AgNIC Specific Cooperative Agreements – Content Building Projects

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What ARE Specific Cooperative Agreements?

• Agricultural Research Service’s (ARS) authorized by 7 USC 3318(b)

• Legally binding agreement between ARS and a partner for a jointly planned, executed, and funded research program or project, not to exceed 5 years
Requirements

• For NAL -
  – Have the legal authority
  – Project must have relevance to ARS program such as NAL
  – Must have common interest
  – Must contribute in-house resources
  – Must have substantial involvement in the performance and accountability
Requirements

- For the project Partner
  - Jointly develop the plan
  - Jointly develop the budget
  - Contribute “in-kind” resources to the project
  - Be accountable
  - Provide progress reports
  - Manage intellectual property
What it this cannot be used for

- Hire staff to replace Federal staff
- Fund construction projects
- Modify or improve real property
- Directly support an ARS [NAL] employee
- Pay the travel costs of ARS [NAL] employee
- Purchase equipment for ARS
AgNIC Purpose

• Build full-text content which helps to support the NDLA
• Kick-start new partners to get site “off the ground”
• Work to establish and implement standards – such as the NALT, metadata, digitizing
• Create metadata – which feeds into AGRICOLA which facilitates broad access to agricultural information and full-text
• Exploring how to work together to establish deep, rich collections