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Base Grant: \$500,000
Specialty Crop Grant: \$1,380,000
Total Grant: \$1,880,000

Value-Added Promotion:

Value-Added Agriculture Promotion Board, \$40,000.
Created in 2001, this group is dedicated to assist value-added businesses. Clear fit with "Promotion of Agriculture" charge of the fund

Animal Health Emergency Response:

North Dakota State Veterinarian, \$30,000.
Increased awareness of foreign animal diseases by providing information to veterinarians and producers regarding clinical signs of animal diseases, thereby improving detection. Special attention was focused on education program addressing foot and mouth disease. Response time to disease outbreaks was improved by purchase of livestock handling equipment.

Competitive Grant Program:

Agricultural Products Utilization Commission, \$700,000.
Program assisted individual producers with exploration of nontraditional crops and livestock and marketing through competitive grants. Emphasis on enhanced research efforts leading to applied marketing roll-outs and promotion of foreign trade initiatives; \$300,000 reserved for foreign trade missions.

Value-Added Potato Products:

Red River Valley Potato Growers Association, \$375,000.
Program to:

- Promote marketing of value-added potato (frozen and fresh-packaged) products;
- Promote research oriented to marketability;
- Promote coordinated in-store marketing; and,
- Build and maintain international markets.

Onion Market Development:

Commercial Vegetable Growers of North Dakota, \$30,000.
New marketing initiatives for onions to include showcase for vegetable processors to examine North Dakota production.

Dry Bean Research and Promotion:

North Dakota Dry Bean Council, \$375,000.
Program to:

- Research color-loss and storability problems with dry beans (marketability issues);
- Research alternative pest control methods and organic potential and the use of crop desiccants;
- Assist with foreign market development; and,
- Access the Mexican market.

New and Emerging Crop Research:

State Board of Agriculture Research and Education, \$100,000.
Program to supplement the agricultural research granting fund dedicated to new and emerging crops with emphasis on production and applied agronomic research of minor and potential crops.

North Dakota Agriculture Promotion

North Dakota Department of Agriculture, Marketing Division, \$150,000.
Program to assist with:

- Farmers market promotion;
- ANUGA trade show (international food show);
- Branded Beef Program;
- Certified Organic promotion; and,
- Support of niches not effectively represented by established commodity groups.

Expanding Markets:

Dry Pea and Lentil Council, \$80,000.
Program to assist with:

- Marketing of dry peas, lentils, garbanzo beans, and lupins;
- Promote edible products export market; and,
- Development of feed markets.