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NPGS Germplasm Requestor Survey

Dear NPGS User,

The National Germplasm Resources Laboratory in Beltsville, MD is asking for your help. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS) is conducting a study on the impact of the U.S. National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS). Because you requested material from the NPGS during 2009-2013, we are asking you to complete a survey to collect information about the traits that you are seeking from NPGS material, the ways the material has been useful to you, and how you expect to use the NPGS in the future. The survey should take about 20 minutes.

ERS conducted a similar study more than 15 years ago (see Crop Science article <https://dl.sciencesocieties.org/publications/cs/pdfs/46/3/1021>). This new survey will help us understand the current needs of NPGS users like you, and how needs for these critical resources are changing.

This is a great opportunity to let us know your assessment of the NPGS. ERS will be making the aggregated results available to respondents. (No individual responses or identifying data will be published.) Please respond by [date determined by OMB], so we can include your opinion. If you have any questions, you can call USDA at 202-694-5515 for assistance.

Thanks for your participation!

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Dear NPGS User,

We recently contacted you about a survey, but haven't received your responses. We'd really appreciate your participation.

Click the button below to start or continue the survey. If you need any assistance, feel free to call USDA at 202-694-5515. Thank you for your time.

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