza [without author])

Note: Only returns CWR in that genus. Select by crop to return all CWR of its crops.

Genetic relative status: primary secondary tertiary graftstock

Family(ies):
all pteridophytes
all gymnosperms
all angiosperms
Abaminaceae
Abietaceae

Native distribution:

Continent: Region:

Country(ies):
Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
American Samoa
State/Province: (e.g. Alabama)

Include non-native distribution

Restrict to crops maintained at these NPGS repositories

Restrict to names with germplasm in GRIN

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Crop Relatives in GRIN Taxonomy

(for the query: **family** = 'all families' & **native country** = 'all countries' & **crops** = 'sour cherry' & **genetic relative status** = 'GR1, GR2, GR3, GS' & **repositories** = 'all')

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Crop: CHERRY, SOUR

(compiled by Dr. Blanca León)

Crop taxon:

1. [Prunus cerasus L.](#) - sour cherry

Crop wild relatives:

Secondary

1. [Prunus maackii Rupr.](#) - [Reference]

Tertiary

1. [Prunus avium \(L.\) L.](#) - [Reference]
2. [Prunus campanulata Maxim.](#) - [Reference]
3. [Prunus canescens Bois.](#) - [Reference]
4. [Prunus cyclamina Koehne.](#) - [Reference]
5. [Prunus humilis Bunge.](#) - [Reference]

Graftstock

1. [Prunus avium \(L.\) L.](#) - [Reference]
2. [Prunus canescens Bois.](#) - [Reference]
3. [Prunus dielsiana C. K. Schneid.](#) - [Reference]
4. [Prunus fruticosa Pall.](#) - [Reference]
5. [Prunus japonica Thunb.](#) - [Reference]
6. [Prunus mahaleb L.](#) - [Reference]
7. [Prunus padus L.](#) - [Reference]
8. [Prunus pennsylvanica L. f.](#) - [Reference]
9. [Prunus dawyckensis Sealy.](#) - [Reference]

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Crop Relatives in GRIN

(for the query: **family** = 'all families' & **native country** = 'all countries' & **crops** = 'chickpea')

Follow links for a) GRIN taxon reports or b) to view literature supporting this gene pool

Crop: CHICKPEA

(compiled by Dr. Blanca León; reviewed by Dr. Michael A. Grusak, USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center, Western Regional Plant Introduction Station, Pullman, Washington on 18 June 2013)

Crop taxon:

1. [Cicer arietinum L.](#) - chickpea

Crop wild relatives:

Primary

1. [Cicer reticulatum Ladiz.](#) - [\[Reference\]](#)

Secondary

1. [Cicer echinospermum P. H. Davis.](#) - [\[Reference\]](#)

Tertiary

1. [Cicer atlanticum Coss. ex Maire.](#) - [\[Reference\]](#)
2. [Cicer bijugum Rech. f.](#) - [\[Reference\]](#)
3. [Cicer incisum \(Willd.\) K. Maly.](#) - [\[Reference\]](#)
4. [Cicer judaicum Boiss.](#) - [\[Reference\]](#)
5. [Cicer pinnatifidum Jaub. & Spach.](#) - [\[Reference\]](#)

Literature citations for crop relative gene pool assignment - ...

<https://npgsweb.ars-grin.gov/gringlobal/taxon/taxonomyliterature.aspx?tid=>

Literature References for GRIN Taxonomy Crop Relative Gene Pool Assignment

Taxon

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GRIN CWR Data



Dr. Blanca León

<https://npgsweb.ars-grin.gov/gringlobal/taxon/taxonomysearchcwr.aspx>



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References

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