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Base Grant: \$500,000  
Specialty Crop Grant: \$660,000  
Total Grant: \$1,160,000

### Alternative uses for Small Tobacco Acreage in Southeastern Indiana:

Bailey Farms, \$3,247.  
Horticulture producer will expand the business by including lettuce, some ethnic vegetables, and other specialty greens to currently produced microgreens. Will serve as model for diversity of production to other growers.

### Transitional Strategies - Vegetable Production to Retail Nursery:

Zandstra's Garden Center, \$3,112.  
Company will make transition from vegetable grower to retail greenhouse. Center will serve as educational center and visitor destination.

### Expanding Market for Huffman and Hawmaker Farms:

TriBond Farms Inc, \$8,995.  
Increase the production and marketing possibilities for the family specialty crop business by the addition of chillers.

### Jennings County Specialty Growers' Production and Marketing Initiative:

Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, Inc., \$35,100.  
Create a comprehensive education and market development program in Jennings County by providing local growers with coordinated state-of-the-art production, marketing and business training.

### White County Farmers' Market:

White County Industrial Foundation, Inc., \$23,403.  
Develop a county-wide farmers market system to work in coordination with local tourism.

### Further Enhance the Development of Indiana Wine and Grape Industry:

Purdue University - Sally Linton, \$47,413.  
Enhance and develop the wine and grape industry through sponsorship of the "Vintage Indiana Wine and Food Festival."

### Food Venture, Phase I:

Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc., \$50,000.  
Develop a marketing analysis/implementation plan for a commercial kitchen. The kitchen will be a fully licensed shared-use specialty food production facility that will assist entrepreneurs with the processing and packaging of produce.

### Honey Bee Breeding for Mite Resistance:

Purdue University - Greg J. Hunt, \$43,304.  
Research to breed bees that are resistant to mites. Honeybees are crucial to Indiana's specialty crop industry.

### Site Specific Weed Management for Indiana Mint Production:

Purdue University - Steven C. Weller, \$39,927.  
Research on the potential for developing weed management programs for mint. The results will present an opportunity to provide outreach and education programs to ensure the stability of Indiana mint production.

### Indiana Fruit and Vegetable Web:

Purdue University - Bruce Bordelon, \$28,879.  
Establish and maintain a website for the education of fruit and vegetable producers.

### Specialty Crop Direct Marketing - Interactive Web Portal:

Ball State University - Gary Truitt, Local Web4U, & Smith Farms, \$50,000.  
Research and development for a comprehensive website market Indiana produce. Conduct site design, concept development, consumer research and establish a not-for-profit organization.

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**The Good Life with Jill Ditmire:**

Metropolitan Indianapolis Public Broadcasting, Inc. (WFYI), \$50,000.

Underwrite a public television series featuring Indiana food products and producers.

**Processing Tomato Variety Improvement:**

Red Gold Inc., \$50,000.

Research development testing, gene pool maintenance, and release of new tomato varieties to all Indiana growers.

**Ag/Hort Labor Law Compliance Manual and Web Site:**

Mid America Ag and Hort Services, Inc., \$11,100.

Development of an Indiana Ag/Hort Labor Law compliance manual and website.

**Educating Indiana Specialty Crop Growers:**

Purdue University - Peter M. Hirst, \$15,751.

Supplemental funding for speakers for the Indiana Horticultural Congress. Beneficiaries will be Indiana specialty crop producers.

**Specialty Crop Marketing Specialist:**

Purdue University - Tom Roney & Ed Ashworth, \$152,569.

Matching funding for specialty crop marketing specialist professor and graduate assistant positions at Purdue University. Purdue will fund the positions in future years.

**Sponsorship of "The Good Life":**

Indiana Christmas Tree Growers' Association, \$27,000.00.

Sponsorship for public television series featuring Indiana Christmas tree farms. Video new release and background rolls for use by media. Educational seminar on media relations for all commodity associations.

**Organics on the Road: Bringing the New Regulations Home to Hoosiers:**

Hoosier Organic Marketing, \$18,200.

