

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Peanut

(Peanut Innovation Lab)







The Global Challenge: Achieving Sustainable Food Security

925 million people suffer from chronic hunger.

Demand for food is projected to increase by 50 percent over the next 20 years. Increased demand will come primarily from population and income growth in middle-income countries.

 Diversified diets increasingly in demand – especially animal source foods.





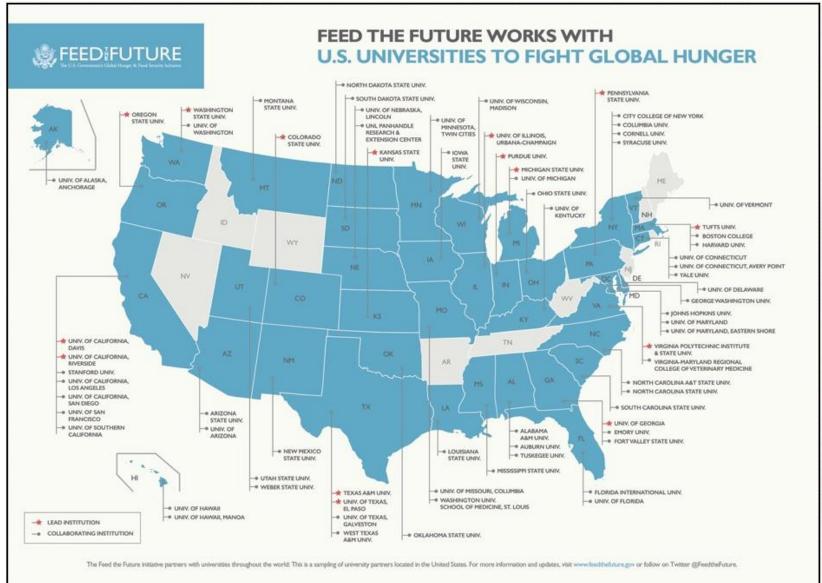


Feed the Future Innovation Labs

- Contribute of US Global Food Security Strategy
- Support multi-disciplinary agriculture research using modern science
- Long-term commitment to achieving objectives
- Partnering with and investing in US and national research institutes
- Committed to institutional capacity building, including graduate degrees













UGA and Global Peanut Research

- Leadership for:
 - Peanut Collaborative Research Support Program 1982-2012
 - Peanut & Mycotoxin Innovation Lab 2012-2017
 - Peanut Innovation Lab 2018-2023
- Supported research projects in 32 countries
- Partnered with 16 institutions in 12 US States
- Trained over 250 BS, MS and PhD students from 26 countries, including over 60 from the USA
- Increased peanut productivity, quality and profitability in the USA and globally







Impactful peanut

- Global importance (39 million tons, 95% in developing countries)
- Highly nutritious (protein, fiber, unsaturated fats, RUTF/RUSF)
- Valuable as a legume in cereal systems (fixes nitrogen)
- Often a women's (and cash) crop

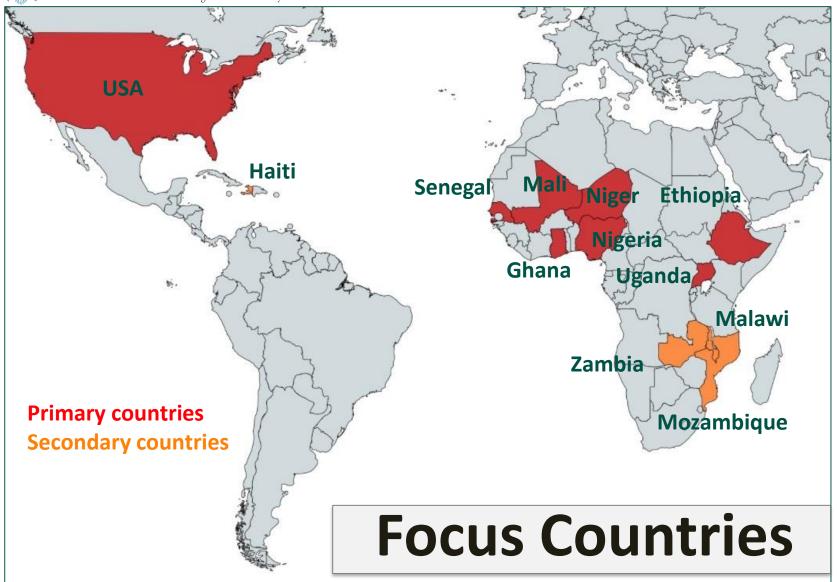


Eating Peanuts Daily Significantly Reduces All-Cause Mortality

Albany, GA, November 21, 2013. - A major study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, showed that men and women who ate an ounce of peanuts daily reduced their risk of death from all causes by up to 20%. Results also showed that peanut eaters were leaner. This gives people another great reason to get their daily handful of peanuts.



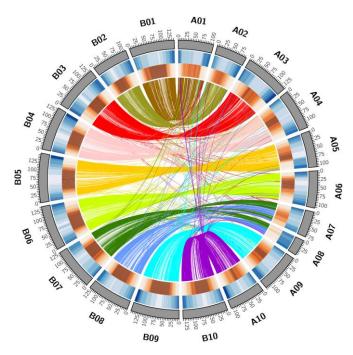








Determining existing peanut diversity using modern genomics



UGA Team led international peanut sequencing effort

~2000 African lines ~2500 US lines





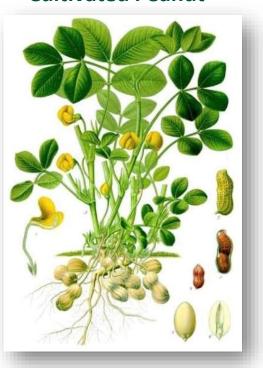


Capturing new diversity from wild relatives

Wild Peanut Relatives



Cultivated Peanut



Arachis duranensis X Arachis ipaënsis





Testing production packages for crop, pest & disease management









Improving drying and storage







Linking farmers to local & regional markets











Understanding nutritional benefits











Capacity Building

- MSc & PhD students
- Short-term training
- Training videos, manuals, guides
- Infographics





