

§ 613.4 Special production of plant materials.

NRCS can produce plant materials in the quantity required to do a specific conservation job if this production will serve the public welfare and only if the plant materials are not available commercially. This function will be performed only until the plant materials are available commercially. Specific production of plant materials by NRCS requires the approval of the Chief.

§ 613.5 Plant materials centers.

(a) The National Plant Materials Center. The National Plant Materials Center at Beltsville, Maryland, serves as the central facility for assembling, increasing, and determining the characteristics of plant materials from foreign and domestic sources. Plant materials with potential value for conservation and related uses are distributed to other plant materials centers.

(b) Other Plant Materials Centers. There are 23 other plant materials centers. Each serves several major land resource areas. Seventeen of these other centers are operated by NRCS, and six by cooperating agencies, as follows:

(1) Operated by NRCS:

- Tucson, Arizona
- Lockeford, California
- Brooksville, Florida
- Americus, Georgia
- Molokai, Hawaii
- Aberdeen, Idaho
- Manhattan, Kansas
- Quicksand, Kentucky
- East Lansing, Michigan
- Coffeenville, Mississippi
- Elsberry, Missouri
- Bridger, Montana
- Cape May Courthouse, New Jersey
- Big Flats, New York
- Corvallis, Oregon
- Knox City, Texas
- Pullman, Washington

(2) Operated by cooperating agencies with financial and technical assistance from NRCS:

- Los Lunas, New Mexico (New Mexico State University)
- Bismarck, North Dakota (North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts)
- Meeker, Colorado (White River and Douglas Creek Soil Conservation Districts with partial funding from NRCS)

(3) Operated by cooperating agencies with technical assistance from NRCS:

- Palmer, Alaska (State of Alaska)
- Kingsville, Texas (Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Texas Agricultural and Industrial University, and South Texas Association of Conservation Districts)
- Nacogdoches, Texas (Stephen F. Austin University and the East Texas Association of Conservation Districts)

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 614.1 Purpose and scope.

This part sets forth the informal procedures under which a landowner or program participant may appeal adverse technical determinations or decisions made by officials of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or its successor agency.

§ 614.2 Definitions.

Adverse technical determination or decision includes, in addition to the definition of adverse decision in 7 CFR part