Educational seminars providing information to Indiana's certified Education Organic and potential organic farmers regarding compliance with the new national and Indiana regulations.

**Purchase of Honeybee Queens for Colony Propagation:**

Indiana Beekeepers Association, \$2,000.

Introduce purchased queen bees to divides of established colonies to provide colony replacements. The results will enable bee keepers to maintain and propagate colonies at less cost for honey production and crop pollination.

**Indiana Farm Fresh Lamb:**

Indiana Sheep Association, \$52,375.

Centralize lamb processing to enhance direct to restaurant and grocery marketing. Work toward resolution of by-product issues with local renderers.

**Ag to Energy:**

RDC Farms, Inc., \$14,677.

Form a cooperative for the purpose of processing and marketing.

**Developing Foodservice and Retail Markets for Indiana Farm Fresh Beef:**

Indiana Beef Cattle Assoc.Inc., \$31,200.

Explore the potential use of two existing idle meat-processing facilities as well as construction of a new facility to provide a 365 day supply of Indiana Farm Fresh Beef to retailers and restaurateurs.

**Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program:**

Indiana Agricultural Leadership Institute, \$40,000.

Underwriting support for the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Institute, Inc. The Institute provides participants with training that improves leadership capacities, builds confidence, and increases knowledge and perspectives of domestic and international affairs affecting agriculture.

**Tri-State Horticultural Growers' Conference:**

Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D, Inc, \$10,000.

Sponsor a Tri-State Horticultural Growers Conference to discuss production techniques and joint marketing efforts for specialty crops.

**Protecting Indiana's Agricultural Heritage:**

American Farmland Trust, \$27,655.

Education about land use issues via sponsorship of the Ultimate Farmland Preservation Tour. Production of a video specific to Indiana land use issues.

**Abundant Harvest of Indiana:**

Abundant Harvest of Indiana, Inc., \$25,000.

Harvest and deliver excess produce to Indiana food banks. The producers will contribute the food.

**Promotion of Organic Seed and Farming Practices:**

Hoosier Organic Marketing and Education, \$52,350.

Educate organic and non-organic producers about premium opportunities, production methods, and certification requirements. Develop the necessary infrastructure to ensure that organic farmers in Indiana have a source of organic corn seed varieties that work in Indiana.

**Educating Citizens about Indiana Agriculture:**

Indiana Agriculture Resource Council, \$42,250.

Education of the public about agriculture and food systems. Build public relations for the agriculture industry.

**Marketing Action Plan for Clark County Farmers' Market:**

Jeffersonville Main Street, Inc., \$3,000.

Assist the Clark County Farmers Market in implementation of its marketing action plan. Pay for printed material and internet site development to enhance the organization's market share.

**Indiana Agriculture – It All Starts with the Land Video Series:**

jad Productions, Inc., \$32,823.

Create videos depicting seven segments of the agricultural industry to be used for education of the public at the State Fair and at commodity group conferences.

**Montgomery Farms Expansion:**

Montgomery Farms, \$18,990.

Assist an existing agri-entertainment enterprise in creating an educational presentation for delegates to the national FFA conference.

**Indiana Agriculture Awareness Campaign:**

Indiana Pork Producers Association, \$59,000.

Print and radio advertising to educate Indiana's nonfarm public about the value and role of agriculture in their lives and local communities.

**Environmental Management System:**

Indiana Farm Bureau & Environmental Services, Inc., \$15,000.

Develop an environmental management system model for livestock producers. EMS is a comprehensive systematic process to effectively manage risks and liabilities.

**CNMP Process Improvement:**

Indiana Farm Bureau & Environmental Services, Inc, \$30,348.

Facilitate a voluntary partnership effort for efficient information collection and the development of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs). The objective is to develop an improved data collection process for developing CNMPs.

**Indiana Farmers' Market Coordinator:**

Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage, \$45,332.

Establish a statewide resource for the development, implementation, operation and sustainability of community farmers markets throughout Indiana. A staff person hired by the Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage, Inc. will develop forums, networks, databases, and materials for a statewide infrastructure for community markets.