

HISTORY

The Bureau of Plant Industry -Los Baños National Crop Research and Development Center (BPI-LBNCRDC) was established on November 20, 1931 by the Philippine Legislative with the Passage Act No. 3910. Formerly known as Economic Garden which was patterned with the famous Buitenzerg Economic Garden in Java, the Paredehiya Garden of Ceylon and the Serdang Experiment Plantation of Malaysia. Formally inaugurated in 1933 by Dr. Edwin Copeland, founder and first dean of the UP College of Agriculture. Renamed as BPI- Los Baños National Crop Research and Development Center during the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture on July 1, 1988 as per Executive Order No. 116.

LAND RESOURCES

BPI-LBNCRDC has a total land area of 46.18 ha., wherein 11 ha are utilized for research activities; 9 ha for seed production; 2 ha For orchard plantation; 5 has. for ownership disputes; 14.68 ha are occupied by buildings, roads and other infrastructures; 3 ha for germplasm collection of fruit trees; and 1.5 ha for foundation grove for scion production.

LOCATION

The Center is located at the foot of Mt. Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna, 62 km south of Manila at latitude 14° 10'N and longitude 121° 15'E and about 4 km away from UP at Los Baños.



VISION

Vibrant crop farming communities and the industry sector producing quality, accessible and affordable food for the Filipino people.

MISSION

Conserve and develop Philippine plant genetic resources and ensure the development and protection of the plant industry.

MANDATES

The Center is mandated to generate and promote relevant technologies for lowland vegetables; to produce quality seeds and plant materials; and to transfer generated technologies to increase farmers' productivity and attain food security of the farming clientele.



Crop Research

Conducts researches on plant genetic resources, varietal development, culture and management, socio-economics, participatory researches and crop protection

on selected lowland vegetables. Conducts collaborative R&D programs with DA-BAR, DA-Biotechnology and international agencies.



Crop Production

Performs production of breeder and foundation seeds of NSIC approved varieties; high quality fruit trees, ornamental and medicinal plants; and other economically important crops.



Technology Transfer

To share in the development and promotion of better agriculture in the Philippines through: bringing developed technologies

through Techno-demo Farm Trials; providing training to local and foreign students, farmers and technicians; promoting the use of vermicompost as organic fertilizer for vegetable; extends technical and material assistance to various partners in agriculture.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since the Center intensifies its crop improvement program in 1955, it has developed a number of varieties of field & vegetable legumes; solanaceous ; root crops; cereals and fruit trees which were approved by the National Seed Industry Council formerly Philippine Seedboard for commercial production in the country.

Crop	No. of Varieties
Mungbean	14
Soybean	11
Peanut	9
Corn	3
Pole Sitao	6
Cowpea	4
Eggplant	1
Tomato	2
Chinese Cabbage	1
Sweet Potato	2
Bush Sitao	3
Okra	1
Santol	6

- Development of Home Garden and Peri-urban (Off-season) Production Technologies.
- Production and management of ornamentals plants.
- Development of soilless technologies for high value vegetables.
- Promotion of indigenous vegetable utilization.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Staff	Technical	Non-technical	Total
Administrative Support Services	2	12	14
Research Staff	10	7	17
Production Staff	2	4	6
Total	13	24	37



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*"Providing quality seeds for
better crop production....."*

