The National Plant Germplasm System: 2014 Status and Prospects

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NUMBER OF NPGS ACCESSIONS
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NPGS Web Page Access
DEMAND FOR NPGS GERMLASM
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ARS NATIONAL PLANT GERMPLASM SYSTEM BUDGET 2000-2013
Notable NPGS Developments

• 1-17 October 2014: Furlough
  – Only designated key personnel permitted to work.
  – No germplasm lost.
  – No germplasm distributed; GRIN off-line.
  – Delayed harvests, delayed shipments to winter nurseries.

• FAO International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
  – Seed industry advocates US ratification.
Notable NPGS Developments

• Stronger and more extensive international partnerships
  – Hosted CGIAR Genebanks Annual General Meeting at NCRPIS, Ames.
  – Global Crop Diversity Trust: Developing international project for increasing the use of PGRFA (especially crop wild relatives)
  – PRC, Canada, Mexico, Colombia national genebanks: training at NPGS