

# About Us

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this Society is to instruct and educate the public on the properties, production, and use of the peanut through the organization and promotion of public discussion groups, forums, lectures, and other programs or presentations to the interested public and to promote scientific research on the properties, production, and use of the peanut by providing, forums, treatises, magazines, and other forms of educational material for the publication of scientific information and research papers on the peanut and the dissemination of such information to the interested public.

## HISTORY

The need for a national peanut research organization was recognized in 1957 and the Peanut Improvement Working Group (PIWG) was organized. The original membership consisted of representatives from USDA, Land Grant Universities, and the peanut industry. This small group evolved into an organization representing the diverse interests of the peanut industry and in 1968 the PIWG was dissolved and the American Peanut Research and Education Association was founded. In 1979, the organization's name was changed to the American Peanut Research and Education Society (APRES). APRES now has more than 550 individual, sustaining, organizational, student, and institutional (library) members.

## GOALS

The goal of APRES is to provide consumers with wholesome peanuts and peanut products at reasonable prices. To achieve this goal, a comprehensive and effective research and educational program designed to improve the inherent qualities

of peanuts is essential. Research emphasis must include the continual development of improved varieties, production, harvesting, curing, storing and processing methodology which promotes peanut quality. Educational emphasis must include the development of an informational program which transmits current developments to research and extension personnel at state Universities, in USDA, in private industry and to all other interested people who produce, sell or consume peanuts and/or peanut products.

### **Specific Goals:**

- To exchange information on current research and extension programs at the annual meeting;
- To participate in cooperative program planning among research, extension, and industry personnel;
- To periodically review research and extension programs, with appropriate recommendations for revision and redirection;
- To transmit published information to an international audience via APRES publications