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Adding Value for New York's Agriculture and Economy



NYFVI Background

- Created to Identify and Fund Applied Ag Research and Education Projects
- Non-Profit
- Incorporated in 2004
- Outgrowth of a USDA Ag Innovation Center Grant to NYS



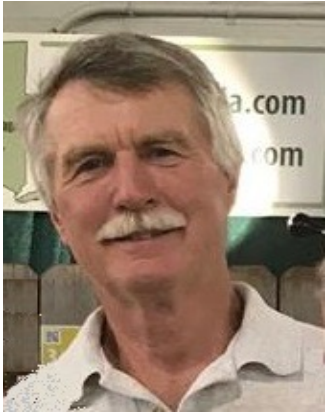
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Mission –

To help **New York** farmers become more profitable and improve the long-term economic viability and sustainability of our state's farms, the food system, and the communities which they serve.



Competitive Grant Programs

- **USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant**
administered on behalf of NYS Ag & Markets
utilizing federal funds.
- **Core competitive grant program, utilizing NYS**
appropriation.



NYFVI Priorities

- Improve Operational Practices
- Foster Industry-Wide Innovation
- Incubate New Ideas
- Increase Routes to Market and Improve Marketing Practices
- Develop Human Capital



Measurable Outcomes

- ▶ Increased Revenue
- ▶ Reduced Input Costs
- ▶ Capital Investments
- ▶ Jobs



New NY Grown & Certified Grant Programs

➤ Infrastructure & Technology

- \$5,000,000

➤ Food Product Research & Development

- \$800,000



What to Expect in the RFPs

- Capital costs will be allowed.
- Grants from \$20,000 to \$250,000. (Infrastructure & Technology)
- Grants from \$10,000 to \$50,000. (Product Research & Development)
- 10% match (cash, grant, loan) will be required.
- Funds will be awarded by region.
- Applications from current NYS Grown & Certified participants or businesses actively working to become certified will be prioritized.



Eligible Agricultural Entities

- Producers
- Food and beverage processors
- Distributors
- Co-ops
- Nonprofit working with one of the entities above

All applicants must commit to participation in the NY Grown and Certified Program.



Specific priorities for projects include:

- Distribution capacity enhancement
- Environmental sustainability related to NYS Grown & Certified participation
- Food Safety
- New Product Development
- Processing and Packing
- Production automation and labor efficiency



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