



Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization

Legal Basis

- **Presidential Decree No. 1380** (May 24, 1978) created the National Post Harvest Institute for Research and Extension (NAPHIRE) as the research and extension arm of the National Grains Authority (NGA) for post-harvest technology.
- **Letter of Instructions No. 1142** (May 25, 1981) converted the NGA into a National Food Authority (NFA) and, correspondingly, expanded the powers and functions of the NAPHIRE to include other agricultural commodities.
- **Executive Order No. 116** (January 30, 1987) renamed the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (MAF) into the Ministry of Agriculture (MA), and identified the NFA and its subsidiaries as attached to the MA, including NAPHIRE as NFA's research/extension arm.
- **Executive Order No. 494** (December 6, 1991), reorganized certain government-owned and controlled corporations and provided for the regularization of some entities, including the NAPHIRE which was transformed into the Bureau of Postharvest Research and Extension (BPRE) under the Department of Agriculture (DA).
- **Republic Act No. 8435** (December 22, 1997), the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997, defined the role of the BPRE in enhancing agriculture and fisheries development.
- **Executive Order No. 338** (2001), mandated the BPRE to reduce postharvest losses through the development, diffusion, and application of location-specific and cost-effective postharvest technologies.
- **Executive Order No. 366** (November, 2009), BPRE was renamed as the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech) per approved Rationalization Plan by the Department of Budget and Management.

Mandate

The Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PHilMech) generates, extends, and commercializes appropriate post-production technologies and practices to reduce losses, improve food and feed quality, ensure food safety, and maximize the benefits that accrue to the various stakeholders. It mechanizes from farm to fork through the execution of research and the effective extension and application of postproduction and agricultural mechanization technologies.

LOGICAL FRAMEWORK (PHilMech)

