

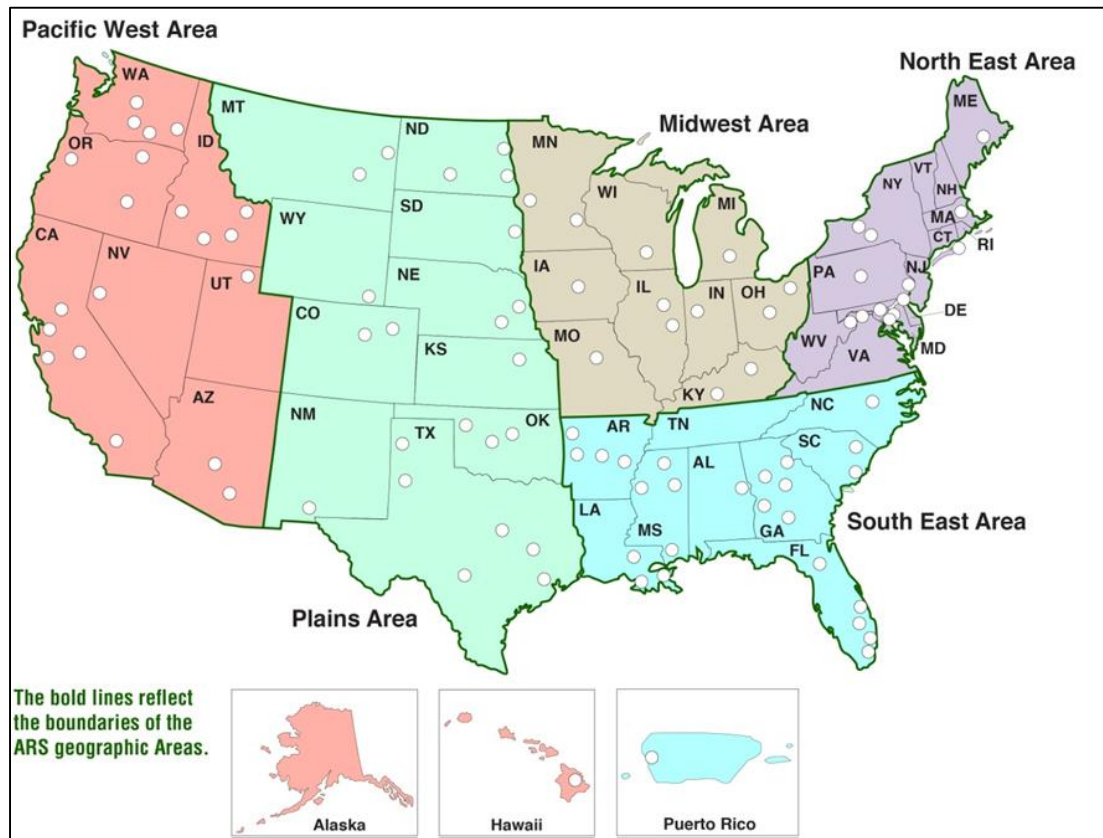


United States Department of Agriculture

**Working with the USDA's
Agricultural Research
Research**

ARS Profile

- 690 research projects
- ~2,000 scientists & post docs
- ~6,000 support employees
- ~90 locations throughout US
- ~\$1.1 billion annual budget



National Research Programs

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National Programs

ARS research is organized into National Programs. These programs serve to bring coordination, communication, and empowerment to approximately 690 [research projects](#) carried out by ARS. The National Programs focus on the relevance, impact, and quality of ARS research.

Nutrition, Food Safety/Quality

- [Human Nutrition](#) (NP #107)
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- [Quality and Utilization of Agricultural Products](#) (NP #306)

