

**REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**  
(See Instructions on reverse)

TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR)  
WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1 FROM (Agency or establishment)  
United States Department of Agriculture

2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION  
Agricultural Research Service

3 MINOR SUBDIVISION

4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER  
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JOB NUMBER  
NI-310-08-2

DATE RECEIVED  
April 14, 2008

NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY

In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10

DATE ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES  
4/14/08 Allen Grant

6. AGENCY CERTIFICATION  
I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached \_\_\_\_\_ page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,  
 is not required;  is attached; or  has been requested.

DATE	SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE	TITLE
04/08/2008	<i>Quinn Sinnott</i>	Record Management Officer

7 ITEM NO.	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION	9 GRS OR SUPERSEDED JOB CITATION	10 ACTION TAKEN (NARA USE ONLY)
	Please see attached		

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE**

In 1990, the U.S. Congress authorized establishment of a National Genetic Resources Program (NGRP). It is the NGRP's responsibility to: acquire, characterize, preserve, document, and distribute to scientists, germplasm of all lifeforms important for food and agricultural production.

Germplasm Resource Information Network (GRIN) performs a clearly defined function, that of providing germplasm information about plants, animals, microbes, and invertebrates within the National Genetic Resources Program (NGRP) to the worldwide germplasm research community. The Germplasm Resources Information Network's (GRIN) mission is to support four projects; the National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS), the National Animal Germplasm System (NAGP), the National Microbial Germplasm Program (NMGP), and the National Invertebrate Germplasm Program (NIGRP). The role of the NGRP is to acquire, preserve and distribute genetic resources to users worldwide so that U.S. citizens and those of other nations will benefit. Further, the mission of the NGRP is to effectively collect, document, preserve, evaluate, enhance, and distribute genetic resources for continued improvement in the quality and production of economically important species to the U.S. and world agriculture. This is achieved through a coordinated effort by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with other public and private U.S. and international organizations. The NGRP's genetic resources, and the information about them, are made freely available to all bona fide users for the benefit of mankind. GRIN is a centralized computer database designed to:

- facilitate management and operation of genetic resource programs
- enhance communication with scientists regarding the location and characteristics of germplasm
- permit flexibility to users in storing and retrieving information
- reduce redundancy of data
- relate pertinent information about each accession, and
- facilitate easy, online ordering of germplasm by bona fide researchers

**Web Page(s):** System has web pages.

**Level of Public Access:** This system is accessible to the general public via the World Wide Web (WWW).

<http://www.ars-grin.gov>



d. Documentation such as codebooks, data dictionary, files specifications, record layouts, and user guides.

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Disposition: Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives as indicated in Item b above.