

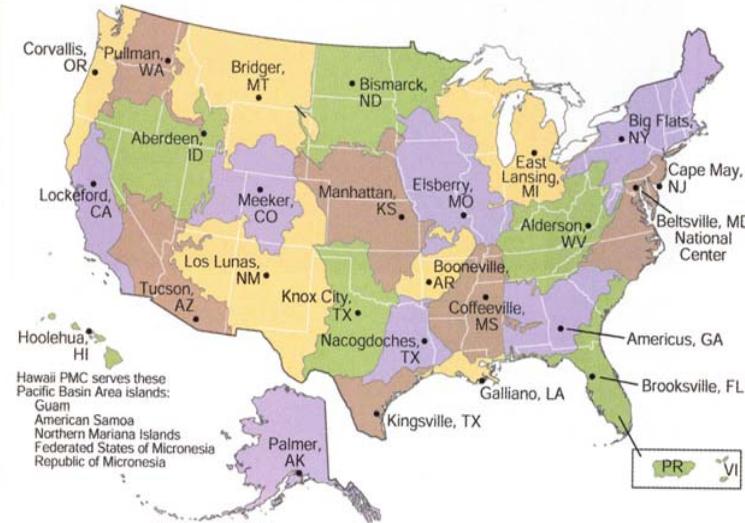
PLANTS OFFER A NATURAL SOLUTION...



The Tucson Plant Materials Center selects conservation plants and develops innovative planting technology to address today's natural resource issues.



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***Plant Solutions
for Conservation Needs***

Plants make conservation happen.

The Tucson Plant Materials Center is operated by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. In 1935 the USDA-NRCS recognized the need for adapted plant material for use in their conservation programs. To meet this need plant materials centers were established in critical areas throughout the United States. For over 70 years the Tucson PMC has developed and evaluated plant materials and technologies that have enhanced conservation efforts throughout the Sonoran, Mojave and Chihuahuan desert regions.

The Tucson PMC works closely with its customers to provide effective, cost-efficient vegetative solutions for conservation problems. Rangelands, mined lands, critical areas, urban and urban interface areas, riparian areas, croplands, water and air quality, invasive species, and wildlife habitat all present resource issues within the PMC service area.

The Tucson PMC works in partnership with NRCS field offices, resource conservation and development groups, conservation districts, federal and state agencies, non-profit groups and private landowners to improve resource technology.



Many of today's environmental challenges can be addressed through the use of plants.

The Tucson Plant Materials Center:

- **Focuses** on using plants as a natural way to solve conservation issues and re-establish ecosystem function.
- **Collects, selects, and releases** grasses, legumes, wildflowers, trees and shrubs.
- **Cooperates** with public, private, commercial and tribal partners and land managers to apply new conservation methods using plants.
- **Provides** plant materials and new and applied technologies for national initiatives, such as the farm bill.
- **Researches** use of plants and technologies to battle invasive species, heal lands damaged by natural disasters, reduce the effects of drought and promote air and water quality.

