



Pacific West Area – Horticultural Crops Research Units
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Carolyn Scagel Appointed Research Leader at NCGR

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Dr. Scagel has been a Research Plant Physiologist at the USDA-ARS Horticultural Crops Research Unit (HCRU) since 1998. She will be changing positions with ARS starting September 11, 2023 when she becomes Research Leader of the USDA-ARS National Clonal Germplasm Repository (NCGR) in Corvallis, Oregon. While at HCRU her research supported both the nursery and small fruit industries across a variety of disciplines (horticulture, plant pathology, chemistry, and plant physiology) with the overarching goal of improving resource use, product quality, and plant health.

The NCGR is one of 30 USDA genebanks committed to the conservation of economically important crops. This genebank maintains a living collection of over 26,000 plants of various temperate fruit, nut, and other specialty crops, including: *hardy kiwi, hazelnut, strawberry, hops, mint, pear, rhubarb, currants, gooseberries, blackberries, raspberries, black raspberries, blueberries, cranberries, lingonberries, and their wild relatives*. Collections are maintained in field plantings and in greenhouses and screenhouses and some are backed up off-site. Researchers at the NCGR evaluate, characterize, and distribute this germplasm and work with plant breeders and other stakeholders around the world to enable the use of this germplasm to improve crop productivity and quality.

The facility is undergoing a \$13.5M renovation to screenhouses and greenhouses to better preserve this valuable horticultural resource. For more information about the National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS) and NCGR visit: [National Clonal Germplasm Repository : USDA ARS](#)

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Future new screenhouses at the NCGR and some of the crops conserved

