

Value-Added Producer Grant Program 2004 Recipients

Recipient	State	Amount	Project Description
1Soy	Missouri	\$95,000	Grant funds will be used for a feasibility study, business plan, and marketing plan for marketing soy flour for use in premium soy food products targeting health-conscious American consumers.
Affordable Building Systems, LLC	Texas	\$134,375	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing a commercial acoustical teater wall building system out of wheat straw.
Agricultural Commodities Economic Development, Inc.	Louisiana	\$17,350	Grant funds will be used to study the economic feasibility of a small-scale, soybean extrusion processing facility.
Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation	Alabama	\$71,000	Grant funds will be used to conduct a marketing study and other planning activities for marketing forage-fed beef products.
Allen Farm, Inc.	Missouri	\$9,500	Grant funds will be used to develop a marketing plan for natural, source-verified beef.
Amaltheia Dairy, LLC	Montana	\$75,670	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses to market dry goat cheese whey. The dried whey will be sold to health and nutritional supplement companies.
Arkansas Natural Dairy Products Alliance	Arkansas	\$129,900	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing locally-produced natural milk products in Arkansas.
Birches Cranberry Company	New Jersey	\$17,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing specialty cranberry products, especially as a major ingredient in entrees, side dishes, desserts, and snacks.
Booty Farms	Nebraska	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital for marketing chili pepper products.
Brinson Farms, LLC	Mississippi	\$47,250	Grant funds will be used to develop a marketing plan for co-products derived from a poultry litter-based anaerobic digester.
Burnett Dairy Cooperative	Wisconsin	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing deli cheese and individually-packaged string cheese products.
Butternut Farm Organic Coop, Inc.	New York	\$47,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing organic cheeses.
Carolina Seafoods, Inc.	South Carolina	\$49,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing identity-preserved shrimp.
CC's Jersey Creme Ltd.	Wisconsin	\$28,700	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing seven new yogurt products.
Central Iowa Renewable Energy, LLC	Iowa	\$139,986	Grant funds will be used for planning activities associated with starting a 50 million gallon per year ethanol plant.

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Cloverdale Growers' Alliance	North Dakota	\$20,000	Grant funds will be used to study the economic feasibility of marketing fresh and processed pork products to retail grocers under a producer-owned label in partnership with Cloverdale Foods Company.
Coastal Wineries of Southeastern New England	Rhode Island	\$22,500	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study and develop a business plan for marketing wine.
Colorado Potato Administrative Committee	Colorado	\$41,375	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate the potential for marketing starch made from off-grade potatoes and to determine if converting an oil seed crop, such as canola, into bio-diesel will be profitable.
Community Alliance with Family Farms	California	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing locally-grown farm fresh produce to schools and other customers in California's South Coast region.
Corn Flour Producers, LLC	Indiana	\$350,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing masa flour.
Country Side Cooperative	Nebraska	\$415,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing soybean meal and soybean oil.
Dakota Farms International, LTD	South Dakota	\$125,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing barley tea to Japan.
Darigold Inc.	Washington	\$249,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing whey fractions and ultra-filtrated milk products and to develop business and marketing plans for the venture.
Dee's Inc.	Utah	\$95,036	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing beef products in the local market under the Utah's Own label and/or a branded label.
Diamond Walnut Growers, Inc.	California	\$450,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for expanding the market for Diamond culinary and in-shell walnuts in U.S. retail markets by creating new healthy lifestyle packaging and point-of-purchase materials.
Eden Farms	Iowa	\$147,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing pork produced under the brand name, Eden Natural.
Elk Marketing Council Corporation	Minnesota	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing elk meat products, such as jerky, summer sausage, tenderloins, French racks, and bratwurst.
Empire Biofuels, LLC	New York	\$100,000	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study and develop a business plan for marketing ethanol.
Equus Run Vineyards, LLC	Kentucky	\$147,200	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing a bag-n-box 1.5 liter blush wine.

