

ARS Mission

ARS delivers scientific solutions to national and global agricultural challenges.

ARS Vision

Global leadership in agricultural discoveries through scientific excellence.

Here are a few numbers illustrating the scope of our organization:

- 660 research projects within 15 National Programs
 - 2,000 scientists and post docs
 - 6,000 other employees
 - 90+ research locations, including overseas laboratories
 - \$1.4 billion fiscal year budget
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Office of Technology Transfer

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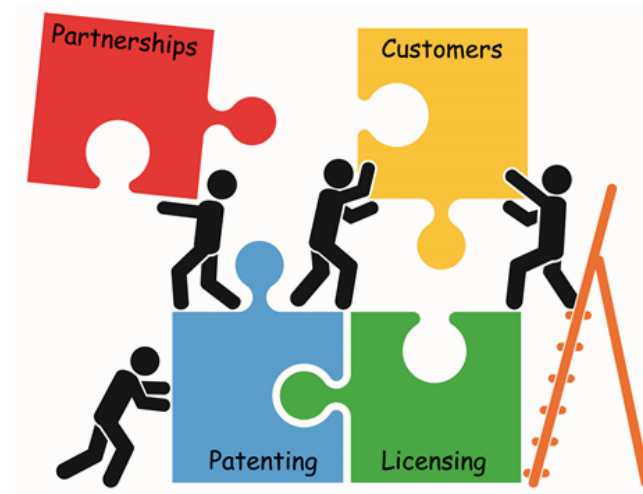


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OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Partnerships, Patenting & Licensing





Mission of Technology Transfer

To encourage, promote and facilitate the adoption and commercialization of technology resulting from Agricultural Research Service (ARS) research and to foster cooperation between users and ARS. The Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) is responsible for ARS' Technology Transfer Program as well as the technology licensing program for all intramural research conducted by USDA.

Partnerships

- Coordinates technology transfer policy development
- Facilitates public-private partnerships through execution of research collaboration agreements
- Conducts a multifaceted outreach and marketing program through traditional and digital media

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Patenting

- Provides guidance to scientists regarding patent protection for their research results through one-on-one consultations and virtual & on-site trainings
- Implements USDA's patent policies through processing of invention disclosures, convening of national patent committees and rendering decisions on how to best transfer the technology
- Protects USDA's intellectual property rights through preparation and prosecution of utility & plant patent, and plant variety protection applications

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Licensing

- Provides guidance to scientists regarding the licensing of their research results through one-on-one consultations and virtual & on-site trainings
- Facilitates commercialization of inventions through invention licensing
- Monitors license agreements, collects and disburses license revenue

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