

# **Attachment I: Electronic Questionnaire for Non-Response Bias Study**

# National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS) Survey for Non-Respondents

This brief follow-up questionnaire will help characterize the population of NPGS users who did not respond to the Census of Users of the NPGS

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it has a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The valid OMB number for this information collection is XXXX-XXXX. The time required to complete this information is estimated to average no more than 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing the collection of the information.

YOUR RESPONSE IS VOLUNTARY. The questionnaire does not ask you for any personal information or the name of the institution at which you work. The responses that you provide are not confidential and are not covered by the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002. Responses will be aggregated to create a report that assesses germplasm requests by crop, germplasm type, and traits sought, and describes expectations of future use. USDA will treat all information gathered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

Question 1: Did you request germplasm during the NPGS during the years  
2009-2013

Yes (go to question 2)

No (go to page 6)

Question 2: Over the next ten years, do you expect to change your use of the NPGS?

Yes, I expect it to increase

Yes, I expect it to decrease

No, I expect it to remain the same

(go to question 3)

### Question 3: What type of institution do you work for?

- Seed company
- Government Agency
- University
- Non-governmental organization
- Genebank
- Self employed
- Other

(go to question 4)

## Question 4: What best describes your primary profession?

- Acquisition/curatorial activities
- Pre-breeding/evaluation activities
- Breeding
- Genetics/molecular biology
- Education
- Farming
- Other

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Thank you for your time.