



United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Research Service

ARS Overview

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Revolutionary Research for a Growing World





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ARS Mission

ARS delivers scientific solutions to national and global agricultural challenges



ARS Vision

Global leadership in agricultural discoveries through scientific excellence

660 research projects
15 National Programs

\$1.8 billion annual budget

2,000 scientists & postdocs
6,000 support employees

90 locations throughout US
4 overseas labs

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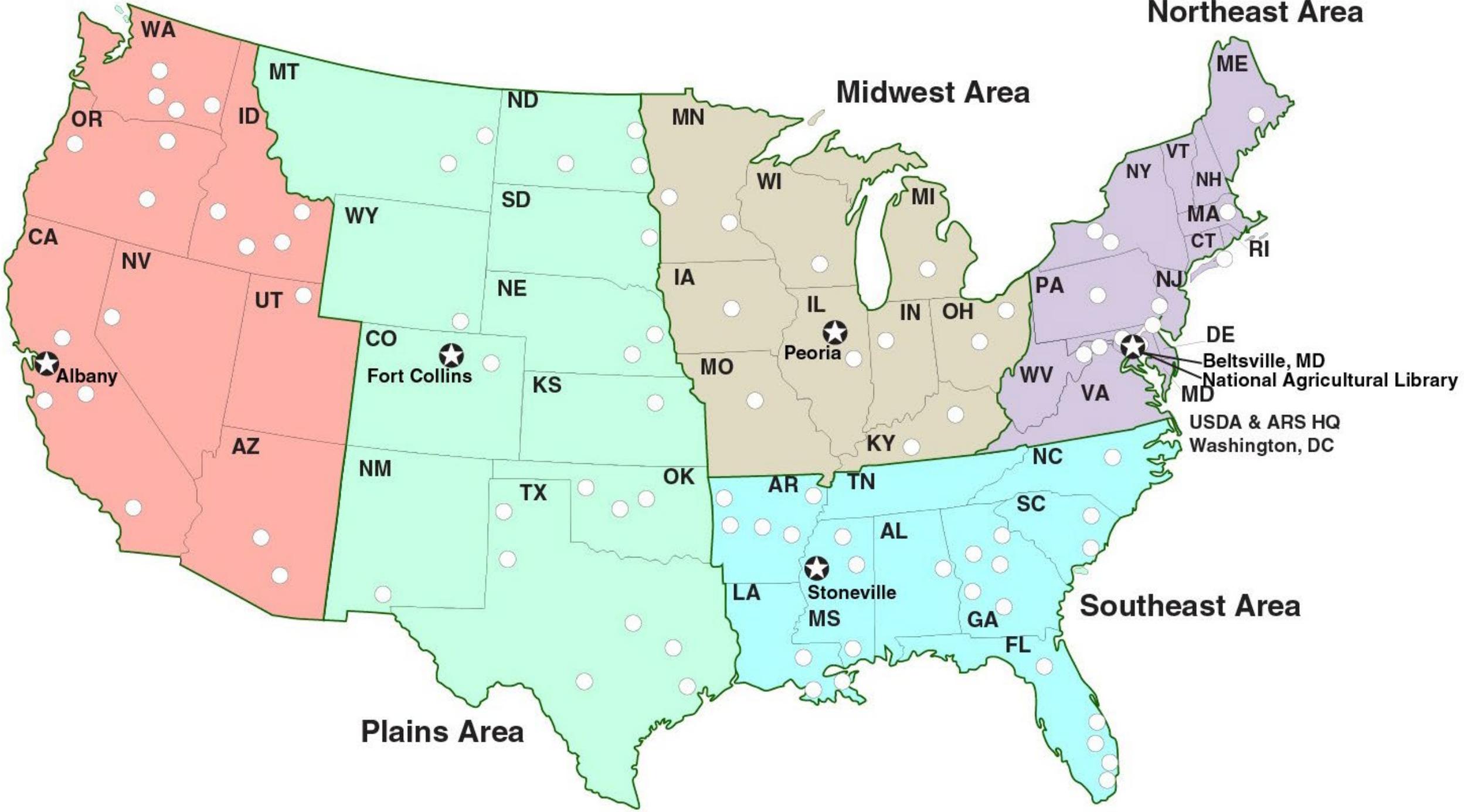
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ARS National Programs

Animal Production & Protection

- Food Animal Production
- Animal Health
- Veterinary, Medical, & Urban Entomology
- Aquaculture

Nutrition, Food Safety & Quality

- Human Nutrition
- Food Safety (animal & plant products)
- Product Quality & New Uses

Natural Resources & Sustainable Ag Systems

- Water Availability & Watershed Management
- Soil and Air
- Grass, Forage, & Rangeland Agroecosystems
- Sustainable Agricultural Systems Research

Crop Production & Protection

- Plant Genetic Resources, Genomics & Genetic Improvement
- Plant Diseases
- Crop Protection & Quarantine
- Crop Production

FY 2022 Proposed ARS Budget

\$1.8 billion for salaries and expenses

\$357.8 million increase

\$45.4 million for facilities



ARS Accomplishments

SARS-CoV-2 research

- Livestock disease infection studies- cattle, pigs, deer
- Poultry disease infection studies- chicken, turkey, Japanese quail, Pekin duck and Chinese goose
- Mosquito and biting midge infection studies
- White-tailed deer studies

Climate Hubs

- Science syntheses and assessments
- Tool development and training
- Outreach and education

Asian Giant Hornet

- Invasive species first detected in North America in 2019
- ARS's Ag100Pest Initiative released the first complete genome of the Asian giant hornet
- APHIS collaboration to sequence all subspecies to determine origin to aid control
- Paradigm shift in responding to the invasive species
- Technology now applied to desert locust and Mormon cricket

Ag100 Pest

- ARS leads the Ag100Pest Initiative
- Goal is to sequence 100 top pests to U.S. agriculture
- High scientist demand for Ag100Pest

ARS Innovation Initiatives

- **SCINet**
 - Agency-wide data computing resource to improve USDA's research capacity
 - Access to high performance computing, improved data transfer and storage, and training
- **Partnerships for Data Innovation (PDI)**
 - Connecting research from lab to field- public private partnerships
- **Breeding Insight**
 - Transform breeding strategies into data-driven models to improve genomic selection in ARS breeding programs - partnership with Cornell University
 - Supports specialty crops, forage and minor livestock species
- **ARSX**
 - ARSX 2020 - Disruptive Pests and Pathogens
 - ARSX 2021 - Harvest for a Healthier Future
 - ARSX 2022 - coming soon!
- **Innovation Fund**
 - Competitive opportunity for ARS scientists to receive up to \$25,000 to expedite commercialization/adoption of research outcomes
 - Now in its 15th round and 6th year, the Innovation Fund has received 538 applications and funded 174 projects

