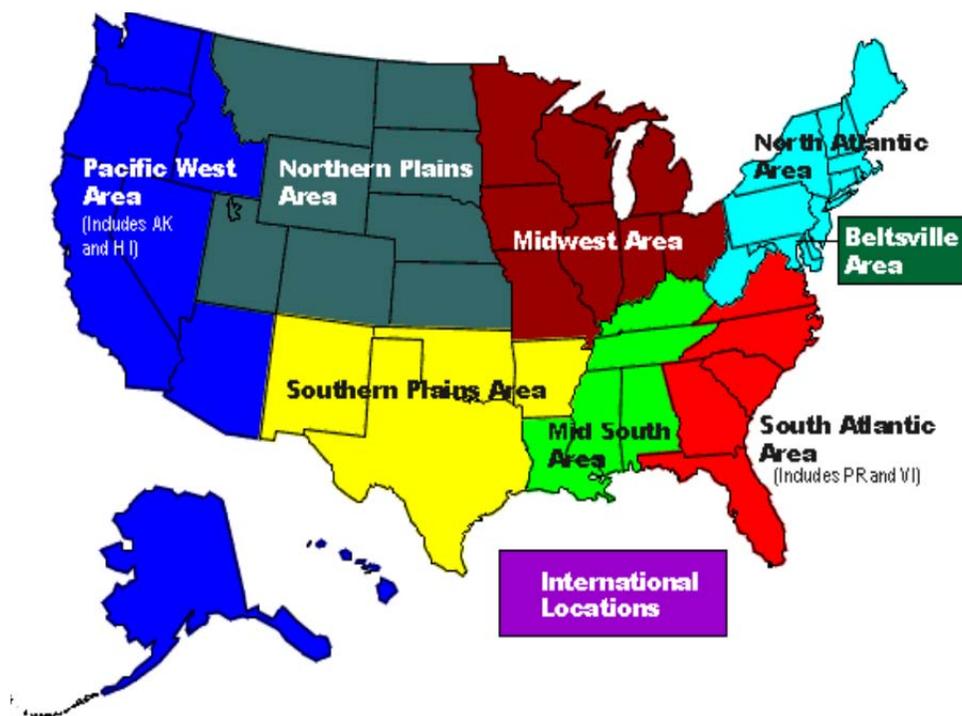


# Agricultural Research Service



## AREAS

Beltsville Area  
Mid-South Area  
Midwest Area  
North Atlantic Area  
Northern Plains Area  
Pacific West Area  
South Atlantic Area  
Southern Plains Area

## MISSION

ARS conducts research to develop and transfer solutions to agricultural problems of high national priority and provide information access and dissemination to:

- ensure high-quality, safe food, and other agricultural products
- assess the nutritional needs of Americans
- sustain a competitive agricultural economy
- enhance the natural resource base and the environment, and
- provide economic opportunities for rural citizens, communities, and society as a whole.