



National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board

National Genetic Resources Advisory Council Requirements

The National Genetic Resources Advisory Council (NGRAC) was re-established in 2012 as a permanent subcommittee of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board to formulate recommendations on actions and policies for the collection, maintenance, and utilization of genetic resources; to make recommendations for coordination of genetic resources plans of several domestic and international organizations; and to advise the Secretary of Agriculture and the National Genetic Resources Program (NGRP), part of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS), of new and innovative approaches to genetic resources conservation.

NGRAC membership is required to have two-thirds of the appointed members from scientific disciplines relevant to NGRP, including agricultural sciences, environmental sciences, natural resource sciences, health sciences, and nutritional sciences; and one-third of the appointed members from the general public including leaders in fields of public policy, trade, international development, law, or management.

The NGRAC consists of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Secretary and seven (7) or more ex-officio members. The membership categories are:

- Six (6) members from scientific disciplines relevant to the NGRP, including agricultural sciences, economics and policy, environmental sciences, natural resource sciences, health sciences, and nutritional sciences;
- Three (3) members from the public, including leaders in fields of public policy, community development, trade, international development, law, or management;
- Four (4) members from public cultivar development and animal breed development.

Four of the total members must also represent: 1862 land-grant colleges and universities, the 1890 land-grant college and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, and/or 1994 Equity in Education land-grant institutions.

Typically, each of the life forms in ARS' NGRP (plants, forest species, animals, aquatics, insects, and microbes) are represented by one appointed scientific member.



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