



Agronomy Research Institute (ARI)

Crops Research Division

Department of Research and Specialist Services

MINISTRY OF LANDS, AGRICULTURE, WATER, CLIMATE AND RURAL RESETTLEMENT



Agronomy Research Institute (ARI) is a government research institution that which falls under the Crops Research Division of the Department of Research and Specialist Services (DR&SS) in the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Resettlement.

It was established to improve coordination and administration of national crops research work in the DR&SS and to generate and provide research-based agronomic technologies which promote viable, sustainable and increased crop productivity and production in Zimbabwe and beyond.

Research Programs

The Institute has eleven commodity-based team-led research programs.

1. Maize
2. Wheat & barley
3. Rice
4. Sorghum and Millets
5. Groundnuts
6. Soyabeans and field beans
7. Oilseeds (Sunflower, Castor and Jatropha)
8. Bambara groundnut, Cowpea and Pigeon pea
9. Cassava and Sweet Potato
10. Weed management and control
11. Agroforestry (Soil fertility & Indigenous fruits)

The following are its focus commodities



Maize



Pearl millet



Cassava



Sorghum



Rapoko



Groundnuts



Rice



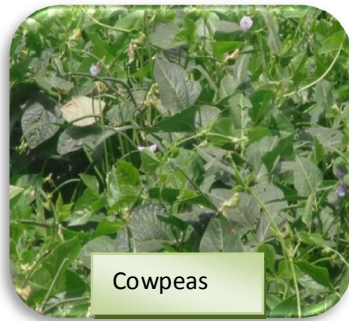
Sunflower



Soya beans



Dry beans



Cowpeas



Bambara groundnut



The Institute has six research units called Crop Productivity Units (CPUs) located at the following stations in Zimbabwe:

CPU	Area	Altitude (m)	Longitude	Latitude	Natural region
Harare Res Stn	Harare	1506 masl	31°02'E	17°50'S	IIa
Henderson Res Stn	Mazowe	1292	30°38'E	17°35'S	IIb
Kadoma	Kadoma	1157	29°53'E	18°19'S	IIb
Matopos Res Stn	Matopos	1388	28°28'E	20°24'S	IV
Makoholi Exp Stn	Masvingo	1204	30°47'E	19°50'S	IV
Panmure Exp Stn	Shamva	881	31°47'E	17°16'S	IIb
Mlezu Exp Stn	Kwekwe	1200	29°55'E	19°09'S	III

For easier adoption of technologies the research programmes also conduct on-farm trials in all the natural farming regions of the country.