



## Guidelines for Land Use at CNAS Research Stations

The purpose of CNAS's Research Stations, like all Research Stations in the Land Grant System, is to explore science-based possibilities for adoption by Guam farmers and other agricultural users, and to explore solutions to client's issues. Wherever possible, the cost of research is tracked as a normal course of operation so that clients can have a basic understanding of what costs might be involved in implementing an idea being demonstrated at one of the research stations. The following guidelines govern Land Use at CNAS' Research Stations in Yigo, Inarajan, and Ija.

### Priority for Land Use

- a. Land Grant Programs (i.e. Hatch, Multi-State, McIntire-Stennis) or C-E&O supported *research* or any "high priority" research as deemed necessary by the CNAS Dean.
- b. Non-Land Grant or C-E&O supported *extension* projects (e.g. demonstration plots, seed production) of WPTRC and ANR faculty.
- c. Other non-Land Grant or C-E&O projects (e.g. UOG course-related projects) by WPTRC, ANR, or other CNAS faculty.

### Station Resource Allocations

Station funds and resources from the various Land Grant Programs may only be used for research-related projects funded by those programs and primarily located at one of the CNAS Research Stations. This includes use of farm crew employees, farm equipment, and any other resource at a Station that may have been acquired or is supported by Land Grant Program funds. Each research project, from any CNAS or UOG faculty (Research, Extension, Instruction), must be an approved Land Grant-funded project, or be primarily self-supporting (i.e. receives other funding to cover employee time and for use of Station equipment and resources).

### General Principles

1. Station property belongs to the University of Guam and is administered by CNAS's Western Pacific Tropical Research Center. The Director and Associate Director are the ultimate arbitrators of activities and issues affecting the use of the Stations and their resources. The WPTRC Land Use Committee is an advisory body delegated by the Director and Associate Director for Research to make recommendations on general land use procedures and on special cases as requested by the Director or Associate Director.
2. The Land Use Committee consists of three members from WPTRC and one member from C-E&O's ANR. Final approval of all committee members is reserved for the Associate Director of WPTRC.
3. The Land Use Committee will hold an annual meeting each Fall semester (before October 31 of each year), chaired by a member of the Committee, to recommend plot assignments at each Station for the next 12 months. A Call for Requests for new field plot allotments will be announced no later than September 31 of each year. Requests will be submitted in writing to the Land Use Committee before their annual meeting. The Committee will then recommend field plot allotments to the highest priority projects and forward their recommendations to the Associate Director for approval. Requests for field plot assignments can be made on an exceptional basis during the year and will be considered on a first-come first-served basis. Disputes over land use will be reviewed by the Committee who will make a recommendation to the Associate Director for resolving the dispute.
4. Field plots are registered for active research projects on a yearly basis. Field plots must be used year to year with a plan for rotation.

However, up to 3 years may be requested at one time for projects where the most efficient experimental design requires multiple replications over more than one year. If a particular experiment requires additional time for completion after the 3-year initial period, a new request must be submitted to the Land Use Committee.

5. Long-term projects designed to require more than 3 years' land allocation, such as those requiring long-term plantings or permanent structures to be built, must be cleared by the Land Use Committee and approved by the Associate Director in advance of any land development or modification.
6. Consideration will be given to long-term users of specific plots as well as to the past efforts put into the improvement or modification of these plots. However, plots may be reallocated by the Director or Associate Director following consultation with or upon recommendation by the Land Use Committee.
7. With the assistance of the Farm Manager, the Land Use Committee will maintain an inventory of field plot sites and their usage history which will be made available to all faculty.

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