

Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

Northeast Area Agriculture Research Service Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)



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Northeast Area Agriculture Research Service (ARS)

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Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)

Director: Dr. Howard Zhang

Parent Agency: Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Department: Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Maryland Employees: 800

History & Mission: In 1862, the Agricultural Department of the U.S. Patent Office was established as an independent entity, the USDA. In 1910, the U.S. Department of Agriculture purchased the 475-acre Walnut Grange plantation in Beltsville to turn it into a research facility and the dairy and animal husbandry research was transferred there. Henry A. Wallace's name was added to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in June 2000.

At BARC, ARS conducts research to develop and transfer solutions to agricultural problems of high national priority and provide information access and dissemination in order 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.

ARS research at BARC develops solutions to a wide range of problems related to food and agriculture-- problems requiring long-term commitment of resources and problems unlikely to have solutions with the quick commercial payoff that would convince private industry to do the research. ARS also provides research to support federal action and regulatory agencies.

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		USDA Vendor Capability Submission Portal
		USDA Strategic Plan Fiscal Years 2022-2026
		USDA Science and Research Strategy, 2023-2026: Cultivating Scientific Innovation