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Farmer's Cooperative of El Campo	Texas	\$209,484	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing identity-preserved sorghum that has been evaluated using Near Infrared technology to determine the nutritional value of the product.
Garrett County Milk Processing Coalition	Maryland	\$30,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing flavored milk, cheese, ice cream, yogurt, sour cream, cream cheese, and butter.
Gateway Beef Cooperative	Missouri	\$249,140	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses associated with expanding domestic and export markets for CAB kosher and non-hormone-treated beef products.
Golden Ridge Cheese Cooperative	Iowa	\$500,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing blue cheese.
Green Hill Dairy, LP	Georgia	\$15,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing dairy products produced from pasture-fed cows.
Green Hills Harvest	Missouri	\$49,766	Grant funds will be used for working capital for increasing sales of organic milk.
Heartland Corn Products	Minnesota	\$279,000	Grant funds will be used for planning activities associate with adding value to the by-product stream of ethanol.
Heartland Farm Foods, LLC	Missouri	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital for marketing fully cooked, canned beef chunks and ground beef that have no steroids or hormones added.
Heartland Grain Fuels, LP	South Dakota	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of expanding the bio-refining capabilities of Heartland's existing ethanol plant. Potential technologies include processing identity-preserved corn varieties and adding value to the non-fermentable components of the corn feedstock.
Illinois Valley Ethanol, LLC	Illinois	\$287,500	Grant funds will be used to determine the feasibility of marketing ethanol from a 50 million gallon dry grind ethanol plant.
Ives Cream, LLC	New York	\$47,550	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing a super premium ice cream line made with milk from the applicants' family dairy farm.
J&J Bosma Dairy	Washington	\$85,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing four products made from methane gas generated by dairy waste: liquid natural gas, carbon dioxide, a fertilizer additive, and a peat moss substitute.
Kearney Area Ag Producers Alliance	Nebraska	\$130,700	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study and develop a business plan that identifies alternative products for processing and/or markets for alfalfa byproducts at a lutein-extraction plant.

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Kilby Cream	Maryland	\$50,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing ice cream.
Krista Peeks Dittman	Nebraska	\$13,315	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing specialty cheese, butter, and yogurt.
Lauren Farms, Inc.	Mississippi	\$26,000	Grant funds will be used to assess the feasibility of frozen-entrée products made from freshwater prawns.
Living Utah	Utah	\$198,900	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing natural beef products.
Lummi Indian Business Council	Washington	\$170,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing identity-preserved shellfish and to develop a business plan for the venture.
MaxYield Cooperative	Iowa	\$50,000	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability of developing a community-based advanced bio-waste recycling and energy generation system, capable of recycling 100,000 to 250,000 gallons per day of hog manure from up to 100,000 sows.
Michigan Cherry Committee	Michigan	\$141,210	Grant funds will be used to design a blueprint for cherry growers to expand sales of tart cherry products to the functional food market, with a focus on natural and specialty food stores, natural food ingredient companies, and natural food manufacturers.
Midwest Organics Recycling, LLC	Illinois	\$98,438	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing compost created from dairy cow manure and local landscape waste.
Min-Kota Fisheries, Inc.	South Dakota	\$12,500	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing organically raised tilapia.
Minnesota Wood Campaign, Inc.	Minnesota	\$193,300	Grant funds will be used for working capital for marketing branded northern Minnesota wood and forest products.
Miss-Lou Blueberry Growers Association Cooperative	Mississippi	\$28,400	Grant funds will be used to develop a business plan for marketing frozen, free-flowing blueberries.
Missouri Northern Pecan Growers	Missouri	\$140,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing organic pecans.
Monterey Wine Growers Council	California	\$149,200	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing Monterey appellation wines in Houston, TX; Dallas, TX; and Denver, CO.
Moon Valley Vineyard	Iowa	\$25,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing carbonated grape juice.
Nebraska Soybean Association	Nebraska	\$237,300	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the economic feasibility of processing soybeans and marketing bio-diesel in Nebraska.

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New England Livestock Alliance, Inc.	Massachusetts	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used to conduct planning activities associated with marketing natural and heritage breed pork products.
New Harvest Ethanol	Minnesota	\$170,000	Grant funds will be used for a business plan and feasibility study for a coal/bio-mass fired ethanol plant in northwest Minnesota.
New Jersey Seafood Marketing Steering Committee	New Jersey	\$46,100	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study and develop a business plan for marketing live aqua-cultured clam product.
Niman Ranch Pork Cooperative	Iowa	\$250,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing Nitrite-Free and Ready-To-Eat pork products to expanded markets.
Oklahoma Farmers and Ranchers Energy Enterprise	Oklahoma	\$235,000	Grant funds will be used to determine the feasibility of marketing bio-diesel, lubricants, hydraulic oil, methyl soyate, two-cycle motor oil, and food grade oil.
Olive Growers Council of California	California	\$249,170	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses to market sliced olive salad and nacho toppings.
Pacific Coast Producers	California	\$300,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing private label canned tomato products, including organic tomatoes, petite diced tomatoes, and flavored tomatoes.
Picket Fence Creamery	Iowa	\$43,700	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing farm-fresh milk, cream, butter, ice cream, and cheese curds.
Prairie Land Cooperative	Iowa	\$107,000	Grant funds will be used to develop a marketing plan for marketing soybeans processed into oil using continuous super-critical carbon dioxide oil-extraction technology.
Premium Ag Products, LLC	Missouri	\$349,900	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing identity-preserved grain products, including white corn, food-grade yellow corn, blue corn, natto soybeans, tofu soybeans, and adzuki beans.
Puna-Hawaii King Papaya Cooperative	Hawaii	\$50,000	Grant funds will be used for a feasibility study to determine the viability of marketing tree-ripened papayas and to develop a marketing plan to market the papayas.
Red Gate Farms	North Carolina	\$50,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing pork products.
Rodney Behrens	Texas	\$73,332	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of converting solar energy received by Behrens' farmland into thermal and electrical energy products for use on the farm as well as for sales to commercial, industrial, governmental, and institutional entities in the city of Brady, TX.
Seeds, Inc.	Washington	\$250,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing HydroStraw, a mulch made from Kentucky bluegrass straw.

