






THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SEED COUNCIL ACT ("NASC") 2019

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What is the mandate of the National Agricultural Seed Council?

1. To promote & stimulate the development of a dependable seed industry
2. Regulate and control the registration of released varieties
3. Protect the farmers from the sales of poor quality seeds
4. Facilitate the production and marketing of high-quality seeds in Nigeria
5. Provide legal backing for seed testing, certification, sales, importation, exportation and use of seeds

What is the benefit to smallholder farmers upon implementation of the NASC ACT?

1. Access to certified improved seeds for bumper yields
2. Protection of farmers from sales of fake or adulterated seeds
3. Increased/doubled income for farmer households
4. Structured seeds markets
5. Access to information on best seeds, prices and location
6. Sales of seeds by only approved seeds vendors
7. Seeds rejected by foreign countries will not be dumped in Nigeria
8. Improved productivity in the agriculture sector
9. Improved trust in the seed system/value chain & suppliers



What are the provisions in the NASC ACT?

1. Variety development & plant variety protection (PVP)
2. Registration, release and certification of seeds
3. Seeds law enforcement
4. Seed quality control
5. Seed planning, monitoring & management
6. Import and export of seeds
7. Seed production & marketing

What are the benefits to the Nigerian citizen?

1. Poverty reduction as a result of the growth in the gross domestic product (GDP) that originates from improved agricultural yields
2. Enhanced food production, provision, affordability and accessibility
3. A viable & sustainable seed sector
4. Food security & inclusive economic growth in Nigeria

What are the goals of the NASC for the agribusiness ecosystem?

1. Fast-track of varietal development, registration & release of new crop varieties as well as the rapid multiplication of released varieties
2. Improve the quality of seeds sold to farmers for higher yields & better income
3. Re-orientate the operations of public sector agencies along commercial lines
4. Encourage private sector participation in seed operations through appropriate policies and promotional activities/incentives
5. Promote digitalization, technology & policy best practices in the global seed industry
6. Maintain genetic biodiversity of the crop ecologies