

THE CRSP DIGEST PROJECT

Learning from Success

productivity and food security.

CURRENT CRSPs

Aquaculture and Fisheries (AquaFish)

Oregon State University, Management Entity aquafishersp.oregonstate.edu

BASIS Assets and Market Access (BASIS AMA)

University of California, Davis, Management Entity basis.ucdavis.edu

Dry Grain Pulses (Pulse)

Michigan State University, Management Office pulsecrsp.msu.edu

Global Nutrition

Tufts University, Management Entity nutritioncrsp.org

Horticulture

University of California, Davis, Management Entity hortcrsp.ucdavis.edu

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Virginia Tech, Management Entity www.oired.vt.edu/ipmcrsp

Livestock-Climate Change

Colorado State University, Management Entity Icccrsp.org

Peanut

University of Georgia, Management Entity peanutcrsp.org

Sorghum, Millet and Other Grains (INTSORMIL)

University of Nebraska, Management Entity intsormil.org

Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (SANREM)

Virginia Tech, Management Entity www.oired.vt.edu/sanremcrsp

Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs) are supported by USAID to mobilize the expertise of U.S. universities and their partners to improve agricultural

Under the **CRSP Digest project**, their collective results will be accessible to a wide range of users including development practitioners, government officials, students, and scholars as well as USAID staff. Working together with university, NGO, and private sector partners, the project will provide a "one-stop shop" for all those seeking to learn about the operation and accomplishments of both the current and historical CRSPs.

The CRSP Digest project will help USAID staff and others quickly answer questions such as:

- Where in the world do CRSP activities take place?
- How many students have participated in CRSP-sponsored degree programs?
- ♦ How many CRSPs have there been since 1977 and what topics have they worked on?
- How many universities are involved in CRSP activities?
- How can a developing country university get involved in a CRSP?
- What Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research centers partner with CRSP researchers?

The all-CRSP website (**www.crsps.net**) and the project newsletter offers:

- overviews of each CRSP, current and historical, with up-to -date contact information
- searchable databases of training data, publications, videos, and other resources
- brief reports on critical agricultural topics
- highlights of new research results
- ♦ links to CRSP partners around the world
- profiles of CRSP alumni
- ♦ a calendar of CRSP events, and more



What are the CRSPs?

The Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSP) conduct and coordinate applied research to seek scientific solutions to reduce hunger and poverty through agricultural development. Started in 1977, they educate students in a broad range of agricultural and related natural and social science disciplines. Based on broad priority areas established by USAID, e.g., to improve market systems, environmental management, nutritional status, or to advance the productivity frontier of select commodities, CRSP researchers at both U.S. and overseas universities jointly identify their research questions and locations, involving students and rural producers in their efforts.

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About the CRSP Key Topics Research

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The **CRSP Digest project** produces reports on a range of themes including:

- CRSP research results in Feed the Future countries
- CRSP accomplishments in training and human and institutional capacity building
- How CRSP activities have included women in their research and student training and address gender inequalities in agricultural value chain development and operations
- CRSP contributions to conservation agriculture in several world regions

Outreach and dissemination is a core component of the CRSP Digest project. The project utilizes varied mechanisms and products to reach a broad set of audiences. The project strives to raise awareness and knowledge of the CRSPs, individually and collectively, amongst the development community. Among the recent activities:

- Exhibit at the World Food Prize meetings and other conferences
- ♦ A CRSP-wide electronic newsletter.
- Seminars on CRSP research results at USAID and other venues
- Briefings and informational sessions for government and development audiences
- Success stories, fact sheets, and other publications

A web-based platform provides users with a "one-stop shop" for CRSP information

WWW.CRSPS.NET



Initiated by Title XII of the Foreign Assistance Act, **Collaborative Research Support Programs** mobilize the capacities of land-grant universities to address issues of food security, human health, agricultural growth, trade expansion, and sustainable use of natural resources in the developing world.

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