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Sheltowee Farm, Inc	Kentucky	\$26,436	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing organic shiitake and oyster mushrooms.
Siouxland Energy & Livestock Cooperative	Iowa	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing E-85 fuel.
Small Farms Cooperative	Nebraska	\$250,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing pre-cooked, ready-to-eat natural meat entrees.
Southeast Milk, Inc.	Florida	\$185,000	Grant funds will be used for a feasibility study to identify value-added products, and determine the market potential, viability, and profitability of the products from dairy park effluent.
Soy Boyz, Inc.	North Dakota	\$50,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing one- and three-ounce size bags of soybean snack food.
Stonebridge Vineyard, Inc.	Nebraska	\$92,329	Grant funds will be used for working capital for marketing wine.
Sunkist Growers, Inc.	California	\$450,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing Sunkist Smiles, a packaged fresh-cut orange product.
Sun-Maid Growers of California	California	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study for implementing radio frequency identification into the handling and distribution of raisins.
Sunsweet Growers, Inc.	California	\$500,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses associated with introducing individually-wrapped dried plums to the U.S. market.
T. Douglas Moser	Idaho	\$49,835	Grant funds will be used to develop a marketing plan for fresh-frozen green cicer (garbanzo).
Taylor Shellfish Farms	Washington	\$45,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing pasteurized, vacuum packed clams and mussels to Spain and Mexico and to develop a business plan for the venture.
Texas Best Organics, LLC	Texas	\$150,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing organic rice flour.
Timber Producers Association of Michigan and Wisconsin	Wisconsin	\$120,627	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing bio-based consumer chemicals, bio-based industrial chemicals, and bio-fuels made from slash and low-value pulpwood.
Tsar Nicoulai Caviar, LLC	California	\$217,721	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing branded caviar produced from farm-raised sturgeon.
Valley Fig Growers	California	\$61,348	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing products made from California fig paste, including Soft 40 Fig Paste and E-Diced Figs.

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Virginia Angus Association	Virginia	\$70,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing a lean and tender identity-preserved beef product.
Virginia Wineries Association	Virginia	\$50,000	Grant funds will be used to use the internet to market wines.
W. T. Haraguchi Farm, Inc.	Hawaii	\$85,255	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability of marketing value-added products made from taro and to develop the associated business and marketing plans.
Western Washington Agricultural Association	Washington	\$136,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing beverages and food products using local apples and other fruits from Skagit County, WA and to develop a marketing plan for the venture.
Whatcom County Agricultural Preservation Committee	Washington	\$113,003	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing gourmet butters, specialty cheeses, and dairy based pro-biotics in Whatcom County, WA.
White Egret Farm	Texas	\$72,000	Grant funds will be used to evaluate the feasibility of marketing a yogurt culture that is capable of fermenting goat milk so that the lactose content is nearly zero and the size of the protein molecules is reduced for more rapid assimilation.
Whitesides Dairy, Inc.	Idaho	\$28,172	Grant funds will be used to determine the feasibility of processing dairy biogas into high purity pipeline or automotive quality fuel.
Winery at Black Star Farms	Michigan	\$50,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing a new premium fruit liqueur.
Wisconsin Dairy Graziers Cooperative	Wisconsin	\$38,540	Grant funds will be used for working capital expenses for marketing cold pack cheese products.
Wray Farmer-Owned Wind Farm Group	Colorado	\$128,000	Grant funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study and to develop a business plan for a farmer-owned commercial wind energy project in Wray, CO.
Yadkin Valley Winegrowers Association	North Carolina	\$250,000	Grant funds will be used for working capital for marketing wine.