

# Mississippi

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Base Grant: \$500,000  
Specialty Crop Grant: \$250,000  
Total Grant: \$750,000.

### FY 02 Projects

#### **Mississippi Pecan Promotion:**

Mississippi Pecan Growers Association, \$15,000.  
Advertisement and Promotion of Mississippi Pecans.

#### **Mississippi Sweet Potato Promotion:**

Coopwood Communications, \$46,200.  
Promotion of Mississippi Sweet Potatoes.

#### **Beef Cooperative Business Development:**

Darby Enterprises, \$27,500.  
Review Opportunities for adding value to a newly forming beef cooperative including a market analysis, business plan and cooperative development.

#### **Chemical Analysis:**

Mississippi State University  
Chemical Laboratory, \$4,455.  
Analytical study of catfish tissue.

#### **Livestock Operation Water Quality:**

University of Southern Mississippi, \$25,000.  
Development of protocol and analytical review of data collected to determine impact of livestock operations on environment for TMDL process.

#### **"Make Mine Mississippi":**

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, \$155,395.  
Promotion of fruits and vegetables through the Make Mine Mississippi (MMM) Program, an innovative state sponsored agricultural program designed to provide matching funds to eligible applicants interested in promoting their crops through advertising, trade shows, and promotional brochures.

### FY 03 Projects

#### **Mississippi Honey Promotion:**

Mississippi Honey Association, \$15,000.  
Promotion of Mississippi honey.

#### **Mississippi Sweet Potato Promotion:**

Coopwood Communications and  
The Packer, \$18,898.  
Promotion of Mississippi Sweet Potatoes.

#### **Cottonseed Biodiesel:**

Mississippi State University, \$10,000.  
Biodiesel study concerning cottonseed.

#### **"Make Mine Mississippi":**

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, \$60,000.  
Promotion of Mississippi agricultural products generically through the Make Mine Mississippi Program with statewide advertising on broadcast and print media.

#### **Organic Program Promotion:**

Mississippi Organic Program, \$30,500.  
Promote the Organic Program in the State of Mississippi. Includes printing cost, postage, advertising expenses, travel, testing equipment, and educational material.

#### **Timber Cooperative:**

North Central Mississippi RC&D Council, \$7,000.  
Promote the development of a timber cooperative in Northeast Mississippi for the purpose of creating marketing opportunities for landowner members who have small diameter plantation pine, the market use for which has greatly diminished as the result of so much pulpwood coming to market at the same time.

#### **Growing Institutional Markets:**

Mississippi Association of Cooperatives, \$182,448.  
Purchase of equipment for two small farmer cooperatives that have the potential for considerable growth providing fruits and

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vegetables to area school systems, coordinating these sales through the U.S. Department of Defense and the Mississippi Department of Education.

**Farm to School Program:**

Mississippi Association of Cooperatives, \$50,000.

**Nursery Promotion:**

Mississippi Nursery and  
Landscape Association, \$30,000.

Public promotion of garden and patio shows in Jackson, Gulfport and Hernando, Mississippi.

**Farmers Central Market:**

\$18,000.

**Forage Fed Beef:**

Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, \$5,000.

The study of forage-based system of producing beef for the retail and food service industry.

**Agricultural Biomass Potentials:**

Mississippi Technology Alliance, \$47,854.

Study to determine the potential feasibility of using poultry litter and wood waste in a large scale biomass facility.