

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
FOR
MEMBERSHIP
IN
VEGETABLE and FRUIT IMPROVEMENT CENTER
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

The Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center (Center) has been established in and administered by the Department of Horticultural Sciences, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) to create a cooperative vegetable research program between scientists in TAES and participating members of the vegetable and related industries.

Membership in the Center is offered to _____ at a membership fee of _____ for the period of _____ to August 31, _____. In association with membership the following rights and conditions are offered:

1. Members will serve in an advisory capacity to the Center and will assist in establishing priority research needs.
2. Members representing seed companies will be permitted to evaluate, under written agreement, advanced breeding lines, including making test hybrids with male sterile lines, produced through the Center prior to their release.
3. Members representing seed production companies will be given first rights to negotiate a license from TAES to grow and sell inbred lines and varieties/hybrids resulting from Center funded plant improvement programs.
4. All members will have rights to observe and utilize other new technology developed from research projects funded through the Center.
5. Certain other research in TAES that is not a part of the Center's program may be funded through specific agreements by members. The distribution of results from such research will be governed by the terms of the agreement between the sponsor and TAES.
6. Any patentable discoveries that are conceived by TAES employees during the course of the research conducted under this agreement shall be the property of TAES. Any discoveries by member's employees are the sole property of the member.

7. Initial membership to the Center was open from September 1, 1992 to August 31, 1993. Renewals and new memberships will be received only between September 1 and September 30 of each year. Members will have access to newly released plant materials and new technology developed after initial membership and while membership is current.
8. Membership fees are due between September 1 and September 30 each year and are non-refundable and non-transferrable. Payment should be made by check to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.
9. Each membership is entitled to one seat on the Center Advisory Committee.

ACCEPTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Director, Vegetable and Fruit Improvement Center

Company

Head, Department of Horticultural Sciences

Company Representative Signature

Director, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station

Date

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