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- [Food Animal Production](#) (NP #101)
- [Animal Health](#) (NP #103)
- [Veterinary, Medical, and Urban Entomology](#) (NP #104)
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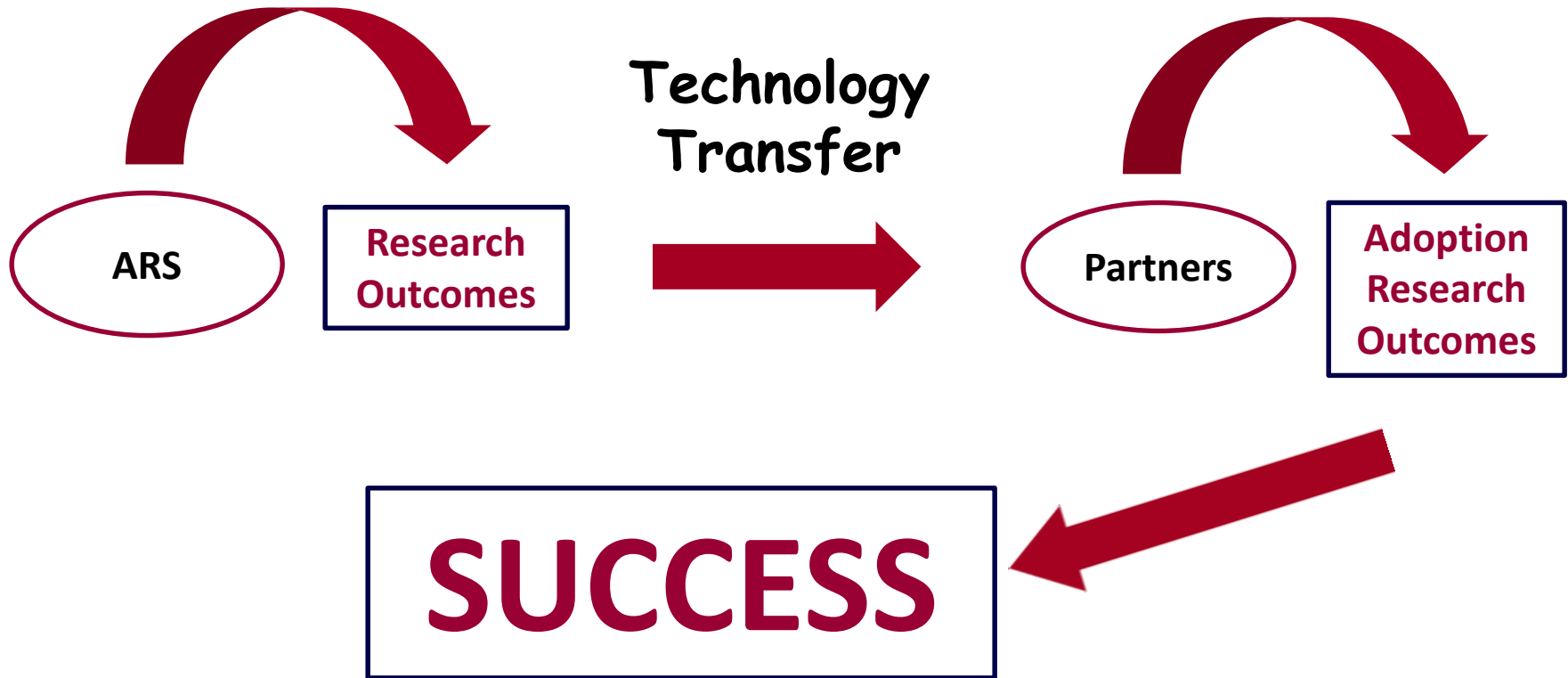
Crop Production and Protection

- [Plant Genetic Resources, Genomics and Genetic Improvement](#) (NP #301)
- [Plant Diseases](#) (NP #303)
- [Crop Protection and Quarantine](#) (NP #304)
- [Crop Production](#) (NP #305)

Natural Resources and Sustainable Agricultural Systems

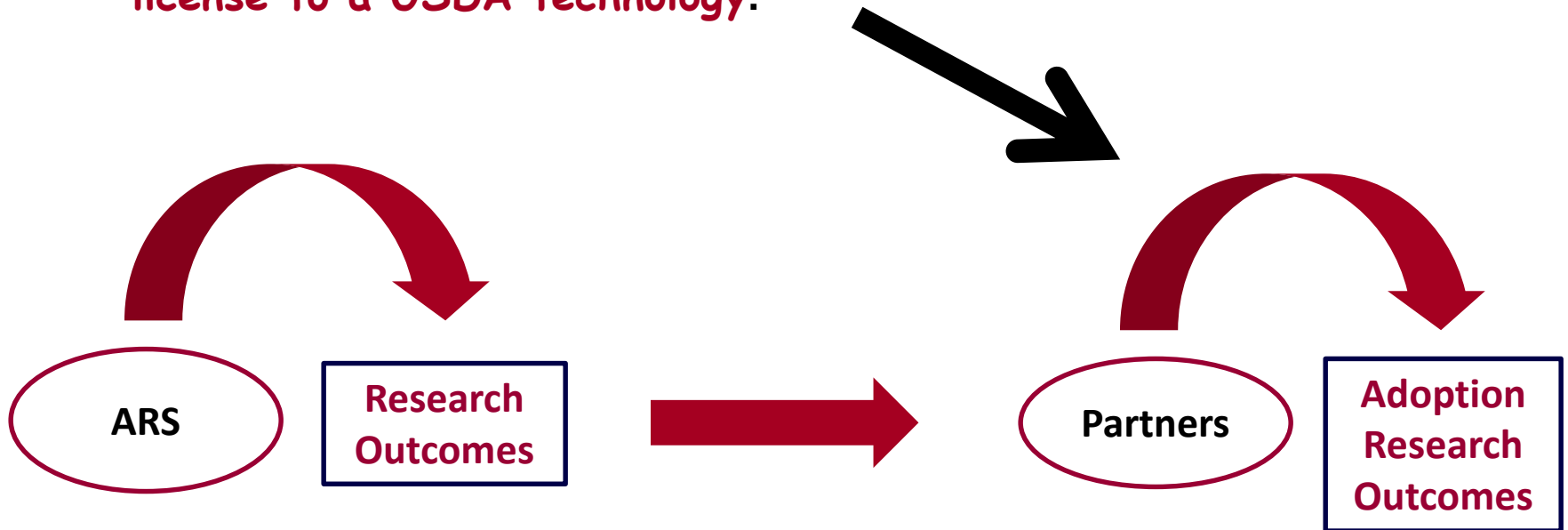
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Partners play key role



Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
Tech Transfer Program

“Additional factors that will be considered in the review process include whether an application involves a **CRADA with a USDA laboratory, or a license to a USDA technology.**”



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Office of Technology Transfer

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The Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) is responsible for ARS' [technology transfer](#) program and is delegated the authority to administer the patent and licensing program for all intramural research conducted by USDA. The OTT helps move ARS research discoveries to the marketplace.

The ARS technology transfer program has centralized policy and approval procedures that are managed by OTT. Research agreement negotiation and implementation is decentralized and managed by the ARS Area Offices. The [Area Office Technology Transfer Staff](#) serve as liaisons with scientists, ARS managers, OTT, university partners, and the private sector.

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