

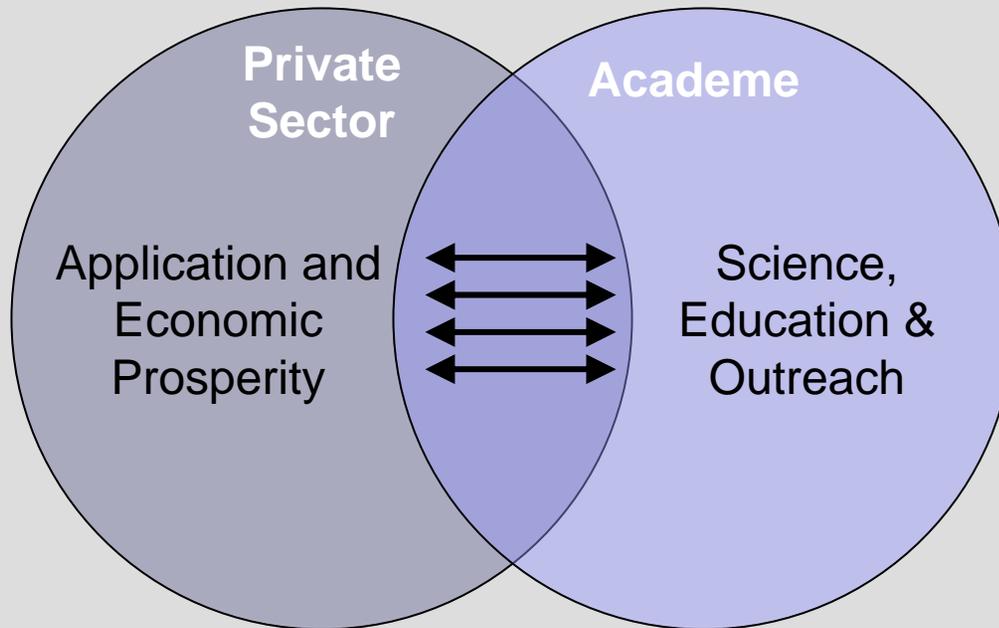


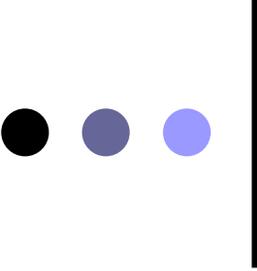
Engineering Solutions for Specialty Crop Challenges

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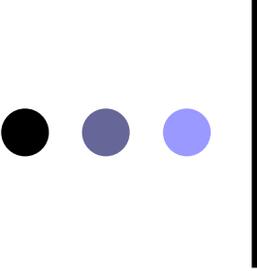
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Workshop Objectives

- Educate the engineering community regarding specialty crop needs for productivity, efficiency, and profitability
- Develop a set of potential solutions based in engineering science, technology, education, and application that could impact those need areas (R&D&A agenda)
- Foster communities of common interest and communities of collaboration



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