



Farm Producer Grants Available

Producer grants include grants for value-added ventures and speciality crop in Indiana.

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If you've researched and planned a farm project designed to add value to your farm venture, you may wish apply for a value-added producer grant to help fund your project.

The USDA is accepting applications for the 2008 Value Added Producer Grants.

Last year, 162 recipients from 42 states received \$22.6 million to implement innovative projects. This list of past recipients gives you an idea of the range of projects.

A total of \$18.4 million is available to producers, producer groups and farmer cooperatives. Funds can be used for determining the viability of a potential value-added venture or for working capital. A maximum of \$100,000 is available per planning grant, \$300,000 is the maximum per working capital grant.

Application deadline is March 31, details about the 2008 Value Added Producer Grants are available from your local USDA Rural Development Office. Grants for specialty crops in Indiana
A grant program for specialty crops has been announced by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

The grants, funded by the USDA's Ag Marketing Service, range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to qualifying projects.

Organizations eligible to apply for the grants include commissions, public entities, associations and/or nonprofit organizations that represent specialty crops, such as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and nursery crops.

The deadline to apply is March 7. [Read More](#)