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### **KEMPTHORNE ANNOUNCES 2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND OF SPECIALTY CROP GRANT AWARDS**

(BOISE) Governor Dirk Kempthorne announced that the Idaho State Department of Agriculture has awarded the second round of specialty crop grants to help Idaho agricultural research, marketing and educational programs.

The 26 awards, totaling \$824,800 were announced at a press conference highlighting the Capital City Public Market's use of their first round award. The market used its grant to establish a "Chef at the Market," a pilot program featuring cooking demonstrations by area chefs using fresh, local agriculture products and Idaho specialty foods.

"These grants will provide a much needed boost to Idaho agriculture," said Governor Dirk Kempthorne. "The program allows us to infuse capital directly into projects that will yield lasting returns to Idaho's important specialty crop industries."

"Throughout the process, the quality of the applications we received was outstanding," said Idaho Department of Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi. "I cannot help but think that this is only the tip of the iceberg in terms of the innovative projects and new ideas that could provide long-term solutions for Idaho's agriculture industry."

The funds come from a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant designed to provide assistance to specialty crop industries. Specialty crops are defined as any agricultural crop except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts and tobacco. Livestock was not considered a specialty crop.

Projects had a diverse range of applications and included pest and disease research, agronomic studies of new crops, promotional activities in new markets, student education and transportation. They also encompassed a wide range of products such as asparagus, huckleberries, potatoes, nursery stock, onions, organic stone fruits and organic vegetables.

This is the second round of competitive grants to be awarded under this program. The first round, which consisted of 27 grants totaling \$1.03 million, were awarded in March. A list of the grant recipients is attached.

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**Idaho Specialty Crop Grants**  
**Recipients**  
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<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ACE Development USA	New Warmwater Fish for Aquaculture	Bruneau	\$50,000
Bindweed	Non Hardy Bulb & Perennial Flower Production	Blackfoot	\$6,700
Blacks-Creek Specialties	Specialty Food Processing	Caldwell	\$75,000
Dorothy's LLC	Freeze Dried Huckleberries	Boise	\$17,500
Great American Appetizers	Commercial Onion Blossom Production	Nampa	\$75,000
Idaho Farm Bureau	Expo Agro Sinaloa Mexico	Pocatello	\$15,000
Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission	CD and Interactive Website Development	Meridian	\$15,000
Idaho Nursery Association	Green Industry Promotion	Idaho Falls	\$30,000
Idaho Organic Alliance	Organic Agriculture Education & Promotional Initiative	Emmett	\$20,000
Idaho Organic Alliance	Certified Organic Market Research	Nampa	\$15,000
Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Association	Building an Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Identity	Parma	\$20,000
L & M Landleveling	Asparagus	Rigby	\$7,500
Lewis Clark Gifts	Distribution, Marketing & Education of the Specialty Food Industry	Orofino	\$17,500
Mt. Home Farmers Market	Equipment for Farmers Market Promotion	Mt. Home	\$3,300
Paradise Farm Organic	Mustard Meal as a Natural Pesticide and Nitrogen Fertilizer	Moscow	\$50,000
Payette County & Agricultural Wood Products Assn.	Hybrid Poplar Product Development	Payette	\$20,000
Potato Growers of Idaho Idaho Grower Shippers Assn.	Inland Port Authority Feasibility Study	Blackfoot	\$50,000
Pollination & Pest Mgt.	Ag in the Classroom Education on Leafcutter Bees	Caldwell	\$17,500
Purely Supreme Foods	Market Development for Refrigerated Value Added Potato Products	Burley	\$40,000
Renaissance Engineering	Pelletization of Crop Waste Residues for Gasification	Boise	\$35,000
Ronniger's Potato Farm	Market Development and Expansion	Moyie Springs	\$50,000
Rural Roots	Develop On-line and Printed Specialty Crop Directory	Moscow	\$30,000
Shiloh Fruits	Organic Stone Fruits	Greenleaf	\$25,000
Southwind Farms	Garlic Seed Production	Rupert	\$75,000
James Toomey University of Idaho	Specialty Foods Entrepreneurship/ Commercial Kitchen	Caldwell	\$52,000
James B. Johnson University of Idaho	Plant Pest Identification	Moscow	\$12,800