

Status of Fiscal Year 2022 AGRI Programs

Beginning Farmer Farm Business Management Scholarships

Provides scholarships to beginning farmers to learn business management strategies

- \$425,000 awarded to the seven foundations at the colleges

Biofuels Infrastructure Grants

Increases access to and sales of motor fuel blends containing at least 15% ethanol by investing in infrastructure

- Total Funding Available: \$7 million (\$3 million FY 2022, \$3 million FY 2023, and \$1 million from the Minnesota Corn Growers Association)
- Applications Received: 71 applications, preliminary requests of \$10.6 million

County Fair Grants

Preserves and promotes Minnesota agriculture through the county fairs

- Total Funding Available for Equal Share: \$1 million
- Applications Funded: 90 applications, totaling \$932,000.

Crop Research Grants

Generates applied crop research that will improve agricultural product quality, quantity, or value

- Applications Received: 20 requesting \$4.3 million
- Applications Funded: 5 funded, totaling \$1 million

Farm to School Grants

Increases the sales of Minnesota agricultural products by making it possible for more schools to buy, store, and serve Minnesota grown and raised products in school meal programs

- Total Funding Available: up to \$800,000
- Applications Received: 68 applications, requesting \$1.3 million
- Applications Funded: 46 applications, totaling \$742,000

Good Food Access Program Grants

Increases availability and access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food, including produce, for underserved communities in low- and moderate-income areas

- Total Amount Available: up to \$450,000
- Equipment and Physical Improvement Grants Received: 69 applications, preliminary requests of \$2.5 million
- Technical Assistance Grants Received: 2 applications, preliminary requests of \$92,000

Good Agricultural Practices/Good Handling Practices Certification Cost-Share

Assists growers and handlers with the audit costs to become GAP/GHP certified

- Applications accepted until May 31, 2022

Incentive Program

Encourages commercial-scale production of advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals, and biomass thermal energy through production incentive payments

- Total Funding Available: \$4.5 million
- Total Funding Claimed: \$4.5 million claimed through Quarter 2; no funds remain for Quarters 3 and 4

Livestock Investment Grants

Encourages long-term industry development for Minnesota livestock farmers and ranchers by helping them improve, update, and modernize their livestock operation infrastructure and equipment

- Total Amount Available: \$1.4 million
- Round 1
 - Applications Received: 89 applications, requesting \$1.8 million
 - Applications Funded: 50 applications, totaling \$861,000
- Round 2: Application accepted until April 5, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grants

Facilitates the start-up, modernization, or expansion of meat, poultry, egg, and milk processing businesses

- Total Amount Available: \$750,000
- Applications Received: 67 applications, requesting \$3.2 million
- Applications Funded: 15 applications, totaling \$709,000

New Markets Program Cost-Share

Help Minnesota's small- to medium-sized food businesses and value-added agriculture producers explore new markets and expand their market reach

- 51 companies applied through March 20, totaling \$90,000
- Applications accepted until July 9, 2022; most companies apply near the end of the fiscal year

Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grants

Explores sustainable agriculture practices and systems that could make farming more profitable, resource efficient, and personally satisfying

- Applications Received: 50 applications, requesting \$550,000
- Applications Funded: 8 applications, totaling \$242,000

Urban Agriculture Grants

Promote urban youth agricultural education and urban agriculture community development within city limits of urban or peri-urban areas

- Total Funding Available: up to \$600,000
- Applications Received: 53 applications, requesting \$2.3 million
- Applications Funded: 14 applications, totaling \$551,000

Value-Added Grants

Helps Minnesota processors add value to Minnesota agricultural products by investing in the purchase of equipment, production capacity, market diversification, and market access for value-added products

- Applications accepted until March 24 at 4:00 pm

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