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APHIS' WS program often partners with private-sector industries to develop new tools and techniques for resolving human-wildlife conflicts related to agriculture, human health and safety, property, invasive species, and threatened and endangered species.

WS promotes the adoption of research outcomes by end users. Methods of technology transfer are varied and include publishing research findings, producing technical notes and factsheets, presenting at scientific meetings, hosting demonstrations and workshops, and protecting and licensing inventions for developing commercial products.

The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 changed how Federal Government research and development agencies do business, allowing Federal laboratories and industry to form commercial partnerships that enhance the development of new technologies and move them to marketplace. WS strives to transfer and market new technologies related to wildlife damage management from its research. It has formed numerous partnerships using Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA). WS works in cooperation with USDA's Office of Technology Transfer (OTT), housed in the Department's Agricultural Research Service (ARS), to facilitate and coordinate these partnerships.

Additional information can be found in Technology Transfer: Partnering with Wildlife Services.

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