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Organization	Scope of Organization's BQMS	Recognition Information
AgReliant Genetics, LLC Lebanon, Indiana	The vision of AgReliant Genetics, LLC is to develop and deliver the best seed products from superior genetics. Striving for excellence, AgReliant's BQMS goals are to be in compliance with USDA regulations under 7 CFR Part 340 and in continuous process improvement through all phases of regulated transgenic crop Research & Development.	Recognition achieved: October 2012
Arcadia Biosciences, Inc. Davis, California	Arcadia Bioscience's BQMS is an auditable quality system that provides comprehensive and transparent management of Arcadia's USDA compliance activities. The BQMS provides external verification of the procedures associated with regulated plant materials that have always been used by Arcadia. The scope considers the field release, importation and movement of plant materials regulated by the USDA through procedures and records to ensure compliance with the regulations contained in 7 CFR part 340.	Recognition achieved: August 2011
BASF Plant Science, <i>Regulatory Compliance, United States</i> Research Triangle Park, North Carolina	Manage Regulatory Compliance prior to, during and after field trials [in accordance with Title 7 CFR part 340].	Recognition achieved: August 2009
Bayer CropScience, <i>US BioScience Regulatory Affairs, Compliance Team</i> Research Triangle Park, North Carolina	Obtain notifications and permits for regulated GE plants and microorganisms and provide training and regulatory oversight of the activities conducted under these notifications and permits to help ensure compliance with Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations Part 340.	Recognition achieved: August 2009
Biogemma, Ames, Iowa	The scope of Biogemma's BQMS is to manage and monitor safely regulated GE plant material for field release according to APHIS-USDA regulatory requirements under 7 CFR part 340. This includes importation and movement of regulated seeds via approved regulatory procedures and proper notifications.	Recognition achieved: February 2012



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Cal/West Seeds West Salem, Wisconsin	The Cal/West Seeds Biotechnology Quality Management System (BMS) is designed to insure that Cal/West Seeds' activities in regard to regulated, GE alfalfa are conducted in conformance with the USDA-APHIS BQMS Standard and in compliance with Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations part 340 (7 CFR part 340).	Recognition achieved: December 2011
Ceres, Inc. Thousand Oaks, California	Ceres, Inc. has adopted the BQMS program to further develop and manage its quality systems and stewardship practices, which have been designed to ensure compliance with the USDA- APHIS-BRS regulations for the import, interstate movement and field release of regulated biotechnology traits. The scope of our BQMS covers regulated articles under Title 7 CFR 340 that are in confined field release in United States and its provinces. This program supports our ongoing activities in monitoring, measuring performance, and continuing to improve processes within our operations.	Recognition achieved: October 2012
Dow AgroSciences Indianapolis, Indiana	Dow AgroSciences' stewardship program and quality management systems enable the company to monitor and measure the performance of and continually improve its processes and operations throughout the biotechnology plant product life cycle. Within this comprehensive framework, the scope of Dow AgroSciences' BQMS is those activities that are regulated by USDA-APHIS, BRS under Title 7 CFR part 340.	Recognition achieved: June 2011
J. R. Simplot Company, <i>Plant Sciences</i> Boise, Idaho	Shipping and handling processes from storage to field release and post-harvest monitoring phases of regulated GE organism introduction regulated under 7 CFR part 340. Activities also extend to the organization's training and oversight of external associates that conduct regulated activities.	Recognition achieved: August 2009



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<p>Monsanto Company St. Louis, Missouri</p>	<p>Monsanto’s Stewardship program supports our legal, ethical and moral obligation to ensure our products and technologies are safe and environmentally responsible. Monsanto utilizes Quality Management Systems to implement stewardship programs and drive operational excellence and continuous improvement. Within this framework, Monsanto’s Biotechnology Quality Management System (BQMS) is designed to meet or exceed requirements outlined in 7 CFR Part 340 for the movement, import or release of USDA-APHIS regulated material.</p>	<p>Recognition achieved: May 2012</p>
<p>Pioneer – A Dupont Business Johnston, Iowa</p>	<p>The Pioneer BQMS interfaces with processes in key areas of the Pioneer Research Management System that are used to discover, develop, characterize, and deliver germplasm, traits, and products to our customers. The integration of these systems into a comprehensive framework enables Pioneer to monitor and measure the performance of our critical processes and continually improve our operations. Within Pioneer's overall QMS, the scope of our BQMS is limited to activities that are regulated by USDA-APHIS, BRS.</p>	<p>Recognition achieved: August 2009</p>
<p>Planet Biotechnology, Inc. Hayward, California</p>	<p>Planet Biotechnology, Inc. develops antibody-based biopharmaceuticals against infectious diseases and toxins and uses transgenic plants as a protein expression platform. Through the USDA's Biotechnology Quality Management System (BQMS) Program we developed, implemented and maintain a Quality Management System (QMS) satisfying applicable USDA regulatory requirements under 7 CFR part 340. Creating and integrating documented procedures to meet these requirements was greatly simplified by the responsive, transparent and knowledgeable discussions and audits sponsored by the USDA/ APHIS/ BRS Regulatory Operations Program.</p>	<p>Recognition achieved: August 2011</p>

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US Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center (PBARC) Hilo, Hawaii	USDA, ARS, PBARC, BQMS will monitor and improve upon best procedures in the development and implementation of field releases of genetically modified crops for Hawaii and Pacific Basin. PBARC BQMS is committed to provide quality agricultural improvements through genetic research and development of minor specialty crops by striving for continuous improvement by complying with local and national regulations and using sustainable environmental practices.	Recognition achieved: February 2012
Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture (PIPRA) University of California Davis, California	PIPRA's BQMS illustrates our commitment to enable translational technology development. As part of our research initiatives to foster private-public partnership, the BQMS demonstrates our attention toward biotechnology stewardship. The scope of the BQMS includes all activities related to the field examination of GE plants, including oversight, training, field release, and movement of plants, ensuring compliance with Title 7 CFR part 340.	Recognition achieved: January 2012
Syngenta Seeds, Inc. Minnetonka, Minnesota	Manage Regulatory Compliance in Research & Development prior to, during and after field trials [in accordance with Title 7 CFR part 340] in corn and soy.	Recognition achieved: May 2011
The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation Ardmore, Oklahoma	The founding principles of The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation include land stewardship and resource conservation. The quality management system advances these principles by being specifically designed to encompass the needs and requirements, as outlined in 7CFR340, for environmental release and transportation of alfalfa, an integral crop to production agriculture worldwide.	Recognition achieved: December 2011
University of Nebraska – Lincoln, <i>Agricultural Research Division</i> Lincoln, Nebraska	The introduction of regulated GE organisms in an environmentally safe and responsible manner; that meets or exceeds all known federal and state requirements, and enhances UNL ARD's ability to develop new technologies in a quality environment that is continuously improving	Recognition achieved: September 2009



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Ventria Biosciences Junction City, Kansas	Ventria Bioscience's BQMS establishes our regulatory compliance procedural framework in a manner consistent with our existing Quality Management System. The scope of Ventria's BQMS includes procedures to maintain compliance with 7CFR340, as well as best management practices in field production. By combining BQMS with our existing QMS, we have implemented a consistent and integrated system to ensure the quality of our operations from the field to the finished product.	Recognition achieved: November 2012
Verdeca Davis, California	Verdeca's BQMS guides and directs the company's 7 CFR 340 compliance activities for US field releases, movements and imports of regulated biomaterials.	Recognition achieved: November 2012