

The consortium is composed of different committees, namely: RRDCC, RTWG, RACG and RMIS. Four staff of this center are members of the committees.

3. La Granja Agricultural Research and Development Center (LGARDC)

LGARDC is a local consortium of five member-agencies composed of BPI- LGNCRDC, SRA-LGAREC, UPLBCA-RTS, PCC-LCSF and DA-RIARC. Each member-agency enjoys the spirit of the consortium by way of sharing its resources in terms of pooled expertise and facilities as regards to effective implementation of R, D and E programs.



4. National Seed Industry Council (NSIC)

- as one of the testing sites of the National Cooperative Trials on Field Legumes and Field Corn, two technical staff of the center serve as members of the Technical Working Group of these commodities and likewise conduct trials to evaluate promising entries prior to recommendation of commercial varieties.

5. Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)

BAR has been a partner of BPI LGNCRDC in terms of providing fund support in conducting research and the improvement of the latter's facilities.

6. Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Unit 6 (DA-RFU-6)

The Center Chief of LGNCRDC is a member of the Regional Management Committee (RMC) of DA-RFU 6. The committee meets from time to time to discuss priority concerns of the Department of Agriculture which provides avenues wherein each agency represented could share expertise, services and materials necessary for the implementation of agricultural activities and programs.

7. Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice)



The center links with the institute in terms of collaborative research particularly on National Cooperative Trial (NCT) for Upland Rice. PhilRice provides seeds and funds while the center implements the trial.

8. Department of National Defense

The BPI-LGNCRDC has been a part of the community project of the Philippine Army based in La Granja. As such, the center helps provide plant material assistance to the battalion upon their request.

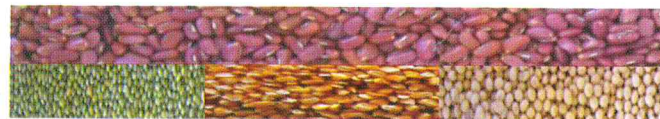


9. La Carlota City Nutrition Council - The center has been actively participating in the Nutrition Program of the city government of La Carlota. For several years, plant materials like sweet potato and cassava cuttings, malunggay seedlings, and vegetable seeds were provided to different elementary schools of the city. Likewise, the center has sponsored feeding program for grade school pupils in La Granja and nearby communities.



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***"Propelling the Country Toward
Higher Agricultural Productivity Thru
Appropriate Technologies,
and Quality Seeds
and Plant Materials"***



SERVICES OFFERED

The La Granja National Crop Research and Development Center is a BPI research center for legumes, vegetables, and other upland crops committed to the socio-economic upliftment of the lives of the Filipino farmers”

It is committed to create more opportunities through result-oriented and efficient RDE activities for sustainable and globally-competitive agricultural products

The center is primarily tasked to generate technologies for field legumes and other upland crops, and to produce higher classes of seeds and parent source tree planting materials of NSIC-approved crop varieties. It links with other government institutions and private sectors in conducting research and piloting of technologies. Likewise, it provides extension services in the form of lectures/demos, on-the-job trainings and exhibits at farmer's field and conduct of field days.

(more photos here)

MANPOWER AND FACILITIES

Currently, the La Granja National Crop Research and Development Center (LGNCRDC) has manpower strength of 40 plantilla personnel; 14 are technical and 26 are non-technical.

Research and production are the main programs utilizing 15 hectares of its 78.69 hectares area for research and 30 hectares for production, while buildings, roads and canals occupy 6 hectares; 10 hectares are ravines, creeks and stony areas; squatters occupy the remaining area.

Its physical structures include the administration building, crop research building, seed processing plant, plant nursery, satellite seed testing laboratory, biocon laboratory, service building, greenhouses, tissue culture laboratory, agribusiness service center, seed and farm supply storage building, staff cottages, and a dormitory.

On-the-Job Trainings

-Upon request, the center caters to on- the-job training particularly on nursery management and plant propagation of selected fruit trees, and seed production of upland crops.



Quality Seed and Plant Material Distribution - One of



the avenues to serve our clientele (farmers, students, crop growers, etc.) is thru distribution of various crop seeds and quality planting materials.

Technical Consultation- The center accommodates walk-in clientele who oftentimes inquire information about technologies on crop management and production.

Lectures and Technology Demonstrations - From time to time, some of the technical staff of the center are invited as resource persons to give lectures/techno demos during trainings farmers, extension workers and students. In addition, lecture-demonstration is also conducted to participants of educational field trips in the center.

Venue for Trainings/Seminars – The center has conference hall and field projects that could provide first hand exposure among trainees



Farm Practice for Agriculture Students - Every year, the center accepts farm practicum for agriculture students from different colleges and universities of Region 6.

Seed Analysis - The center has the satellite laboratory for seed testing and analysis that caters to the needs of accredited seed growers.

LINKAGES

1. Provincial Research Development and Extension Network (PRDEN)

PRDEN is a network of government agencies and non-government organizations engaged in research, development and extension activities at the provincial level. It is responsible for the transfer of agricultural technologies through pilot testing involving the active participation of the local government units.



Since its launching in August 2002 under the auspices of the DA-BAR, BPI-LGNCRDC has been actively involved in this network by providing technical and material assistance in terms of research proposal preparation, planning workshop, participation to field days and the conduct of on-farm research. Two of its technical staffs are active members of On-Farm Research (OFR) team for Corn and Rice Plus.

2. Western Visayas Agricultural Research Resources and Development Consortium (WESVARRDEC)

WESVARRDEC is a regional consortium in Western Visayas, wherein BPI-LGNCRDC has been an active member. Through the consortium, utilization of R and D results like knowledge and technology generated by different member-agencies is assessed whether these technologies can indeed address the regional concern of priority commodities like mango, bamboo, native chicken, sugarcane and postharvest facilities. Likewise, capability building and governance among member-agencies are among the major programs being facilitated by the consortium.