

# National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

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The Honorable Michael O. Johanns  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Jamie L. Whitten Building, Rm. 200-A  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Johanns,

The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board at its March, 2006 meeting in Washington DC reviewed the National Genetic Resources Program (NGRP) which is supported in part by the USDA through the REE Mission area agencies, ARS and CSREES. The purpose of the NPRG is to collect, preserve, and disseminate genetic material of importance to American food and agriculture production. These assets are especially important now for providing and protecting the nation's agricultural base when threats of bioterrorism and other challenges abound.

Enclosed please find the Advisory Board's review report, along with bulleted recommendations for your consideration. As always, I remain available to discuss our findings with you at any time.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Martin A. Massengale  
Chair

Enclosures

cc: Deputy Secretary Conner  
Under Secretary for REE Buchanan  
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